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## **DRIVE Statement on Legislative Audit Bureau Release of WisDOT Audit**

(Madison, WI) – The **DRIVE** board of directors released the following statement in response to the Legislative Audit Bureau release of the WisDOT audit:

"This much-needed Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) audit confirms what Wisconsin motorists already know: Our roads are getting worse. Wisconsin roads in 'good' condition have declined from 53.5% in 2010 down to 41% in 2015 and rank far worse than our neighboring states and the national average.

"The audit also reveals the need for WisDOT to have a more accurate method for estimating the cost of major projects, to take into account construction inflation and other factors for which the department should prepare. Some potential savings and efficiencies were also identified in the audit, but not enough to meet our current transportation needs. Lawmakers still must act now on a sustainable, long-term funding solution.

"Our roads are in crisis. The cost to fix them increases every year. Hitting the pause button or kicking the can down the road will only make our roads worse and the remedy more expensive."

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