
SWANA Update

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State Budget & Economic Outlook

- **Economic outlook**
- **Revenue collections below target**
- **Vulnerable local government revenues**

The Federal Perspective

- Mandated collective bargaining
- Public Safety Employer -
Employee Cooperation Act of 2009
- Transportation

Key Municipal Issues for 2010 General Assembly Session

ABC System Changes
Annexation
Broadband Authority
Budget
Internet Sweepstakes
Cafes

Environment
Retirement
Transportation
Other

Annexation

- Last session: “compromise, ” then
Referendum: PCS/HB 524
- The politics of 2010 short session
- Formation of League Annexation Experts Team
 - Guiding Principles
 - Workshops

Local ABC Systems

- Ethics and oversight
- Local need for ABC revenues
- Local board consolidations
- Privatization, long-term reform

Municipal Broadband

- **League Defeated HB 1252/SB 1004 – “Level Playing Field”**
- **Broadband for Everyone Coalition**
- **House Select Committee on High Speed Internet Access in Rural and Urban Areas**
- **Revenue Laws Study Commission**

Transportation

- **Transfer of Road Maintenance**
- **Transportation Intergovernmental Policy Advisory Group**
- **Governor's Local Government Advisory Commission**
- **Equity Formula**

Local Government Employees' Retirement System

- **Mandated employer rate increase**
- **Future projected employer contribution rates**

Environment

Legislative and regulatory

- **Water allocation**
- **Surface Water Quality Triennial Review**
- **Municipal Environmental Assessment Coalition (MEAC)**
- **Water/wastewater infrastructure**

Other Issues

- Eminent domain
- Public employee personnel records
- E-911
- Electronics recycling
- Development issues:
 - Street construction/developers
 - Development moratoria
- Motor vehicle property tax collections
- Collective bargaining

Questions??

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