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Craig Thompson Receives Excellence Award From the Wisconsin Council of the Blind & Visually Impaired

May 20, 2021 – Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) Secretary Designee Craig Thompson has been named recipient of the 2021 Public Policy Award from the Wisconsin Council of the Blind & Visually Impaired. He is being recognized for bringing forward the needs of non-drivers throughout the state as part of the transportation planning process.

Thompson established the Wisconsin Non-Drivers' Advisory Council, attends its meetings and remains open to additional transportation conversations that impact people with vision loss.

"We cannot remember a DOT Secretary who has worked more effectively to identify and describe the needs and concerns of non-drivers living in Wisconsin. Secretary Thompson's activities and participation in this effort has significantly raised the profile of the non-driver population and brought our issues to the public policy conversation," according to the Council's Advocacy Work Group, which nominated Thompson for the award.

The Council's Public Policy Award recognizes a member of a state agency or legislator who has played an exemplary role in assisting the Council to advance our legislative priorities in transportation, employment, education, healthcare/long term care and civil rights.

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It is among the awards that celebrate people who have contributed to the empowerment of those who experience vision loss in Wisconsin.

The mission of the Council is to promote the dignity and empowerment of the people in Wisconsin who live with vision loss by providing services, advocating legislation, and educating the general public. To learn more about the Wisconsin Council of the Blind & Visually Impaired, visit www.WCBlind.org.

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