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State Building Commission Republicans Vote Against All Projects

MADISON - Today, the State Building Commission met to review and act upon items referred by either the Administrative Affairs or Higher Education subcommittees relating to the 2023-25 Capital Budget. Following the same blueprint as the last two budget cycles, all the Republicans on the State Building Commission opposed all capital building projects. When the commission is deadlocked in a 4-4 vote each building project fails.

"In another episode of Republican obstruction, the Republicans on the Building Commission voted to reject every single item in the Capital Budget. Even building projects that their own districts desperately need," said Representative Alex Joers.

The governor's capital budget recommendation would have significant impacts on Republican and Democratic legislative districts across the state. A breakdown of capital projects by Senate District is available <u>here</u>, and a breakdown of capital projects by Assembly District is available <u>here</u>. Republicans on the Building Commission rejected all of these projects.

"This is another capital budget thrown out by Republicans so they can continue their political circus in the months to come," continued Joers. "They refused to have an honest debate and instead voted against all building projects. It's unfortunate that so many building projects continue to be in limbo because Republicans want to keep their political game of keep away going for as long as they can. Republicans on the State Building Commission voted against students, veterans, and so many Wisconsinites that are depending on these building projects getting done."

The recommendations for these projects will be delayed until they can be brought forward to the Joint Finance Committee later this year. It is estimated the governor's Capital Budget would support approximately \$6.8 billion in economic activity and 45,000 jobs throughout Wisconsin.

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