



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2005 Assembly Bill 559**

**Assembly Amendment 1**

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Under **current law**, certain highway routes and bridges have been designated and marked to memorialize, commemorate, or recognize certain individuals or events.

**This bill** directs the Department of Transportation (DOT) to designate and, upon receipt of sufficient contributions from interested parties, mark the route of USH 14 in this state from the Wisconsin-Illinois border to Madison as the “Ronald Reagan Highway” in recognition and appreciation of the public career of Ronald Reagan, who served with distinction for two terms as the 40th president of the United States and who subsequently demonstrated grace and dignity in his struggle with Alzheimer’s disease. **The bill** also directs DOT to designate and, upon receipt of sufficient contributions from interested parties, mark the entire route in this state of STH 122 as the “Harriet Tubman Memorial Highway” in recognition and appreciation of the life of Harriet Tubman, a leader in the movement to abolish slavery in the 19th century who led over 300 slaves to freedom in the North on the Underground Railroad. No state funds, other than from contributions from interested parties, may be used for the erection or maintenance of any markers on these highways to identify them, respectively, as the “Ronald Reagan Highway” and the “Harriet Tubman Memorial Highways.”

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Modifies the bill in the following manner:

- Changes the name of the “Harriet Tubman Memorial Highway” created in the bill, to the “Harriet Tubman *Underground Railroad* Memorial Highway.”
- Changes the “Harriet Tubman Memorial Highway” route designation to STH 11, commencing at I 39/90 in Janesville and proceeding to Racine, rather than STH 122, commencing at STH 77 at Upson and proceeding to the Wisconsin-Michigan border in Iron County.

**Legislative History**

On October 6, 2005, the Assembly Committee on Transportation recommended for adoption Assembly Amendment 1 by a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 5.

The Assembly Committee on Transportation recommended passage of the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 6.

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