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**PRESS STATEMENT**

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**Nass: Governor Walker's Transportation Budget – Still Best Option**

Senator Steve Nass (R-Whitewater) issued a statement in support of Governor Walker's 2017-19 transportation budget proposal:

**“The fact remains that no transportation proposal, other than Governor Walker's plan, has been offered that increases local road aids, keeps major projects on schedule and doesn't increase taxes/fees. I share the Governor's opposition to transportation revenue increases at a time when the Department of Transportation is addressing serious management and fiscal policy challenges.”**

*Key Elements of Governor Walker's 2017-19 Transportation Plan*

- Contains no transportation tax increases or an increase in vehicle registration fees.*
- \$500 million in new bonding for transportation projects over the 2017-19 biennium. Current budget authorized \$850 million in transportation bonding. 2017-19 new bonding levels are the lowest amount since the 2001-03 budget.*
- Keeps all active major projects on schedule. Especially, the I-39/90 project in southern Wisconsin that is vitally important to the state and local communities in the 11<sup>th</sup> Senate District.*
- An increase of more than \$522 million for the Department of Transportation's (DOT) base funding. Including nearly \$15.9 million in increased transportation aid to counties and more than \$30 million in increased aid to municipalities. DOT is also requesting an increase of \$14 million for the Local Roads Improvement Program and \$5 million for the Local Bridge Improvement Assistance program.*
- Proposes nearly \$30 million for highway maintenance and traffic operation needs, \$33.7 million for routine maintenance performed by the counties, and one-time transfers of \$19 million in FY18 and \$19 million in FY19 as revenue to the segregated Transportation Fund.*
- Overall, it increases aid to a variety of local transportation programs by \$77 million.*

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