

**222.53 ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL MONEY.**

The commissioner may exercise those powers necessary for the state to qualify for, accept, and disburse any federal money that may be made available pursuant to the provisions of the federal rail service continuation program, including the power to:

(1) establish an adequate plan for rail service in the state as part of an overall planning process for all transportation services in the state, including a suitable process for updating, revising, and amending the plan;

(2) administer and coordinate the plan with other state agencies, and provide for the equitable distribution of resources;

(3) develop, promote, and support safe, adequate, and efficient rail transportation services; employ qualified personnel; maintain adequate programs of investigation, research, promotion, and development, with provisions for public participation; and take all practical steps to improve transportation safety and reduce transportation-related energy utilization and pollution;

(4) adopt and maintain adequate procedures for financial control, accounting, and performance evaluation in order to assure proper use of state and federal money;

(5) do all things otherwise necessary to maximize federal assistance to the state under the federal rail service continuation program.

**History:** 1976 c 204 s 8; Ex1979 c 1 s 36