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Dear League Members,

We are reaching out for your municipality's support of a long-term, sustainable funding solution to the state's Transportation Fund. **Attached is a template resolution that we are asking governing bodies to adopt.**

The aim is to create a cascade of local governments expressing their support for more local transportation assistance as we prepare to head into the next state biennial budget in 2027. County and town governments will be adopting similar resolutions, and we are asking that your municipality joins this effort. Without additional funding for the state's transportation system, we will continue to see local transportation aids and grants decline relative to inflation. With municipal budgets already stretched thin, we need all the help we can receive!

If your municipality adopts this resolution, please be certain to provide a copy of the adopted resolution to the League by emailing league@lwmm-info.org. More information is included below. Thank you for your consideration!

The Problem

Transportation infrastructure is the backbone of Wisconsin. Quality roads allow for economic growth, improved public safety, reduced congestion, and increased connectivity between our communities. Unfortunately, we have seen a decline in local road quality, falling from 6.6 on a 10-point scale in 2010 to 6.2 in 2023. In the same period, the share of local roads rated as excellent or very good fell by 9.5%.

While Wisconsin municipalities are continually focused on transportation construction and maintenance, they are expected to do more with less as state aids have failed to keep pace with inflation. From 2000 to 2025, the Consumer Price Index increased by 90.7%, outpacing the state's sizable investment in General Transportation Aids (GTAs) which increased 60.4%. From 2020 to 2023, the Producer Price Index for concrete rose 20.2% while GTAs rose 4.0%.

Cities and villages only have an average of 14.0% to 15.7% of their transportation expenses covered by GTAs, a figure that has declined in recent years. While growth in local transportation aids has slowed, so have transportation revenues. This has necessitated General Purpose Revenue (i.e., general tax dollars) to be transferred to the Transportation Fund to backfill the cost of our largest needs. We are not getting ahead; we are simply treading water.

Exploring and adopting long-term solutions will ensure local aids and state projects may be funded now and in the future. The Transportation Fund should be self-sustaining. The Governor and state legislators should not have to choose between funding for transportation or funding for schools, Medicaid, corrections, and natural resources. But without additional, long-term transportation revenues, these are the exact decisions that must be made.

Wisconsin's cities and villages maintain 20% of the state's local roads on just 6% of the state's landmass, yet 40% of local traffic takes place on these roads, a figure that increases when accounting for county and state highways running through cities and villages. Wisconsinites use these roads every day. Ensuring our roads keep up with the needs of Wisconsinites will strengthen our economy and enhance quality of life for residents.

Learning More

If you are interested in learning more about the unsustainability in the state's Transportation Fund and the challenges this has created for municipalities, please review the League Government Affairs Team's article titled *Bumps in the Road: Transportation Funding in Wisconsin* from the [July 2025 issue](#) of *The Municipality* magazine. You may also review a [detailed report](#) from Wisconsin Policy Forum titled *Road Map: Assessing and Funding Wisconsin's Transportation Needs*.

Our Request

As municipal leaders, you know better than most that there are no easy decisions. To see a long-term, sustainable transportation funding solution progress, state leaders need to know that the challenges from these ongoing transportation funding shortfalls are being felt throughout their district. Your municipality's adoption of the attached template resolution will go a long way towards helping the League and our transportation partners articulate that need.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself and Evan Miller, the League's Government Affairs Specialist who is included on this email. **Please remember, if your municipality adopts this resolution, please be certain to provide a copy of the adopted resolution to the League of Wisconsin Municipalities by emailing**

league@lwm-info.org.

Thank you for your consideration and for all that you do for your municipality and its residents!

Kind Regards,
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