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### Statement on JFC's Thursday Executive Session on Transportation June 5, 2019

"In Washington County, we say we #JustFIXEDit. Last year, the County Board approved the 2050 Transportation Network Sustainability plan. Washington County will not have to raise taxes in order to sustainably maintain our county highway network over the next thirty years.

We challenge all local governments to put together a detailed plan then prioritize the budget to ensure the same results. Regardless of funding, each local government should map road obligations and needs.

Any added money is appreciated and easily can be utilized, because Washington County has a plan. Without a strategy, local governments could be tempted to spend one-time money less than efficiently.

It is imperative the legislature continue to pass reforms beyond prevailing wage repeal and the so-called fed-swap. County Highway Commissioners and engineers are trained to make the best decisions for our citizens. Ensuring their ability to be flexible with the 'Facilities Development Manual' is essential to spending money effectively. Instead of forcing local governments to spend money on red tape, WisDOT should allow us to fix the roads.

For Washington County, this problem's course has been charted and we have #JustFIXEDit. This one-time money ensures we can maintain the obligations set in the plan. Now, it is time for the local governments to join us by developing a plan that also allows them to say 'they too #JustFIXEDit without raising taxes.'"

– *Joshua Schoemann, County Administrator*