

RESOLUTION NUMBER 24-2018

RESOLUTION RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR
WISCONSIN'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 21st day of August 2018, does resolve as follows:

- 1 **WHEREAS**, local government in Wisconsin is responsible for about 90% of the road
2 miles in the state; and
- 3 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's diverse economy is dependent upon county and town roads as
4 well as city and village streets and transit systems across the state; and

Majority vote is needed to pass.

Roll Call on Resolution No. 24-2018

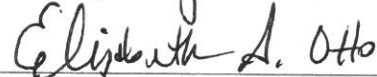
Submitted by: Highway Committee

Ayes 18 , Nays 0 , Absent 1 , Abstain 0

Passed and Adopted / Rejected this 21st
day of August 2018.



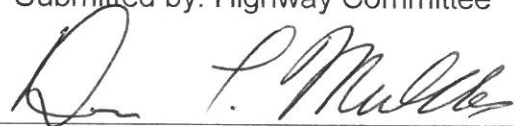
County Board Chairman



ATTEST: County Clerk
Approve as to Form:



Corporation Counsel




Dennis Mulder, Chair



David Abendroth, Vice-Chair



Vicki Bernhagen



Robert Schweder



Charlie Wielgosh

5 **WHEREAS**, Green Lake County and other local governments across Wisconsin have
6 been highlighting our unmet transportation needs in many different avenues including
7 events such as the historic Turnout for Transportation event in September of 2016
8 where local governments in every region of this state held simultaneous meetings
9 calling on the state legislature to prioritize transportation and pass a sustainable funding
10 package; and

11 **WHEREAS**, while the increase in transportation funding for locals in the last budget was
12 certainly appreciated, many still aren't back to 2011 levels when you adjust for inflation;
13 and

14 **WHEREAS**, locals, including Green Lake County continue to struggle to meet even the
15 most basic maintenance needs for our transportation system; and

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

18 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin will be at a competitive disadvantage if it does not implement a
19 revenue and spending plan that addresses both our Interstates that were built in the
20 1950's and 60's *and* our local and state roads; and

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

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

26 **WHEREAS**, the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors recognizes that our state
27 highway and interstate system is the backbone of our surface transportation system and
28 plays a vital role in the economy of Wisconsin. Both local *and* state roads need to be
29 properly maintained in order for our economy to grow; and

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

33 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Green Lake County Board of
34 Supervisors urge the Governor and Legislature to Just Fix It and agree upon a
35 sustainable solution: one that includes a responsible level of bonding and adjusts our
36 user fees to adequately and sustainably fund Wisconsin's transportation system.
37 Furthermore, the County Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk to send a copy of this
38 resolution to our State Legislators and to Governor Scott Walker.