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Local Bridge Projects Fully Funded

MADISON, Wis. – Wisconsin State Senator Tom Tiffany (R-Hazelhurst) issued the following statement regarding the state’s local bridge improvement program:

“Bridges in Wisconsin are a critical component of our state’s transportation infrastructure – making it possible to move goods and people safely and efficiently. When bridges are not structurally sound, weight limits can cost farmers, loggers, and other business operators thousands of dollars in additional hauling costs.

“In the 2017-19 biennial budget, the state legislature invested an additional \$20 million into the Local Bridge Improvement Assistance Program for a total of nearly \$90 million. In addition, the Department of Transportation (DOT) has taken great steps to help generate significant cost savings. This includes implementing the replace-in-kind policy and streamlining DOT oversight which has allowed for more projects to be completed.

“These savings, along with an additional \$38.6 million the Joint Finance Committee approved recently, will result in all 183 local bridge project requests in the 2018-22 program cycle being funded. The additional dollars and savings will allow over 40 additional bridge projects to be completed, including the CTH O – STH 86 bridge project in Lincoln County. I voted for the additional dollars because of DOT’s commitment to the local bridge program.

“Prudent investment of our transportation dollars is paramount to a well-built and efficient transportation system. The Wisconsin DOT has shown that the Local Bridge Improvement Program is a smart investment for Wisconsin taxpayers.”

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