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### **WURTA Applauds Governor Doyle's Renewed Support of Regional Transit Authorities**

Gov. Jim Doyle's announcement Tuesday of a revised framework for establishing and funding regional transit authorities (RTAs) brought praise from David J. Mumma, Wisconsin Urban & Rural Transit Association (WURTA) chair and transit director of the Janesville Transit System.

"WURTA has long advocated for a comprehensive RTA plan which allows regions throughout the state to form transit authorities which are not restricted by municipal boundaries, but rather encompass population bases and their travel patterns. RTAs would also possess the funding authority necessary to pay the expenses currently covered by municipal budgets, and remove transit from local property tax rolls," Mumma said on behalf of WURTA members from across the state.

"We also maintain that local community input is essential when forming an RTA, to ensure that the Authority has the flexibility to meet local travel needs in the most efficient and effective way possible, and in keeping with that region's desires on how the service should be funded and provided. We appreciate the governor's efforts to make this a truly regional effort."

Mumma is hopeful that the State Legislature will advance the governor's proposed RTA legislation in the fall session.

The Wisconsin Urban & Rural Transit Association represents 28 urban and rural bus systems, 43 shared ride taxi systems, as well as 24 associate and affiliate members. WURTA's mission: to be the voice of mobility and to promote the interests of public transportation in Wisconsin through strong partnerships at the federal, state and local levels. Visit [www.wisconsintransit.com](http://www.wisconsintransit.com) for more information, including WURTA's 2009 Legislative Agenda and how investing in transit provides long-term economic benefits in the state.

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