

**RESOLUTION #R-55-18
OPPOSING INCREASES IN TRUCK SIZE AND WEIGHT**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Marathon County is concerned for the welfare and safety of our residents and families, as well as the condition of the over 600 miles of county trunk highway infrastructure under its control; and

WHEREAS, in addition to significant county-controlled transportation infrastructure, I-39 and numerous other state highways pass directly through Marathon County and are heavily traveled with tractor-trailer trucks, both double trailer trucks and 53-foot single trailer trucks; and

WHEREAS, Congress rejected legislation in 2015 that would have allowed for longer and heavier trucks on our roadways due, at least in part, to roadway safety and maintenance implications of the larger and heavier vehicles; and

WHEREAS, increasing the truck trailer size and weight limit continues to pose significant safety risks to users of our transportation system, as double 33s take 252 feet to stop—that is 17 feet longer stopping distance than today’s single-trailer trucks and 22 feet longer than today’s twin-trailer trucks; and

WHEREAS, USDOT has concluded that heavier trucks, trucks weighing at or above 80,000 pounds have an higher overall out-of-service violation rates and 18 percent higher brake violation rates; and

WHEREAS, longer and heavier trucks cause greater acceleration of the deterioration of highways, roads and bridges, putting further budgetary pressure on local municipalities and taxpayers to repair and replace roadway infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, without significant increases in transportation aid, Marathon County would be unable to adequately maintain its county-controlled roadway infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the USDOT two-year Comprehensive Truck Size and Weight Limits Study recommended against any increases to the current truck size and weight limits until additional data was gathered an analysis performed; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The Board of Supervisors of Marathon County opposes any legislation seeking to increase the weights or lengths of tractor-trailer trucks on our roads.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Scott Walker, Governor-Elect Tony Evers, area legislators, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Dated this 15th day of November, 2018.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

/s/ John Robinson
/s/ Richard Gumz
/s/ Allen Opall
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Fiscal Impact Statement: None

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