

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INCREASED REVENUES  
IN THE 1997-99 WDOT BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Legislature is currently considering the details of the 1997-99 biennium state budget, including the Department of Transportation's budget; and

WHEREAS, if adjustments are not made in the current revenue structure for the Department of Transportation, funding will not be sufficient to meet demand for construction and maintenance of transportation facilities and to maintain current transportation programs in the state; and

WHEREAS, by FY 2001-02, the cost of simply preserving the existing transportation system, without improvements or expansion, could require increased annual funding of \$97.3 million; and

WHEREAS, some already enumerated major transportation projects will not be completed until 2008-09, and this timetable may be extended even further if additional revenues are not made available; and

WHEREAS, there is a close link between the development and maintenance of transportation facilities and programs, and the economic well-being of southwestern Wisconsin and the state as a whole; and

WHEREAS, projects and programs that are important to Southwestern Wisconsin's ability to develop business, and to compete in national and international markets, such as major highway projects, reconstruction and resurfacing project, road maintenance and local aids will be negatively impacted if additional revenues are not made available; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Iowa County Board of Supervisors hereby goes on record recognizing and supporting the fact that:

1. There is a strong relationship between transportation services and facilities and our ability to attract and sustain viable commercial and industrial activity in southwestern Wisconsin.
2. There is a need for continued efforts to maintain and improve our state highways, and other transportation facilities to a high standard.
3. There is a need to increase revenue sources available for transportation programs and projects in Wisconsin in order to satisfy more of the growing backlog of unmet transportation needs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge the Legislature and the Governor to adopt a transportation revenue package that provides additional funding for the transportation and economic development needs of the state.

Dated this 20th day of May, 1997.

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Richard M. Scullion, County Board Chairman

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David D. Meudt, County Clerk