



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Milwaukee County

CHRIS ABELE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

DATE: April 25, 2012

TO: The Honorable Marina Dimitrijevic, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chris Abele, Milwaukee County Executive

SUBJECT: Appointment of Frank Busalacchi

Pursuant to Sec. 59.17(2)(b) Wis. Stats, and subject to confirmation of your Honorable Body, I am pleased to be re-appointing Mr. Frank Busalacchi to the position of Director of Department of Transportation for Milwaukee County.

In the last six months, Mr. Busalacchi has taken charge of this department and provided strong leadership. Mr. Busalacchi has proven invaluable as we negotiate with the State of Wisconsin on the Zoo Interchange to ensure the best results for the County taxpayers and County Departments. Additionally, he has opened doors locally as well as on the State and National level for funding opportunities.

Mr. Busalacchi brings considerable experience in transportation to the County. He served as Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation from 2003 to 2010. In this position, he led 3,300 employees in state programs involving multiple modes of transportation, including highways, local roads, railroads, public transit systems, airports, harbors and bicycle and pedestrian facilities. He has also served for six years as chairman of the States for Passenger Rail Coalition, an alliance of state transportation departments supporting intercity passenger rail. His accomplishments include oversight of the Marquette Interchange Project in downtown Milwaukee, the largest construction project in Wisconsin, and the enhancement of Wisconsin's rail program.

I am forwarding a copy of Mr. Busalacchi's resume to you. I encourage you to meet with Mr. Busalacchi in advance of his confirmation vote.

I am confident Mr. Busalacchi has proved his leadership and vision for the Department of Transportation over the last six months and I urge you to favorably consider his appointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Abele".

Chris Abele
County Executive

Attachment

cc: Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr., Transportation, Public Works and Transit Committee
Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff, Board of Supervisors
Martin Weddle, Research Analyst, Transportation, Public Works and Transit Committee
Jodi Mapp, Committee Clerk, Transportation, Public Works and Transit Committee
Frank Busalacchi