



DOOR COUNTY

Resolution No. 2017-14

JUST FIX IT - WI TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

TO THE DOOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

ROLL CALL Board Members	Aye	Nay	Exc.
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D. ENGLEBERT			
R. ENGLEBERT			
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FISHER			
GUNNLAUGSSON			
HALSTEAD			
KOCH			
KOHOUT			
LIENAU			
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BOARD ACTION

Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum

Motion to Approve Adopted Defeated

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Yes: _____ No: _____ Exc: _____

Reviewed by: _____, Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by: _____, Administrator

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact to County of Door or its annual budget associated with the adoption of this resolution.
MEJ

Certification:

I, Jill M. Lau, Clerk of Door County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 24th day of February, 2017 by the Door County Board of Supervisors.

Jill M. Lau
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County Clerk, Door County

1 **WHEREAS**, Local government in Wisconsin is responsible for about 90% of the road miles in the state;
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4 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's diverse economy is dependent upon county and town roads as well as city
5 and village streets and transit systems across the state; and
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7 **WHEREAS**, According to "Filling Potholes: A New Look at Funding Local Transportation in Wisconsin,"
8 commissioned by the Local Government Institute of Wisconsin (LGI) the condition of Wisconsin's highways
9 is now in the bottom third of the country; and
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11 **WHEREAS**, State funding for local roads in Wisconsin has failed to keep up with costs over the past
12 several decades which has adversely affected local transportation finances. According to "Filling Potholes,"
13 municipal transportation spending has declined from \$275 per capita in 2000 to \$227 in 2012; and
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15 **WHEREAS**, High quality and fast transit systems are critical to attracting businesses and people to
16 urban areas, yet state funding for transit is less today than it was five years ago; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, Levy limits do not allow local government to make up for the deterioration of state funding;
19 and
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21 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's over-reliance on borrowing eats away at the state's segregated funding
22 sources – the state gas tax and vehicle registration fees – which increasingly pay debt service rather than
23 fund transportation needs; and
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25 **WHEREAS**, Safety is a primary concern and responsibility of local governments across Wisconsin.
26 Unfortunately, according to TRIP, a national non-profit transportation research group, Wisconsin had 347
27 non-interstate, rural road fatalities in 2013; and
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29 **WHEREAS**, The Door County Board recognizes that our state highway and interstate system is the
30 backbone of our surface transportation system and plays a vital role in the economy of Wisconsin. Both
31 local and state roads need to be properly maintained in order for our economy to grow; and
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33 **WHEREAS**, From a competitive standpoint Wisconsin motorists pay significantly less than any of our
34 neighbors when you combine the annual cost of the state gas tax and vehicle registration fees; and
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36 **WHEREAS**, The Transportation Finance and Policy Commission, appointed by the Governor and
37 Legislature clearly found that if Wisconsin does not adjust its user fees, the condition of our state and local
38 roads as well as local transit systems will deteriorate significantly over the next decade.
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40 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** That the Door County Board of Supervisors hereby urge the
41 Governor and Legislature to #JustFixItWI and agree upon a sustainable solution: one that includes a
42 responsible level of bonding and adjusts our user fees to adequately and sustainably fund Wisconsin's
43 multi-modal transportation system.
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45 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the County Board directs the County Clerk to send a copy of this
46 resolution to our State Legislators, Governor Scott Walker, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and the
47 League of Wisconsin Municipalities.

SUBMITTED BY: LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Susan Kohout Susan Kohout, Chairman
Helen Bacon Helen Bacon
Roy Englebert Roy Englebert

David Enigl
Steve Sohns Steve Sohns