

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

The following are some general recommendations the Task Force believes the WCHA should consider:

IMMEDIATE ACTION

- Convene a statewide Commissioner's Meeting to review the Task Force report and recommendations
- Develop a plan for Legislative correction of several provisions contained in the 2011 Budget Bill including:
 - Removal of ban on County's cooperating on improvement work
 - Removal of ban on County's performing work on municipal projects (population greater than 5,000)
 - Change language in Prevailing Wage from \$100,000 for Counties to the standard thresholds
- WCHA Board of Directors and Executive Committee adoption of Task Force Consensus Building Agreement
- Meet with WIDOT leadership in effort to forge new partnership
- Begin outreach to Legislators

SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM ACTION

- Establish list of duties and responsibilities for Board of Directors and Executive Committee members consistent with Task Force Consensus Building Agreement
- Establish mechanism for effective communication with membership
- Establish a WCHA platform and written position statements
- Establish rules for BOD action and procedures including the following:
 - Process for approving WCHA positions
 - Process for press release and media contacts
 - Process for establishing agendas and action items
 - Rules for confidentiality
 - Rules of conduct for officers and board members
 - Quick response plan to Legislative or Regulatory action
- Gather data on county operations that can be used to demonstrate County cost-effectiveness, responsiveness and changes made to accommodate current funding limitations.
- Create educational campaign for Legislators, Public and Stakeholders concerning what County Highway Departments do stressing positive images, including:
 - Cost-Effectiveness
 - Emergency Response / Winter Maintenance
 - Intergovernmental Cooperation
 - Public Service
 - Savings to Taxpayers

- WCHA Legislative Committee and WCA Public Works and Transportation Steering Committee to develop closer ties
- Study LFA issues and develop a proposal for phasing them out with a neutral or positive fiscal impact on Counties statewide
- Establish platform as basis for discussions with "non-partner" stakeholders
- Establish dialogues with WTBA and other "non-partner" stakeholders (reestablish Summit Discussions)
- Develop plan for involving local government Associations in WCHA efforts
- WCHA should contact Wisconsin County Executive and Administrators Association to discuss Task Force Report
- WCHA should examine makeup of Executive Committee and length of terms for Officers