STATE OF WISCONSIN )
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COUNTY OF ROCK )

This is to certify that this Resolution (Resolution No. 18-8A-064) is a true and correct copy of the original as passed by the Rock County Board of Supervisors at a meeting of said Board held in the Rock County Courthouse, Janesville, Wisconsin, on Thursday, September 13, 2018.

Given under my hand and Official Seal of the County of Rock, State of Wisconsin, this 17th day of September, 2018.

[Signature]
Lisa Tollefson
Rock County Clerk
RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Wisconsin Counties Association
INITIATED BY

County Board Staff/Public Works Committee
SUBMITTED BY

Nick Osborne, Assistant to the County Administrator
DRAFTED BY

July 5, 2018
DATE DRAFTED

URGING THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE TO PASS LEGISLATION TO SUSTAINABLY FUND WISCONSIN’S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

1 WHEREAS, local government in Wisconsin is responsible for about 90% of the road miles in the state; and

2 WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s diverse economy is dependent upon county and town roads as well as city and village streets and transit systems across the state; and

3 WHEREAS, while the increase in transportation funding for local government in the last budget was certainly appreciated, many still are not back to 2011 levels when you adjust for inflation; and

4 WHEREAS, Rock County and other local governments continue to struggle to meet even the most basic maintenance needs for our transportation system; and

5 WHEREAS, states surrounding Wisconsin and across the country have adopted sustainable funding plans for their state and local roads; and

6 WHEREAS, Wisconsin will be at a competitive disadvantage if it does not implement a revenue and spending plan that addresses both our Interstates that were built in the 1950’s and 60’s and our local and state roads; and

7 WHEREAS, levy limits do not allow local government to make up for the deterioration of state funding; and

8 WHEREAS, local governments would not be forced to turn to local wheel taxes or increased borrowing or exceeding their levy limits if the state would finally pass a sustainable funding plan for transportation; and

9 WHEREAS, Rock County recognizes that our state highway and interstate system is the backbone of our surface transportation system and plays a vital role in the economy of Wisconsin. Both local and state roads need to be properly maintained in order for our economy to grow; and

10 WHEREAS, from a competitive standpoint Wisconsin motorists pay significantly less than any of our neighbors when you combine the annual cost of the state gas tax and vehicle registration fees.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 13th day of September, 2018 urges the Governor and Legislature to Just Fix It and agree upon a sustainable solution: one that includes a responsible level of bonding and adjusts our user fees to adequately and sustainably fund Wisconsin’s transportation system.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors directs the County Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the Wisconsin Counties Association, Rock County Legislative Delegation and to Governor Scott Walker.
Urging the Governor and Legislature to Pass Legislation to Sustainably Fund Wisconsin’s Transportation System

Respectfully submitted,

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE

J. Russell Podzimek, Chair

Mary Mawhinney, Vice Chair

Absent

Richard Bostwick

Henry Brill

Betty Jo Bussie

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Dissent

Betty Jo Bussie, Chair

Dissent

Brent Fox, Vice Chair

Dissent

Brenton Driscoll

FISCAL NOTE:

No fiscal impact in and of itself.

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended

Josh Smith
County Administrator

LEGAL NOTE:

Advisory only.

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel