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## **Funding for Wisconsin Roads**

**Madison** – In response to the statement by Secretary Gottlieb of the Department of Transportation that he would not ask for any increased fees or spending in his upcoming budget request, Rep. Joel Kitchens (R-Sturgeon Bay) expressed his support for fixing Wisconsin roads and pursuing a long-term solution for transportation funding. Rep Kitchens stated:

"Our transportation system is vital to the economy of Wisconsin as well as to the safety of our citizens. Many of our roads have fallen into disrepair, and as legislators we must do everything possible to assure the economic and structural integrity of our state. Our first goal should be providing a sustainable solution to current funding shortfalls without borrowing and leaving the bill to future generations."

"I am proud that the legislature saved taxpayers billions in tax relief and savings and promoted an efficient and accountable state government, but failing to provide sufficient funding for road repair and maintenance will serve only to increase costs for our state and children in the future. Addressing this problem now will avoid greater financial cost, save our infrastructure, and continue to move Wisconsin forward."

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