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## Road to Sustainability Package Merits Consideration Joint Finance Committee to Address Transportation

**MADISON,** Wis. – State Representative Joe Sanfelippo recently authored several bills as part of the Road to Sustainability Package aimed at implementing long needed reforms at the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. "These reforms will ensure that taxpayers' money is being spent as efficiently and effectively as possible," said Sanfelippo.

The Road to Sustainability Package also proposes a comprehensive long-term solution to fund Wisconsin's transportation needs – without resorting to raising taxes.

"There are several benefits to funding transportation in accordance with our plan. Most importantly, this bill dedicates revenue for transportation without raising taxes, which helps the state move away from endless cycles of borrowing by creating a long-term, sustainable funding source. Moreover, this proposal will not take away funding from other critical services because the proposed transfers to the transportation fund in our bill remain well within expected growth projections. This way, we make sure that other programs relying on this revenue will continue to be funded at an adequate level," said Sanfelippo.

The Joint Committee on Finance is <u>expected to consider transportation funding</u> next week. Wisconsinites have asked the Legislature to fully fund transportation needs, and the Legislative Audit Bureau has identified numerous opportunities for improvement within the Department of Transportation, making several recommendations that would help the department operate more efficiently, many of which these bills will implement.

"This proposal is the best path forward to a sustainable funding model for our state's transportation, and I encourage the Joint Finance Committee and the rest of the Legislature to give serious consideration to these ideas. I implore the committee to act on the proposals included in the Road to Sustainability Package and to incorporate them into the state budget," added Sanfelippo.

For more information on the Road to Sustainability Package, please <u>contact</u> Rep. Sanfelippo's office.

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