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Rep. Shankland: Statement on Walker’s Transportation “Deal”

MADISON – This afternoon, Governor Walker offered a “deal” to legislative leadership in a so-called attempt to break the impasse on the transportation budget. Rep. Katrina Shankland (D-Stevens Point), a member of the legislature’s Joint Finance Committee, released the following statement in response:

“Governor Walker has repeatedly failed to identify a responsible funding solution for our state’s crumbling roads – and worse, he hasn’t even tried. It’s clear from the governor’s newest ‘proposal’ that he intends to continue this pattern of failed leadership. Proposing to reduce bonding by hundreds of millions of dollars through imagined ‘administrative actions’ is fantasy budgeting at best. This isn’t a new ‘plan,’ it’s a gimmick that I hope Republican legislative leaders do not bow down to.

“The Republican song and dance on transportation funding has dragged on for far too long. The majority party has had full control of state government for six years. Now Wisconsin ranks second worst in the nation for roads, and Republicans have missed the budget deadline again.

“Democrats have steadfastly championed investing in our state’s infrastructure without mortgaging our children’s future. Yet despite our offers to work with Republicans on a transportation solution, we have still not been given a seat at the table. In the interest of our state’s workers, tourism industry, and economy, we must implement a sustainable transportation funding solution now. Bring Democrats to the table and pass a budget that works for Wisconsin.”

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