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Governor Walker Calls on Legislature to Pass Bill Naming Newly Constructed I-41/U.S. 10/ WIS 441 Interchange in Honor of Michael G. Ellis

MADISON – Governor Scott Walker today called on the Wisconsin State Legislature to name the newly constructed I-41/U.S. 10/ WIS 441 Interchange in honor of the late Wisconsin State Senate President Michael G. Ellis. A celebration of life memorial service is being held today, August 7, 2018, in Neenah.

"Mike Ellis was a larger-than-life personality who loved Wisconsin and passionately served the people for more than 45 years," Governor Walker said. "Today, as we gather in Neenah to celebrate Mike's life, I am announcing that I will include in our budget, or will sign a bill drafted by the Legislature, naming the brand new I-41/U.S. 10/WIS 441 Interchange in his honor—whichever comes first. It would be a fitting tribute for a man who contributed so much to his community and his state."

Mike Ellis served the State of Wisconsin over the course of five decades. He served in the Wisconsin Assembly from 1971 to 1982, then the State Senate from 1983 to 2015. Ellis was also the president of the State Senate from 2011 until his retirement in 2015.

The I-41/U.S. 10/ WIS 441 interchange was completed earlier this summer. The entire WIS 441 Tri-County Project will be complete in Fall 2019. The WIS 441 Tri-County Project will reconstruct and expand approximately 6 miles of US 10 / WIS 441 from 4 lanes to 6 lanes between Cold Spring Road (County CB) and Oneida Street (US 10) in Winnebago, Outagamie and Calumet counties and reconstruct five interchanges and the Roland Kampo Bridge. For additional project highlights, visit the project website: <https://projects.511wi.gov/wis441/>.

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