



MMAC URGES SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND TAX REFORM PACKAGE

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The transportation financing and tax reform plan unveiled by Assembly Republicans yesterday marks a significant step in keeping Wisconsin's economy competitive in the national and global marketplace. By creating a more stable, sustainable funding base for our transportation needs, this plan protects the efficient movement of goods and services to and from markets. That reliable access to good transportation is not only important for a manufacturing-heavy region like Metro Milwaukee, but also for the entire Wisconsin economy with its transportation-dependent three-legged stool of Manufacturing, Agriculture, and Tourism.

The tax reform proposals in the Assembly package are also welcome steps toward making our tax climate more competitive. Lowering rates and reducing the state's reliance on the individual income tax were measures identified as ways to improve our economic competitiveness in our 2010 Ernst & Young "*Analysis of Milwaukee's Relative Business Tax Burdens*."

We urge state leaders to work together to move these measures forward as a way to ensure our Wisconsin economy remains "open for business."

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