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## **Rep. Hutton Statement on DOT Reform Bill**

MADISON – Today Representative Rob Hutton (R-Brookfield) along with 17 other Representatives and 6 Senators coauthored a proposal that would institute sweeping reforms in the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

“It is necessary for any successful business to periodically review its business model to ensure that it is operating in the most efficient way possible,” said Rep. Hutton. “That same principle exists in government and should apply to the DOT. While some of these reforms suggested in the DOT audit have been implemented, there needs to be a more deliberate effort to execute on those reforms. Taxpayers will be well served as these important reforms are implemented.”

The bill includes a full repeal of prevailing wage. Prevailing wage is an artificial rate set by government that contractors are required to pay their workers, often times at inflated wage rates. These elevated costs are then passed along in the form of higher taxes to Wisconsin citizens. The bill also contains structural reforms to the DOT and related agencies including: design-build-finance model, “fed swap,” referendum requirements for roundabouts and local wheel taxes, and an outside audit of DOT operations.

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**The 13th Assembly District contains parts of Milwaukee and Waukesha counties and includes Elm Grove and portions of Brookfield, Milwaukee, Wauwatosa, and West Allis.**