

RESOLUTION # 12-27-16-01

Supporting Sustainable Transportation Funding Resolution In Wisconsin

WHEREAS, local government in Wisconsin is 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 across the state; and

WHEREAS, according to "Filling Potholes: A New Look at Funding Local Transportation in Wisconsin," commissioned by the Local Government Institute of Wisconsin (LGI) the condition of Wisconsin's highways is now in the bottom third of the country; and

WHEREAS, state funding for local roads in Wisconsin has failed to keep up with costs over the past several decades which has adversely affected local transportation finances

WHEREAS, high quality and fast transit systems are critical to attracting businesses and people to both rural and urban areas, yet state funding for transit is less today than it was five years ago; and

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

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's over-reliance on borrowing eats away at the state's segregated funding sources – which increasingly pay debt service rather than fund transportation needs; and

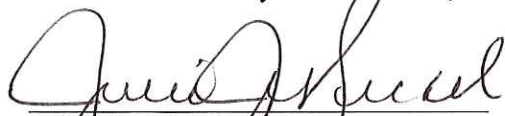
WHEREAS, safety is a primary concern and responsibility of local governments across Wisconsin. Unfortunately, according to TRIP, a national non-profit transportation research group, Wisconsin had 347 non-interstate, rural road fatalities in 2013; and

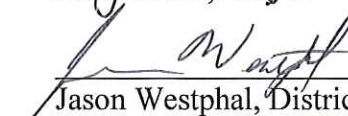
WHEREAS, the City of Waupun council recognizes that our state highway and interstate system is the backbone of our surface transportation system and plays a vital role in the economy of Wisconsin. Both local *and* state roads need to be properly maintained in order for our economy to grow; and

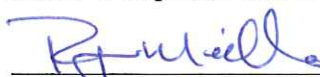
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Waupun urge the Governor and Legislature to agree upon a sustainable solution: to fund Wisconsin's multi-modal transportation system.


FURTHERMORE, the City Council directs the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to our State Legislators, Governor Scott Walker and the League of Wisconsin Municipalities.


Dated this 27th day of December, 2016.

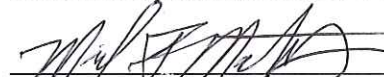

Julie Nickel, Mayor

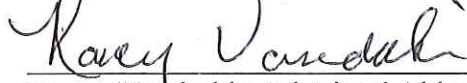

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ATTEST:


Angela J. Hull, Clerk

This is to certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Common Council of the City of Waupun, Wisconsin at a meeting held on the 27th day of December 2016.