

## **Support Current Bus-Based Transit System**

County Executive Walker proposes that the state government take the growth in the current sales tax on motor vehicle related sales and designate it for mass transit. If enacted, this plan would provide \$33.4 million for the 2007/2009 state budget and \$103.5 million for the next state budget cycle.

In the past, Rep. Jeff Stone inserted into the state budget a plan that would eventually move all of the current sales tax on automobile related sales into the transportation fund. Governor Doyle vetoed that provision, but this new idea should not raise the same concerns because it does not remove existing revenues from current year in the general fund.

With this in mind, the members of the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) should approve a motion to ask the Governor and members of the State Legislature to approve a designation of the growth in the sales tax currently collected in motor vehicle related sales for the purpose of additional support for mass transit in the state.