

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DOT 7/19/2017

LRB Number	17-2808/1	Introduction Number	AB-0415	Estimate Type	Original
Description authorizing the creation of a Chippewa Valley regional transit authority and making appropriations					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

1. The bill would allow for the creation of the Chippewa Valley Regional Transit Authority (RTA), pending the adoption of the ratification of such a referendum by certain areas. The bill allows the new RTA to impose a sales and use tax but political subdivision members of the RTA may not levy property taxes for transit purposes greater than the property taxes levied for transit purposes in the year before the RTA's sales and use tax is imposed.
2. No additional local costs are imposed by the legislation. To the extent that new revenue might allow expansion of transit services, the RTA may choose to spend additional local revenues on transit services. Some existing local municipal costs related to existing transit could be shifted due to this new regional revenue source.
3. There are no additional costs imposed on WisDOT by this legislation. Sales tax collection and distribution would be done by the Department of Revenue.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

To the extent that the Chippewa Valley RTA chooses to utilize available revenues to expand local transit service, WisDOT could experience increased demand for transit operating assistance.