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Port Expansion and Coal Pile Project Legislation Heads to Assembly Floor

Madison—Assembly Bill 325, authored by Representative David Steffen (R-Howard), will be before the full Assembly for a vote this coming Thursday.

“I am excited and hopeful that AB 325 will receive full support from the Assembly and continue to move forward. The city of Green Bay has wanted, and certainly deserves, this transformative opportunity.”

The C. Reise coal pile storage site along the Fox River (just south of Mason Street) encompasses over a ¼ mile of downtown riverfront. This site has been targeted for over \$100 million in taxable, mixed used development. “Getting the highest and best use of property is the goal of every community. This site is a great example of a site that is underutilized from a tax and community development perspective,” said Steffen.

In order to make this brownfield site along the Fox River available, a new location needed to be identified for the C.Reise operations. Under AB 325, the Department of Transportation will award a harbor assistance grant of not more than \$1,200,000 to the city of Green Bay for planning and geo-technical work at the former WPS coal-fired plant site located at the mouth of the Fox River. The 200+ acres at this alternate site will be an ideal location for the coal pile relocation, and allow for the Port of Green Bay to dramatically expand its current port capacities.

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