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Rep. Doyle Supports Transportation Fund Amendment

MADISON- On Tuesday, Representative Steve Doyle joined with his Republican and Democratic colleagues on the Assembly Committee for Transportation to approve a constitutional amendment to protect the state's transportation fund. If ratified, the amendment would prohibit the state from using money in the transportation fund for other legislative projects, a common practice in years passed.

"As a co-sponsor of this amendment, I am pleased to see it pass the Committee with a unanimous vote," said Rep. Doyle. "Transportation is key to our economy here in Wisconsin. We need to keep our highways, railroads, and bridges in good working order and to do that we have to protect the transportation fund through this constitutional amendment."

In Wisconsin, in order to amend the Constitution, the proposed amendment has to be passed in two consecutive legislative sessions and then voted on by the entire state as a referendum.

"The transportation fund amendment first passed the Legislature in May of 2011 and is now up for a second consideration," said Rep. Doyle. "Now that the Committee has approved it, the amendment is available for a floor vote in the Assembly."

Doyle said that passage through the Committee is just the first step in this legislative session, noting that the proposal still needs to pass the Senate before it goes to the voters.

"This amendment will help ensure that the taxes we collect for the purpose of funding our transportation system actually end up funding our transportation system," Doyle said. "As part of our ongoing commitment to transparent and honest budgeting, we need to make sure that the money we allocate for certain purposes is not used for anything else."

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