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2019 Wisconsin Act 69
[2019 Senate Bill 447]

**Supplemental Transportation
Aids**

BACKGROUND

Under current law, the Department of Transportation distributes general transportation aid (GTA) to counties, cities, villages, and towns (local unit of government). The amount of GTA a local unit of government receives is calculated using formulas prescribed by statute. One formula, known as “share of costs,” is based on the local unit of government’s average highway-related costs in the six most recent years for which actual costs are available. Counties receive only share of costs aid. The other formula, “mileage aid,” is calculated by multiplying the number of miles of road or street under the jurisdiction of a city, village, or town and multiplying that number by a specified mileage rate. A city, village, or town may receive either share of costs aid or mileage aid, whichever is greater. Mileage aid is capped at 85 percent of the city’s, village’s, or town’s three-year average costs.

2019 Wisconsin Act 9, the biennial budget act, provided supplemental transportation aids for towns that are currently limited by the 85 percent of three-year average cost limitation. Under Act 9, a town may not receive supplemental transportation aids that, when combined with the town’s GTA, exceeds 100 percent of the town’s three-year average costs.

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2019 Wisconsin Act 69 corrects a cross-reference to clarify that the supplemental transportation aids, authorized by Act 9, apply to a town that receives GTA based on the mileage aid formula.

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