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As Backroom Deals Stall Budget, Road Projects in Fox Valley in the Cross Hairs

Rep. Stuck concerned about impacts and delays on projects in the Fox Cities

MADISON –Rep. Stuck (D-Appleton) responds to ongoing backroom negotiations by Republican Legislators and Governor Walker’s staff as a deal is sought for future of Wisconsin transportation funding.

“I am deeply concerned about the details put forward by Governor Walker’s Department of Transportation (DOT) on what a reduction of \$500 million in the budget would look like on our Fox Cities Community. While I agree that bonding is not a long-term solution, I am discouraged by the Governor’s stance and refusal to even consider alternative funding sources.”

“It seems clear that the Governor and Legislative leaders from Southeastern Wisconsin are putting their home interests first and foremost, while the rest of the state, including the Fox Cities will bear the brunt of any reduction in funding.”

“In a memo put together by the DOT in March which analyses what a \$500 million reduction in funding would mean for ongoing and already approved road projects across the state, the results are grim for our community. Rather than delay any portion of the massive road projects in the Milwaukee area that services the suburb commuters, the cuts and delays fall on the rest of the state. If approved, here is what it would mean for the Fox Cities.”

- 2 year delay of Highway 10/441 project with a completion date of 2021.
- 2 year delay of Highway 15 project with a completion date of 2022.
- Removing the resurfacing of Highway 47 from JJ to Bonduel from the 6 year improvement program
- Removing the resurfacing of Oneida St. from AP to 114 from the 6 year improvement program
- Removing the reconstruction of Highway 76 from Everglade Rd to JJ from the 6 year improvement program

“It seems clear to me that the Governor is letting partisan, presidential politics get in the way of the priorities and values of Wisconsinites across the state, especially those in northeast Wisconsin. I hope that my fellow Fox Cities area legislators will stand up for our communities to help make sure that road projects that have been years in the making, have been approved, and which have shovels in the ground stay on schedule. In particular, any delay in the Highway 10/441 project in my district will have a significant negative impact on the municipalities, my constituents, and our local businesses who rely on this highway to get to work, to school, to church and to get their goods and services to the market.”

“I hope that everyone who will be negatively impacted by these decisions to put the majority of the delays and impacts on communities outside southeast Wisconsin will make sure their Legislators and Governor Walker know the negative impact this will cause on their lives.”

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