

TRANSPORTATION -- LOCAL TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

Dane County Regional Transit Authority
[LFB Paper #767]

Motion:

Move to specify that the City of Madison would have two members on the Dane County RTA board, appointed by the mayor of the City of Madison and approved by the common council (this would incorporate the Governor's modified recommendation to limit Madison to two board members rather than three as allowed under the bill).

Specify that the RTA Board would include one member from each city, other than the City of Madison, with a population of more than 15,000 located in Dane County, whose initial terms would be two years, and who would be appointed by the mayor and approved by the common council of each city. (Based on current population estimates this provision would apply to the cities of Fitchburg, Middleton, and Sun Prairie.)

Expand the RTA board to include one village member, who must reside within the jurisdiction of the RTA, to be appointed by the Dane County Cities and Villages Association.

Specify that the RTA board would have to hold a non-binding referendum of the electors of the RTA's jurisdictional area on the question of whether the RTA board should impose the 0.5% sales and use taxes.

Enumerate the Dane County commuter rail project in the state statutes as a major transit capital improvement project.

Note:

Under the bill, a Dane County Board would be allowed to create a Dane County RTA. The RTA Board would be allowed to impose up to a 0.5% sales and use tax. The motion would require a non-binding referendum on whether or not the RTA board should impose the 0.5% sales and use taxes.

Under this motion, the Dane County RTA board would consist of the following nine members: two members from the Madison metropolitan planning area, appointed by the Dane County executive and approved by the county board; two members appointed by the mayor of the City of Madison and approved by the common council; one member each from the cities of Fitchburg, Middleton, and Sun Prairie, appointed by the mayors of each city and approved by that city's common council; one member appointed by Governor; and one village member, who must reside within the jurisdiction of the RTA, appointed by the Dane County Cities and Villages Association. This motion would incorporate the Governor's proposed modification to AB 75, which would provide the City of Madison only two members on the RTA board.