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### **Rep. Ed Brooks: “Fix Our Roads!”** *Reedsburg Rep. Disagrees with Governor Walker on Infrastructure*

**Madison, WI** – Earlier this week, Governor Walker signaled that he would again be taking options off the table that would close the transportation budget shortfall. The Governor’s position would cause further delays in rural road projects, leading some legislators, including Rep. Ed Brooks (R-Reedsburg), to voice their dissent.

“I respectfully disagree with the Governor’s refusal to consider all options when it comes to transportation funding,” said Rep. Brooks. “Maintaining our roads and bridges is a key responsibility of government, and something that we owe to our constituents.”

Brooks went on to explain that results of his latest constituent survey indicated that the people of the 50<sup>th</sup> district were willing to consider a variety of options when it came to funding transportation.

34% favored an increase in the gas tax, 13% favored a mileage based user fee, 12% favored increasing the vehicle registration fee, and 26% chose to write in an option – most of whom favored toll roads or a combination of the above answers. Only 6% favored increasing borrowing – less than the 9% that chose to not answer the question.

“I’ve talked to hundreds of my neighbors in the 50<sup>th</sup> district about this issue,” continued Brooks. “Earlier this week, I was in Loganville at the DOT’s meeting on the Hwy 154 project. None of the people who attended that meeting want to see repairs to 154 pushed off until 2020 or beyond. The state cannot kick the can down the road any longer.”

Brooks has voiced his disagreement with the Governor on this issue in the past, citing transportation funding as the number one reason for his “no” vote on the 2015 budget.

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