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To: Wisconsin State Legislature
From: Lobbying Corps of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities
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Re: Transportation Funding

- A safe, efficient, and well-maintained transportation system, including transit, is critical to Wisconsin's economic prosperity and quality of life.
- The state's transportation fund must be adequately funded by sustainable sources of revenue to build and maintain a modern transportation system that works seamlessly to move commerce and people.
- Wisconsin needs to reverse its chronic underfunding of our state and local transportation system.
- If Wisconsin is to compete successfully with other states for jobs and workers over the next 30 years, it needs high-quality infrastructure and transit systems.
- We applaud the Governor's recommendation in his state budget proposal to fund the four percent increase provided for in the last state budget for both the general transportation aids and transit operating assistance programs.
- We are concerned, however, that the Governor's budget proposal fails to present a serious long term plan for addressing the looming shortfall in the transportation fund and instead recommends \$1.3 billion in borrowing to pay for current highway projects over the next two years.

We urge the Legislature to not kick the can down the road another two years. Pass a transportation budget that includes adequate and sustainable funding sufficient to meet the state and local government's growing needs.

Thanks for considering our comments.