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Rep. Stuck Statement on Assembly Passage 2017-19 Biennial Budget *Assembly Passes Budget that Fails to Fix Transportation Funding and that Doesn't Have the Votes to Pass the Senate*

MADISON – Rep. Stuck issued the following statement following the Wisconsin State Assembly's approval of the 2017-19 Biennial Budget Bill.

“The Republican Legislature has finally brought forward their 2017-19 Biennial Budget before the full State Assembly, however not only is it the latest budget to move forward under single-party control, but it also fails to provide a long-term solution to funding transportation in our state. I am disappointed that the Assembly Republican Leadership would bring forward a budget for a vote that fails to finally fix our transportation funding system, in their own words *‘it is a political solution, not a real solution.’ This political solution puts projects in the Fox Valley in jeopardy, while a project in Southeast Wisconsin received earmarked funding, this means that the Highway 15 project in Greenville will be delayed and the Highway 10/441 will compete with other projects across the state for funding and since a long-term solution wasn't passed, the project will be subject to possible delays in the future.”

“While I am glad that some funding for projects for the Fox Valley has been put into the budget, for the Appleton International Airport and for the Neenah-Menasha trestle trail project, these two bright spots don't make up for all the other negative pieces in the budget. The bottom line is that budgets are all about values and priorities, this budget fails to meet the priorities of my constituents with the failure to find a long-term transportation solution, the continued spending expansion of private voucher schools, and prioritizing tax cuts for the most wealthy while cutting the Earned Income Tax Credit which most helps the working poor.”

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*<https://badgerherald.com/opinion/2016/09/27/vos-assembly-republicans-smartly-advocate-for-sensible-transportation-funding/>