

Support for Fixing the State's Transportation Funding Shortfall and Increasing Local Transportation Aids

Whereas, a safe, efficient, and well maintained state and local transportation system, including transit, is critical to Wisconsin's economic prosperity and quality of life; and

Whereas, while the increase in transportation funding for local governments in the last state budget was certainly appreciated, general transportation aid (GTA) funding levels for cities and villages are not yet back to 2011 levels; and

Whereas; local governments, including the city/village of _____ continue to struggle to meet even the most basic maintenance needs for our transportation system; and

Whereas, states surrounding Wisconsin and across the country have stepped up with sustainable funding plans for their state and local roads; and

Whereas, Wisconsin will be at a competitive disadvantage if it does not implement a revenue and spending plan addressing both our Interstates that were built in the 1950's and 60's *and* our local and state roads and transit; and

Whereas, Governor Tony Evers recommends as part of his state budget proposal, AB 56/SB 59, an 8 cent gas tax increase, restoration of annual gas tax indexing, various fee increases, and a reduction in borrowing as first steps toward addressing the long term shortfall in the state's transportation fund; and

Whereas, The Governor's budget proposal also includes funding increases for the following local transportation aid programs:

- **General Transportation Aids.** The Governor recommends increasing general transportation aids by 10%, from \$348,639,300 to \$383,503,200 for 2020 and thereafter.
- **Transit Operation Aids.** The Governor recommends increasing general transit aids by 10 percent above 2019 program levels.
- **Transit Capital Assistance.** The Governor recommends creating a transit capital assistance program to aid in the replacement of buses and funding the program at \$10 million annually.
- **LRIP.** The Governor recommends increasing funding for entitlement and discretionary grants in the Local Roads Improvement Program (LRIP) by 2 percent in FY20 and 2 percent again in FY21.
- **Railroad Crossing and Repair Assistance.** The Governor recommends increasing funding for railroad crossing and repair to address a backlog of projects.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the City/Village of _____, as a member of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, calls on the Legislature to pass a state budget fixing the long-term shortfall in transportation funding by enacting an adequate, equitable, and sustainable transportation funding system; and retaining the funding increases to local transportation assistance programs proposed by Governor Evers. **Be it Further Resolved** that the Clerk be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the state legislators representing the City/Village of _____, to Governor Tony Evers and to the League.

For contact information for your Legislative Delegation please see: <http://legis.wisconsin.gov/>

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