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## **Not Enumerating I-94 East-West Provides Wisconsin the Opportunity to Get it Right**

**Madison** – Today, it was announced the Wisconsin State Legislature’s Joint Finance Committee will not enumerate the I-94 East-West Corridor Project, which cuts through the 7<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Assembly Districts. State Representatives Daniel Riemer (D—Milwaukee) and Evan Goyke (D—Milwaukee) released the following statement on the Joint Finance Committee’s decision not to enumerate I-94 East-West Corridor Project in the state budget:

“We are pleased that the Joint Finance Committee will not enumerate the unpopular, unnecessary, and prohibitively expensive I-94 E-W project in the state budget. The Department of Transportation’s proposal to spend in excess of \$1.1 billion to expand 3.5 miles of freeway was one of the worst examples of big government out of control. Neighbors feared losing homes and property. Taxpayers feared the effect of rising taxes to pay for an unneeded boondoggle.

“The I-94 East-West freeway needs to be fixed. However, this can be done for approximately \$400 million. The less costly plan spares neighbors the loss of homes, and opens up additional resources for local road repair without the threat of a tax increase. *We continue to stand ready to work with DOT, neighbors, and local businesses to fix I-94 East-West in a smart way that doesn’t waste hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars or disrupt the neighborhoods where we live and work.*

“The Wisconsin DOT and the Legislature now has an opportunity to get the I-94 East-West Corridor Project right. The Joint Finance Committee made the prudent decision to not enumerate this project, and now we have a chance to re-examine the project’s cost and impact on the community in future budgets. In other words, we now have time to get it right.”

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