



## Wisconsin Department of Transportation

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Sen. Jon Erpenbach  
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Dear Senators Taylor and Erpenbach and Representatives Taylor and Shankland:

Thank you for the opportunity to clarify and address the questions you raised in your January letter.

The Department of Transportation (WisDOT) continues to focus on the effective use of resources, cost-saving opportunities, and performance improvements. Mobility, accountability, preservation, safety and service continue to be the department's goals throughout all programs and projects through the state serving our constituents.

Under Governor Walker's leadership, Wisconsin has seen an increase in economic development ensuring a thriving economy for all Wisconsinites. Southeast Wisconsin has seen a huge economic boom with the development of Wisconsin's fastest-growing employers such as Amazon, Uline, Haribo, Northwestern Mutual, and Foxconn. With investments like this for direct job creation, development of the appropriate infrastructure is needed to ensure people and products are transported safely, efficiently and effectively to and from the region.

Let savings in all programs (including local programs) totaled \$127.2 million in fiscal year 2017. State Highway Program let savings allowed the department to maximize investments by advancing 33 state highway projects into state fiscal year 2017. No projects previously planned for the current state fiscal year were delayed.

WisDOT is committed to completing state and local roadway improvements identified as important to providing safety and mobility around the state as well as facilitating the development of one of the largest manufacturing campuses in the world. The value of these projects completed with let savings is more than the four-year cost of the local jurisdictionally-transferred roads.

WisDOT is dedicated to creating transportation solutions for all Wisconsinites through innovative and exceptional service while maintaining an open and transparent process.

Sincerely,



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cc: Sen. Alberta Darling, Joint Finance Committee Co-Chair  
Rep. John Nygren, Joint Finance Committee Co-Chair