

### Take Action Message #3

May 29, 2013

We're going back to the Joint Finance Committee one more time. Our e-mails did not get much attention, so this time we're going to use the telephone.

**Call members of the Joint Finance Committee this time, no e-mails.** The committee is finishing its work on the budget and we need to let them know that they can save the State a lot of money with the stroke of a pen.

**Please call at least two or three individuals on the list below by June 7th. Call at least one democrat and one republican off the list, AND we're asking everyone to call Roberta Darling and/or John Nygren as they are co-chairs of the committee.** If you can call everyone on the list that would be really great! The more calls we make the better chance we have of making an impression.

The links below will take you to each legislators contact page where you will find phone numbers.

The Points To Make Are The Same:

- The Committee can save \$40.1 million (The State's share of total costs) by recommending removal of funding for the West Waukesha Bypass in 2015 & 2016.
- We cannot afford to fix the roads we have much less build new lanes! We have to stop spending so much on new highways.
- There is overwhelming citizen opposition to the West Waukesha Bypass.
- The State has many priorities and all areas must share in the cuts, including the DOT for highway building.
- The Town of Waukesha considers the project's Memorandum of Understanding invalid because it was never approved by the Waukesha Town Board. The Town of Waukesha has officially adopted a "No Build" position. Much of the project is located in the Town of Waukesha.
- The project was mapped 60 years ago as a Bypass around the west side of Waukesha, but it is no longer a Bypass. Planners address this fact in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (dEIS). Yet the entire dEIS is written based on Bypass standards.
- The EIS Public Hearing did not meet the public input intent of the EIS process. There was little two-way communication, due to the organization of the hearing. We have photos of comments being made in an empty auditorium.
- If you'd like refer Legislators to read the public comments at the [West Waukesha Bypass website](#) and to visit weal.org to learn more about opposition to the Bypass.

**Here's a sample script. Just put it in your own words and add any key points you might like to make. Its OK to leave a message or dictate your comments. The aide (you'll probably not reach the actual legislator you're calling) taking your call might not want to take a long statement so just state any key points you'd like to make). Remember, these politicians work for you....you have the right to let them know your opinion!**

Dear (Senator or Representative \_\_\_\_\_), I understand that you have requested public input on the State of Wisconsin's budget. I would like to propose an opportunity for you to save the State \$40 million dollars. I'm writing to ask that you remove the West Waukesha Bypass from the State's future transportation budget. The project will destroy valuable wetland and prime environmental corridor, has a flawed Purpose and Need Statement, the Public Hearing did not meet the intent of the EIS public input rules, and the project does not have community support. The Town of Waukesha officially supports a No Build Alternative, and much of the project is in the Town. Because of these and other problems this project will most likely end up in court. Please stop this project now before any more money is spent! These funds will be needed for future maintenance and repair of existing highways.

Thank You

(Your name and address)

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