Dark Store Study Committee Meeting Scheduled

Dark Store and other Study Committees Set Initial Meeting Dates

According to Legislative Council staff, the first meeting of the Study Committee on Property Tax Assessment Practices (the Dark Store Study Committee) is scheduled for August 7 in the State Capitol. The agenda has not been finalized, but the plan is to invite an assessor, mayor and attorney that represents municipalities to speak at the first meeting. Tax attorneys for business groups will also be asked to present to the committee. We will report more details as they become available.

The League has also learned that the study committee on the Investment and Use of School Trust Funds (Board of Commissioners of Public Lands Loan authority study committee) is tentatively scheduled to hold its first meeting on August 9. The agenda is being worked on, but the plan is to invite representatives from city, village, town, and county government to testify to the committee on the value of the BCPL loan program to local governments.

Finally, the chair for the study committee on Alcohol Beverages Enforcement has announced that the committee's first meeting will be July 25 at 10:00 in the State Capitol.

DOT: State Budget Provision Prohibiting Condemnation for Bike Paths Doesn’t Include Sidewalks

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation recently offered an analysis of the 2017-19 state budget (Act 59) provision prohibiting the use of condemnation to acquire land for bike, recreational, and pedestrian trails.

The DOT says that although the statutory language includes "pedestrian ways," this is not meant to include sidewalks.

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