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League Applauds JFC for Continuing to Invest in Municipal Streets and Stewardship

The League of Wisconsin Municipalities thanks the Republican led Joint Committee on Finance for the state budget decisions the committee made this week relating to local transportation aids and the local government component of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund.

The League appreciates the Committee's commitment to investing in municipal streets by approving:

- A 2% increase in General Transportation Aids in both years of the biennium; and
- Reauthorizing the one-time supplement to the Local Roads Improvement Program first created by the Legislature as part of the current budget using \$90 million in general purpose revenue. The budget motion passed this week increased the amount of the supplement to \$100 million and used segregated funds.

The League also commends JFC for reauthorizing the Stewardship program for 4 years and particularly for including a \$2 million increase in Local Assistance Grants that are available for community green space projects annually. We recognize that the local assistance grants were one of a few Stewardship sub-programs receiving an increase in funding.

The cities and villages of Wisconsin look forward to continuing to partner with the State Legislature as it works to pass a state budget in the next several weeks.

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