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Senator Roth Lauds Commitment to 441 Project *Sustainable Path for Infrastructure Should be Priority*

Madison – State Senator Roger Roth (R - Appleton) issued the following statement in response to Governor Walker’s announcement in Neenah today:

“I would like to thank Governor Walker for unveiling transportation plans in Neenah today that show his commitment to finish the 441 Tri-County construction project without delay.

“I appreciate the administration prioritizing the transportation needs of our communities in the Fox Valley. Whether manufacturing, agriculture, tourism, or one of many other industries, businesses and employees in the Fox Valley need a reliable transportation network to get their products to market and welcome visitors from across the state and nation.

“I have worked persistently to make the 441 project a transportation priority that should not be delayed. I am happy that the Governor has recognized it as a key project in his transportation budget proposal.

“Because infrastructure across the state is so vital to maintain and grow a healthy economy, transportation will be one of the most important issues to address in the next budget. In the interests of taxpayers and the economy, all options should be considered to ensure that our state’s infrastructure can continue on a sustainable path.

“In order to effectively address transportation funding as a whole, we must first have all the necessary information to make sound decisions. An audit of the DOT is currently being conducted by the Legislative Audit Bureau, which will analyze current DOT practices in the construction and maintenance of state highways. It is my hope that the audit will reveal potential efficiencies and cost savings that can be made to help work toward a fiscally responsible transportation budget.

“Today we are in a better place than a few years ago when irresponsible raids diverted money from the transportation fund to pay for other state operations. Governor Walker ended that practice and Wisconsinites made their voices heard by overwhelmingly voting to permanently segregate transportation dollars and prevent future raids. Now we must advance the public’s will by prioritizing taxpayer resources to effectively manage the state’s 115,000 miles of public roads.”

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