

# Frank J. Busalacchi

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## Chairman and Co-Founder of ACT: American Crisis in Transportation Coalition

- The bi-partisan, nationwide coalition creates awareness of the country's crumbling infrastructure and inadequate funding through grass roots lobbying and social networking.

## Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation

January 2003 to January 2011

- Appointed by Governor Doyle to lead one of the state's largest agencies of over 3,300 employees (including the State Patrol and the Division of Motor Vehicles), which served over 50,000 citizens per day. Managed an annual budget of nearly \$3 billion, which included support for all modes of transportation including state highways, local roads, railroads, public transit systems, airports, harbors and bicycle and pedestrian facilities.
- Lead the state's efforts to rebuild the Marquette Interchange Project in downtown Milwaukee, resulting in a project that was completed early and under-budget. The \$810 million public works project is the largest in state history and has become a national model for mega-projects. The department's commitment to minority participation resulted in 19% of the work contracted to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). Construction also began on other major state road projects, including the 35-mile I-94 corridor. This \$1.9 billion project involves the state's key economic gateway from the south.
- Enhanced Wisconsin's rail program through the acquisition of two train sets for the Chicago-Milwaukee Amtrak Hiawatha line and the remodeling of two stations, in addition to adding a new train station at the Milwaukee airport. Wisconsin successfully competed to receive an \$822 million grant from the \$8 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act high-speed rail program. The grant application was the only in the nation to be fully funded. The opposing political party, upon their subsequent election to the Governor's mansion, returned the monies to the federal government for redistribution.
- National and international speaker on transportation issues, including several presentations in Canada and throughout China.

## Member of the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission

- Appointed by House Speaker Pelosi to this bi-partisan commission, which studied the condition of the nation's surface transportation system, identified future needs and developed financing recommendations. Lead the Passenger Rail Working Group. The final report was presented to Congress in January 2008.

## Chair of the States for Passenger Rail Coalition

2004 to 2010

- Served as chair of the States for Passenger Rail Coalition, an alliance of 31 state DOTs calling for expanded federal support of intercity passenger rail. Testified before Congress on the importance of passenger rail and of working to improve and expand existing Amtrak service.

## Teamsters Local 200

1979 to 2003

- Elected as Secretary-Treasurer (principal officer, financial officer) of the largest Teamster local in the state (7,500 members) in 1994, running unopposed in two subsequent elections. Worked with government officials, company representatives, (national, state and local) union officials to help create a favorable business climate to keep and bring jobs to SE Wisconsin. Began as Business Agent in 1979. Elected President in 1991.
- Served as Freight Director for the Central Region of Teamsters; Trustee and Statewide Legislative Liaison for Teamsters Joint Council 39; as well as on numerous national negotiating committees.

## Milwaukee World Festivals (Summerfest)

1998 to 2003

- President of the Board of Directors. Chairman of the Negotiating Committee for the lease between MWF and the City of Milwaukee (included negotiations with the state and Milwaukee County). Also, Chairman of the Building Committee responsible for the \$18 million Millennium Momentum Plan.

## Southeast Wisconsin Professional Baseball Park District Board (Miller Park)

1994 to 2003

- Appointed by Governor Thompson after successfully lobbying to get stadium legislation passed. As Construction Committee Chair for the \$400 million Miller Park Baseball Stadium, was responsible for the day-to-day project oversight from beginning (design, bidding process, negotiation of agreements) to Opening Day 2001. Served as the Board's media liaison throughout the project and was a member of the Project Participation Committee.

**Other** Committee member of the SE Wisconsin Regional Planning Committee – SEWRPC (responsible for the planning of regional transportation needs); Member of the Greater Milwaukee Committee; Trustee for Wisconsin Health Fund.

## Doctor of Laws, Honorary Degree from Marquette University

May 2009