

# Federal Update

Pat Goss

Executive Director

WI Transportation Builders Assn.

# Reauthorization Status

- Current Reauthorization extended for a 3<sup>rd</sup> time to February 28, 2010
- Reauthorization in 2010? (Good or bad for Wisconsin)
- Funding and policy priorities
  - Oberstar bill: \$450 billion
  - Current fuel tax estimate: \$235 billion
  - Senate: ????
  - Getting us out of our vehicles (reduce greenhouse gases)

# Stimulus

- \$160 Million in stimulus lets January through April
- Mainly local projects
- This was job retention not job creation

# Son of Stimulus

- December 2009, House passes Jobs Bill (narrow passage)
  - Deficit concerns with printing more money
  - Extended current Reauthorization to September 30th
- Same funding as 1<sup>st</sup> Stimulus (\$529 million)
- Senate outcome uncertain
- Project availability
- Jobs now vs. long-term funding certainty

# EPA

- Numeric based storm water standards
- Copenhagen Outcome (Regulation)
- Regulating Green House Gases under the Clean Air Act (broad authority to reduce emissions)
- Significant increase in ozone standards possibly impacting 25 Wisconsin Counties proposed (currently 9)
  - Conformity requirements and mandatory plans to come into compliance by 2013
  - Non-compliance: loss of federal funds