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## **Senator Stroebel Statement on Highway 23 Decision** *Activist Judge's Decision Undermines Local Highway Improvement*

Madison, WI – Since the late 1990's, the residents of Sheboygan and Fond du Lac Counties have called for improvements to Highway 23, an important highway connecting the greater Sheboygan area to Fond du Lac. Unfortunately, this week an activist judge from the Eastern District of Wisconsin issued a decision which ignores this collaborative work and essentially demands the department re-review their decision.

State Senator Duey Stroebel issued the following statement in response to the Court's decision:

The decision to make improvements to Highway 23 was made by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, with significant input from local officials, and most importantly, local taxpayers. Judge Adelman has long been a liberal activist judge and his decision ignores the requisite deference he should have provided state and local officials.

I find it particularly alarming that Judge Adelman would demand additional review when the interested parties have *already* agreed to additional amendments to the final environmental impact statement. As noted by the Judge, a court should only set aside agency action if it is "arbitrary." The agency efforts, in collaboration with local officials and residents, over the last two and a half decades have been anything but arbitrary. Judge Adelman's decision should be viewed as nothing more than a personal disagreement with the decision to expand a local highway.

I will continue monitoring the situation closely and will work with local officials and applicable agencies to determine the best path forward.

*Senator Stroebel represents the 20<sup>th</sup> Senate District which includes parts of Ozaukee, Washington, Fond du Lac, Calumet and Sheboygan Counties. He lives in Cedarburg with his wife Laura and eight children.*

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