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**1000 Friends of Wisconsin Statement on Nomination of Craig Thompson to WisDOT Secretary**

1000 Friends of Wisconsin looks forward to working with the newly announced Secretary of Transportation Craig Thompson.

The incoming Secretary has the opportunity to build a clean, modern and reliable transportation system in Wisconsin that works for everyone. We appreciate his comments in today's announcement press conference that spoke of the need to connect people without vehicles, fix our local roads and invest in multimodal transportation options.

We urge him to set priorities that advance these goals, including increasing state funding for public transportation, returning a fair-share of gas-tax money to local communities and phasing out wasteful highway capacity expansion projects. We also urge him to set the state on a path to reducing carbon emissions from transportation—the largest and fastest growing emissions sector.

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