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## **Governor Walker is Showing Real Leadership on DOT Funding**

*Gas tax must be off the table*

Madison, WI – Senator Duey Stroebel (R-Cedarburg) issued the following statement on Governor Walker’s letter to DOT Secretary Gottlieb asking for the department’s budget by September 15.

*I fully support Governor Walker's efforts to ensure our DOT is run as efficiently as possible. Increasing taxes to add new revenues into the current framework is not leadership. Real leadership is ensuring the DOT is spending appropriately and competently.*

*The Governor highlighted an example of savings of over a half billion dollars on the Zoo Interchange. Stacking efficiencies like prevailing wage repeal, shifting priority to maintenance & safety, and adopting more prudent use of federal money is more impactful in the long term. The DOT must review federal and state mandates that increases costs for local road projects.*

*Wisconsin's tax ranking has improved; however, an increase gas tax moves us in the wrong direction. Despite our efforts Wisconsin remains ranked in the top ten for worst tax states. We must be diligent in improving our tax status.*

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