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Governor Evers Signs Legislation to Support Local Municipalities into Law

BELOIT - Today, State Representative Mark Spreitzer (D - Beloit) gave the following statement after Governor Tony Evers signed into law Senate Bill 303, now 2021 Wisconsin Act 102. The bill reduces the penalty for municipalities submitting late general transportation aids (GTA) reports to the Department of Transportation to \$100 per day, instead of the current-law standard of a one-percent reduction of their aid per day:

“I am excited to announce that Governor Evers signed SB 303 into law today. I first introduced this bipartisan bill to reduce late fees for villages’ or towns’ general transportation aids reports in 2018, and have worked with my colleagues in subsequent sessions to advance bipartisan legislation on the topic. As a former city councilor in Beloit, and as a state representative for 12 towns, I know firsthand that towns across our state are operating with narrow budgetary margins and limited staff.

“As we work to improve infrastructure across our state and ensure that Wisconsin goods can get to market quickly and efficiently, harsh penalties have a direct impact on our communities. In a period where our roads and infrastructure are in desperate need of maintenance and repair, the current penalty structure can lead to large reductions in local communities’ transportation dollars. Severe penalties delay essential road repairs by months or years, and this bill ensures that transportation funding is not directed away from the small communities that need it most.

“I am thrilled that this bill is now law, and I am thankful to Governor Evers and the bipartisan coauthors and sponsors of this bill for their support. This simple and common-sense change will help local officials maintain Wisconsin’s rural roads.”

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