

# Blueprint for Economic Prosperity

## Make it easier to afford a home or business

- Seek federal stimulus funds to cut the county property tax levy (\$254 million)
- Suspend the county sales tax for all of 2009 (\$XX million)
- Streamline government to reduce costs (i.e. freeze wages, increase % of benefit costs covered by employees, contract out for services, etc.)
- Push for a healthier community (which helps lower health care costs)

## Increase odds of finding and keeping a job

- Create \$250 million economic development revolving loan fund (\$100 million from long-term lease of airport and \$150 million from federal stimulus funds)
- Push forward major projects involving county assets
  - Move of mental health complex to former St. Michael Hospital site
  - UWM School of Engineering on county grounds
  - Sale of current site of mental health complex for development
  - Repeal PERC and partner with DCD to complete sale of Park East land
  - Transfer of land to members on Milwaukee Regional Medical Complex
  - Sale of land at 6<sup>th</sup> and State
  - Designate land around HOC as surplus and prepare for sale
  - Work with state DOT to move buildings at Watertown Plank and Zoo p
  - Include space for parks maintenance at new DTPW facility and prepare to sell land at 68<sup>th</sup> and State
- Partner for special needs housing opportunities
- Join lawsuit to overturn Sick Leave Rule in City of Milwaukee

## Connect people to jobs

- Continue growth of Mitchell International Airport
- Pursue long-term lease of airport and use proceeds to buy down debt and replace debt service with steady source of funds for transit system
- Apply for Very Small Starts grant from FTA to start first BRT line
- Use \$91.5 million in federal funds to improve and upgrade bus system through BRT
- Complete agreement with Waukesha and Waukesha County for a transit partnership
- Work on long-term agreement to run a metro transit system in region

## Increase jobs for those in need

- Expand Family Care to include people under the age of 60 with developmental and physical disabilities
- Work with current Family Care program to insure that agencies are increasing the numbers of caregivers
- Contract with community-based organization to staff call center (which expands the number of jobs available to take calls)

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