

# Invest in our Infrastructure

## Enact Long-Term Funding Solutions in 2017

# FACT SHEET



### ISSUE

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 underinvestment. Transportation is profoundly important to Wisconsin but the list of problems is growing. Wisconsin residents want legislators to just fix it.

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

### KEY POINTS

- 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 are addressing their transportation funding needs.
- Engineering solutions have extended roads beyond their expected lifecycle. Roads are past the breaking point; there are no more band-aid solutions.
- Maintaining all sectors of our transportation infrastructure is important but shouldn't come at the expense of improvements that promote commerce.
- Debt repayments erode future investment resources. Debt service has increased 117% over the last four state budgets.

### ACTION REQUESTED

- It's time - this budget is critical for adequate and stable transportation funding solutions.
- Voice your support for revenue sources that will provide substantial and sustainable funding for transportation infrastructure now and in the future.

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