BACKGROUND
Maintaining safe and reliable roadways is a critical component of our state’s economy. Transportation spending decisions made in the upcoming budget will either keep Wisconsin’s economy moving forward or have the reverse effect and depress growth by delaying needed infrastructure investment.

The time to secure long-term fiscal stability for our transportation system is long overdue. The current financing model has resulted in a shrinking funding base and has resulted in major under-investment. Transportation is profoundly important to Wisconsin but the list of problems is growing. Wisconsin residents want legislators to act.

Diversifying the revenue stream is vital to building a sustainable, long-term solution to the transportation revenue challenges facing Wisconsin.

KEY FACTS
- More transportation funding will give our economy the critical transportation system needed to support existing businesses and attract new job creators.
- Lack of investment places Wisconsin businesses at a competitive disadvantage versus surrounding states that have already stepped up and addressed their transportation funding needs.
- The state’s transportation needs are much bigger today than even five years ago. With the current funding structures in place, we will fall further and further behind.
- Bonding is not the sole solution. Debt repayments erode future investment resources and has increased over 120% in the past few state budgets.

SOLUTION
- It is time for a long-term sustainable funding solution. This budget is critical for including adequate and stable transportation funding solutions.

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