

**State of Wisconsin Transportation Budget and Local Roads Funding Concerns**

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DODGE COUNTY, WISCONSIN,

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

**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,

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

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

**WHEREAS**, local governments, including Dodge County, 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 its state and local roads; and,

**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 1960's *and* our local and state roads; and,

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Dodge County Highway Committee recognizes that our state highway and interstate system is the backbone of its 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,

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

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**SO, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon recommendation of the Highway Committee, the Dodge County Board of Supervisors urge the Governor and Legislature to "Just Fix It" and agree upon a sustainable solution: one that includes a responsible level of bonding and adjusts its user fees to adequately and sustainably fund Wisconsin's transportation system; and,

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Dodge County Clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, all Wisconsin State Legislators with a constituency within Dodge County, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

All of which is respectfully submitted this 18th day of September, 2018.

**Dodge County Highway Committee:**

William Muche  
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**Vote Required:** Majority of members present.

**Resolution Summary:** Resolution regarding State of Wisconsin transportation budget and local roads funding concerns.

ADOPTED  
BY DODGE COUNTY BOARD

SEP 18 2018

AYES 25 NOES 7  
ABSENT 6  
ABSTAIN 6

Karen J. Silson  
County Clerk