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Today, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is submitting its 2017-2019 biennial budget request. Our department has worked to carefully prioritize our transportation system's most pressing needs. This budget request provides substantial funding increases for pavement preservation, safety improvements and local aids. All of this can be accomplished without any fee or fuel tax increase and with limited borrowing. In fact, this request calls for the lowest level of transportation bonding since the 2001-03 budget.

Our budget request ensures that substantial progress already made on reconstruction and capacity projects throughout the state will continue. Directly supporting the continued growth of Wisconsin's economy, these projects are of statewide and regional significance for both the motoring public and commerce.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation's 2017-2019 biennial budget request provides a balanced and logical framework for meeting the state's transportation needs with transparent and effective stewardship of available resources.

Sincerely,

Mark Gottlieb, P.E.  
Secretary  
Wisconsin Department of Transportation