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Madison – Today in a show of bi-partisanship State Senator Tim Carpenter (D-Milwaukee) joins Rep. Sanfelippo, Rep. Craig and Rep Sutton in requesting cutting \$200 million for the new Madison DOT Building.

“Given that the Majority party’s budgetary chickens are coming home to roost in the form of a substantial short fall in the DOT budget I certainly do not think this is the time for a project such as this” said Carpenter.

"Last year in Senate deliberations on the State budget, I introduced an amendment to cut \$200 million for the brand new Madison DOT building. Unfortunately at that time the republicans who control both houses of the legislature did not agree and killed my amendment." said Senator Carpenter.

“I would also strongly encourage the cutting of an additional \$200 plus million for the ill-conceived double decking of a freeway that runs through the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in my district. Given the fiscal reality on the ground it is high time that the DOT faced facts and went on a diet” Said Carpenter

“The elimination of these two costly projects could save the DOT over \$400 Million which would go a long way into putting a dent in the \$750 million short fall they currently face. I view increasing the gas tax by 5 cents as well as increasing many fees, which would hit cash strapped consumers, to pay for these projects as simply unacceptable.” Said Carpenter.

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