



RESOLUTION # 88-3/10

**TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE
LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS**

ITEM # 3/15
BOARD ACTION

Adopted:
For: 28
Against: 4
Abstain: -
Abs/Excd: 3
Vote Req: _____
Other Action: _____

**LEGISLATIVE
COMMITTEE
ACTION**

Adopted:
For: 3
Against: 1
Abstain: -
Abs/Excd: 2

**EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE
ACTION**

Adopted:
For: 7
Against: 1
Abstain: -
Abs/Excd: 1

**LA CROSSE
COUNTY
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT
FUND, INC.**

Adopted:
For: 13
Against: -
Abstain: -
Abs/Excd: 1

RE: SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION TO CREATE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITIES (RTAs)

WHEREAS, Regional Transit Authorities (RTAs) will create jobs, spur development and economic growth, attract business and investors, and build the competitiveness of the State of Wisconsin in the global economy; and,

WHEREAS, while other states across the country have implemented RTAs to invest in transit, the Wisconsin transit systems continue to decline under antiquated funding structures that cut off economic opportunities and exacerbate job losses; and,

WHEREAS, Wisconsin cannot afford to fall behind as we work to rebuild our economy and grow new jobs nor, can Wisconsin delay in taking action to reduce harmful air pollution and dependence on oil; and,

WHEREAS, allowing all regions of the State of Wisconsin to form self-supporting RTAs will grow Wisconsin jobs: by spurring development that creates family supporting jobs, by creating linkages that draw a talented workforce and build the regional economy, by making our state more competitive in attracting business and jobs, by supporting transit system expansion both construction and manufacturing industries will be stimulated and by sustaining transit operations that hire locally; and,

WHEREAS, allowing communities to form RTAs will build stronger Wisconsin communities: by successfully competing for federal infrastructure dollars, by reducing the cost of living and increasing household savings and spending power, by creating access to jobs, medical services and social opportunities for those who are unable or who do not drive, by generating government revenues as a result of boosting property values, by stimulating tourism, by getting people working by easing costly and dangerous traffic congestion, by fostering more efficient land development and by giving our communities a competitive edge in attracting and retaining business and residents by modernizing our outdated transportation system; and,

WHEREAS, RTAs will also make Wisconsin healthier and cleaner: by supporting transit choices that reduce air emissions, by lowering health care costs for asthma and keeping communities in compliance with air quality standards to avoid costly pollution sanctions on manufacturing sources, by reducing the demand for parking and other paved areas from which runoff degrades water quality and triggers costly anti-pollution measures, and by cutting death and injury rates from transportation crashes, thereby saving lives, reducing health care costs, and avoiding time lost from work.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board does hereby support the creation of Regional Transit Authorities and urges the passage of legislation that authorizes Western Wisconsin and other communities the choice of creating a RTA that is a public body corporate and a separate government entity that may operate a comprehensive unified local transportation system on a region-wide basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk shall send a copy of this resolution to area legislators, Governor James Doyle and other interested parties who are concerned about this issue.

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FISCAL NOTE: There is no fiscal impact to La Crosse County in supporting the passage of legislation to create RTAs.

Date: 3-8-10
[Signature]
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Date: 3/8/10
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RECORDING CLERK

Date: 3-10-10
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Date: 3/10/10
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RECORDING CLERK

Date: 3-4-10
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LA CROSSE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND, INC. CHAIR

Date: 3/4/10
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RECORDING CLERK

	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended	
Co. Admin.	_____	<u>SO</u>	_____	Requested By: County Planner Date Requested: February 11, 2010 Drafted By: Corporation Counsel
Fin. Director	_____	<u>GO</u>	_____	
Corp. Counsel	_____	<u>WAS</u>	_____	
Board Chair	<u>[Signature]</u>	_____	_____	

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 18TH Day of MARCH, 2010

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE
I, Linda A. Stone, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 18th day of March, 2010.

[Signature]
Linda A. Stone, La Crosse County Clerk