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**Rep. Jesse Kremer Circulates Legislation to Protect State Taxpayers and Ensure
Accountability of State Transportation Dollars**

Madison, WI – Rep. Jesse Kremer (Kewaskum) and Sen. Steve Nass (Whitewater) have circulated legislation for co-sponsorship that will protect state taxpayers and our state transportation fund from the *operation* of a fixed rail system. If this issue is not addressed, the potential exists that some of the *operational costs* for a mass transit system such as the Milwaukee streetcar would be funded by state dollars. This would have a detrimental effect on all statewide mass transit systems, especially for taxpayers who do not reside in Milwaukee.

Rep. Kremer issued the following statement regarding the bill's release, "With recent scrutiny on Department of Transportation operations, I feel that it is not only imperative to address current funding and operational issues, but look ahead to future pitfalls that will have a negative impact on the statewide transportation budget. One of these initiatives, introduced last session, passed the Assembly and failed in the Senate. The bill ensured that any operational costs related to the City of Milwaukee streetcar would never be shouldered by taxpayers statewide. Wisconsin residents have already donated millions in federal grants to construct this project."

Late last week Rep. Kremer also circulated a bill with Senator David Craig (Vernon) that requires any proposed roundabout by the State Department of Transportation first be approved by the governing body of the municipality in which it would be located. This bill simply ensures those officials closest to the people that know the local business needs and type of traffic flows better than state bureaucrats are heard.

For more information...

[Milwaukee Streetcar Operating Cost](#) bill language

[Roundabout Accountability](#) bill language

Rep. Kremer represents the 59th Assembly District which includes Southern Calumet, Western Sheboygan, Northern Washington and Eastern Fond du Lac Counties. Rep. Kremer's office is located at 17 West in the Wisconsin State Capitol, and he can be reached at (608) 266-9175 or by e-mail at Rep.Kremer@legis.wisconsin.gov. His legislative website can be found at www.RepKremer.com.

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