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HB 632, Rep. Steve Carter, the gasoline tax increase for infrastructure funding, may be up on Monday, May 15. Meetings took place with the Speaker, as well as Ways & Means Chairman and Vice Chairman Neil Abramson and Jim Morris. A day at the legislature will come together during the next several days, giving the members of the infrastructure coalitions' members an opportunity to visit with their legislators. Massive grassroots will be required by all to move HB 632, Rep. Carter forward, as voting for taxes, even after a 30-year hiatus in improved funding for the state's infrastructure, is unpopular.

Meanwhile, HB 598, Reps. Abramson and Morris, requiring more accountability by and transparency by DOTD, awaits House action, and SB 57, Sen. Cortez, the constitutional amendment removing State Police from receiving any TTF funding, awaits Senate action.

HB 104, Appel, to only require contractors' license numbers on the bid envelope, awaits House action.

HB 642, Stuart Bishop, adding Guaranteed Maximum Price, to the list of lump sum and unit price bids excepting them from new sales taxes for a period, will be voted on by Ways and Means on Monday.

HB 354, Rep. Schroder, creating pilot reverse bid auction projects for some public works construction contracts will be heard in committee Monday. We've been talking with the author about AGC's long time opposition to such practices.

Monday and Tuesday the House Ways & Means Committee will hear legislation to raise revenues to resolve at least some portion of the deficit in the state general fund. The much anticipated alternative by the Republican leadership will be unveiled. Much revolves around HB 566, Rep. Reynolds and Rep. Katrina Jackson's legislation reported earlier, as well as Rep. Magee's HB 220. Maybe others.

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