

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 10 (2018/19)

Re: **Urging Governor and Legislature to "Just Fix It" and Agree to Sustainable Solutions for Transportation Costs**

WHEREAS, local governments in Wisconsin are responsible for about 90% of the road miles in the State, and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's diverse economy is dependent upon county and town roads as well as city and village streets and transit systems, and

WHEREAS, Sheboygan County and other local governments across Wisconsin have been highlighting the unmet transportation needs in many different avenues including activities such as the historic Turnout for Transportation event in September of 2016 where local governments in every region of this State held simultaneous meetings calling on the state legislature to prioritize transportation and pass a sustainable funding package, and

WHEREAS, while the increase in transportation funding for local governments in the last budget was certainly appreciated, many local governments are still not back to 2011 levels when adjusted for inflation, and

WHEREAS, local governments, including Sheboygan County, continue to find it difficult to meet even the most basic maintenance needs for their transportation systems, and

WHEREAS, states surrounding Wisconsin and across the country have stepped up with sustainable funding plans for their state and local roads, and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin will be at a competitive disadvantage if it does not implement a revenue and spending plan that addresses both the interstate highways that were first built in the 1950s and 60s *and* our local and state roads, and

WHEREAS, levy limits do not allow local governments to make up for the deterioration of state funding, and

WHEREAS, local governments would not be forced to turn to local wheel taxes, increased borrowing or exceeding their levy limits if the state legislature would pass a sustainable funding plan for transportation, and

WHEREAS, the County Board recognizes that our state highway and interstate highway systems are the backbone of our surface transportation system and play a vital role in the economy of Wisconsin and both local and state roads need to be properly maintained in order for our economy to grow, and

WHEREAS, from a competitive standpoint Wisconsin motorists pay significantly less than any of our neighbors when the annual cost of the state gas tax and vehicle registration fees are combined;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sheboygan County Board of Supervisors urges the Governor and legislature to "Just Fix It" and agree upon sustainable

transportation solutions that include a responsible level of bonding and adjusts user fees to provide adequate and sustainable funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk shall send copies of this Resolution to the Governor, to Sheboygan County's legislative delegation, and such other individuals or agencies as directed by the County's Administrator and/or County Board Chairperson.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day July, 2018.

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Opposed to Introduction:

