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Nygren Leads Transportation Discussion, Doesn't Support Tax-&-Spend Tactics

Madison – On Thursday, State Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette), Assembly Co-Chair of the budget-writing Joint Committee on Finance, released the following statement regarding the need to work together to address transportation funding:

“We have to address Wisconsin’s transportation funding problem. We’ve arrived at a crossroads: either we continue issuing unsustainably high levels of bonding or we work together to discuss transportation funding alternatives.

“As a conservative lawmaker, I do not support tax-and-spend tactics. Since I initiated this discussion earlier this week, there have been misrepresentative stories circulating that claim I have committed to supporting a tax hike, but this couldn’t be farther from the truth. In reality, I am calling for the governor, my fellow legislators, stakeholders, and Wisconsin residents statewide to come to the table to discuss possible sustainable solutions to our transportation budget. I urge my colleagues to join me and discuss possible revenue increases, corresponding budget reductions, streamlining government to find savings, and reforming programs to promote efficiency.

“A number of conservative groups have pushed back against taking part in these discussions because they are driven by cherry-picked ideologies and misleading talking points. I, however, am listening to the people of Wisconsin. Residents statewide are advocating for safer, updated roadways. While increasing revenues may not be a typical conservative philosophy, neither is racking up debt on our state’s credit card. We need to start discussing possible solutions and stop kicking the can down the road for future generations to deal with.

“I have not committed to a funding source to help repair and maintain our states’ roads, and I will never support a funding source that adds undue burden on the backs of hardworking Wisconsin taxpayers. The best course of action is to begin discussing possible solutions. This problem will not go away on its own. We need to work together – both at the state level and locally – to find a sustainable solution to the transportation budget.”

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