



Request for a Sustainable Transportation Funding Solution

DOOR COUNTY

TO THE DOOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1 **WHEREAS**, local units of government in Wisconsin own and maintain approximately 90% of the
2 public road miles in the state, including county highways, town roads, and city and village streets;
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5 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's economy—rooted in agriculture, manufacturing, and tourism—relies
6 on a safe, reliable, and well-maintained transportation network; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, local governments greatly appreciate the one-time infusions of General Purpose
9 Revenue, primarily sales and income taxes, and other revenue provided in recent state budgets,
10 which have enabled the initiation and continuation of the successful and popular Local Roads
11 Improvement Program Supplemental (LRIP-S) and Agricultural Roads Improvement Program
12 (ARIP); and
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14 **WHEREAS**, despite modest increases from the state over the years, transportation aids to local
15 governments remain insufficient to keep pace with inflation and rising construction costs, leaving
16 many communities funded below 2000 levels in real dollars; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, local governments throughout Wisconsin continue to struggle to perform even
19 routine maintenance, pavement preservation, and safety improvements, resulting in deteriorating
20 roads and bridges; and
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22 **WHEREAS**, the inaugural inventory and assessment of small bridges between 6 to 20 feet found
23 about 10% of the nearly 17,000 structures to be in poor or severe condition; and
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25 **WHEREAS**, levy limits and other fiscal constraints prevent local governments from
26 independently filling the funding gap created by inadequate state transportation aids; and
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28 **WHEREAS**, absent sustainable state funding, many communities have been forced to address
29 their shortfalls by significantly increasing borrowing, deferring essential projects, or imposing local
30 vehicle registration ("wheel") taxes; and
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32 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin motorists currently pay among the lowest transportation user fees in the
33 Midwest, while neighboring states and dozens of others nationwide have enacted long-term
34 revenue measures to keep their transportation systems competitive; and
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36 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin is increasingly relying on General Purpose Revenues to make needed
37 investments, potentially pitting transportation against other vital services, such as education; and
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39 **WHEREAS**, continued lack of growing, dedicated, and predictable revenue places Wisconsin
40 at a growing economic disadvantage by threatening the efficiency of freight movement, the safety
41 of travelers, and the attractiveness of our state to businesses and residents; and
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43 **WHEREAS**, both Wisconsin's aging Interstate highway system—largely constructed in the
44 1950s and 1960s—and our extensive network of state and local roads require predictable,
45 adequate, and sustainable funding to meet current and future needs;
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ROLL CALL Board Members	Aye	Nay	Exc.
Dist. 1 D. Englebert			
Dist. 2 T. Thaysse			
Dist. 3 vacant			
Dist. 4 N. Robillard			
Dist. 5 J. Miller			
Dist. 6 K. Fisher			
Dist. 7 C. Morkin			
Dist. 8 C. Jeanquart			
Dist. 9 R. Shaw			
Dist. 10 P. Rockwell			
Dist. 11 M. Rusnak			
Dist. 12 N. Norton			
Dist. 13 D. Vogel			
Dist. 14 H. Zettel			
Dist. 15 E. Gauger			
Dist. 16 D. Enigl			
Dist. 17 B. Bultman			
Dist. 18 V. Hancock			
Dist. 19 vacant			
Dist. 20 W. Kalms			
Dist. 21 J. Gunnlaugsson			

BOARD ACTION

Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum

Motion to Approve

Adopted

1st Thaysse

Defeated

2nd Miller

Yes: _____ No: _____ Exc: _____

Reviewed by:

David Englebert, Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by:

Elizabeth Gauger, Administrator**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no fiscal impact with the adoption of this resolution. STW

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 March, 2026 by the Door County Board of Supervisors.

Jill M. Lau
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County Clerk, Door County

1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Door County
2 Board of Supervisors strongly urges the Governor of Wisconsin and the
3 State Legislature to enact a comprehensive, sustainable transportation
4 funding solution that:

- 1 Provides adequate and reliable revenue growth for the efficient
2 long-term planning and execution of state and local transportation
3 programs;
- 4 Includes responsible and prudent use of General Purpose
5 Revenue and bonding;
- 6 Adjusts any new and existing transportation user fees and other
7 revenue mechanisms to sustain purchasing power in order to
8 maintain and improve Wisconsin's transportation infrastructure;
9 and
- 10 Ensures transportation continues to deliver for Wisconsin by
11 adequately funding reconstruction, preservation, and safety
12 investments on the state and local systems.

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the clerk is hereby directed to
14 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor's office, all members
15 of the Wisconsin State Senate and Assembly representing districts
16 within Door County, and the Wisconsin Counties Association
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SUBMITTED BY: ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

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