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### **Cost Overruns for Highway 23 Project Hit \$21 Million** *Senators Send Letter to DOT Seeking Accountability for Motorists, Taxpayers*

**Madison** – Today, Senators Devin LeMahieu (R-Oostburg), Howard Marklein (R-Spring Green), Alberta Darling (R-River Hills), Duey Stroebel (R-Saukville), Luther Olsen (R-Ripon), and Tom Tiffany (R-Minocqua) sent a letter to Wisconsin Department of Transportation Secretary-designee Craig Thompson following news that the department is expected to need an additional \$15 million to complete the Highway 23 expansion project. This increase is on top of \$6 million in increases announced earlier this year, bringing the total projected cost of the project to \$171.5 million.

Upon submitting the letter to the DOT, Sen. LeMahieu released the following statement:

*“Earlier this year, the Highway 23 project finally broke ground. Unfortunately, in less than a year costs associated with the Highway 23 project have increased by \$21 million.*”

*“Sheboygan County motorists have been waiting far too long for this 4-lane expansion. However, they should not have to submit a blank check to make this project a reality.”*

A copy of the letter from Senators on the Legislature’s Joint Finance Committee can be viewed [here](#).

*Senator Devin LeMahieu (R-Oostburg) represents the 9<sup>th</sup> Senate District, which includes portions of Sheboygan, Manitowoc, and Calumet Counties. He is a Member of the Joint Committee on Finance.*

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