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**Date:** December 21, 2000  
**To:** Steve Miller, LRB  
**From:** John M. Etzler, DOA *JME*  
266-1039  
**Subject:** Department of Transportation Statutory Language

I am forwarding a statutory language change that we would like to have drafted for possible inclusion in the Department of Transportation's budget.

1. Allow for the Department of Transportation to proceed with the construction of the following Major Highway Program projects:
  - STH 17 designated as the Rhinelander Relocation, extending from USH 8, 0.16 miles east of Germond Road, and extending 3.25 miles northward to STH 17 at Birchwood Drive, in Oneida county
  - STH 26 between Janesville and STH 60 in Rock, Jefferson, and Dodge counties
  - I 39/USH 51 designated as the Wausau Beltline, extending from just south of Fox Glove Road to just north of Bridge Street, in Marathon county

Thanks.

**Fast, Timothy**

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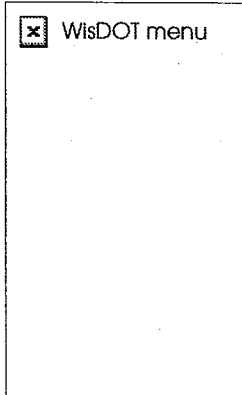
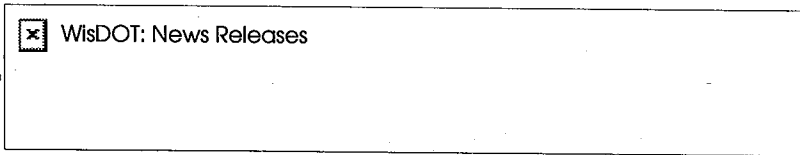
**From:** Nilsen, Paul  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 07, 2000 2:02 PM  
**To:** Fast, Timothy; Hurley, Peggy  
**Subject:** TPC advances three major highway projects; Taxes billed by miles driven.

**TPC advances three major highway projects.** The Transportation Projects Commission (TPC) Tuesday (12/5) recommended three major highway projects to the Governor and State Legislature for consideration in the next state budget: the WIS 26 project between Watertown and Janesville; the I-39/U.S. 51 Wausau Beltline project; and the relocation of WIS 17 in Rhinelander. If given final approval from the Governor and the Legislature, construction is not expected to begin until 2007. In other action, the TPC approved preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the U.S. 8 corridor between St. Croix Falls and Cameron. Successful completion of an EIS is a necessary step in the major highway projects' approval process. Governor Thompson concluded Tuesday's TPC meeting by acknowledging three state lawmakers who will be leaving the commission: State Senator Alice Clausing (D-Menomonie), State Senator Gary Drzewiecki (R-Pulaski) and State Representative David Brandemuehl (R-Fennimore). Brandemuehl, who served as Chairman of the Assembly Transportation Committee, is retiring from the Legislature and had served on the TPC for ten years. Governor Thompson thanked Brandemuehl for his years of hard work in helping make "Wisconsin's transportation system second to none." Mark Wolfgram, 608/266-5791. WisDOT release <<http://www.dot.state.wi.us/opa/nr/opa-tpcrecomm575.html>> Rob Miller, reporter.

**Taxes billed by miles driven.** The future of highway funding might mean a monthly driving bill in your mailbox. Minnesota transportation officials and other states are considering a new kind of road-tax based on the number of miles you drive. The system would use global position system (GPS) satellites and on-board navigational technology to track your travels. Minnesota, California, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Texas, Washington, Wisconsin and the Federal Highway Administration are sponsoring research into the GPS system. Transportation planners say the change would ensure adequate money for road construction and also reduce congestion. A major hurdle could be the privacy issue. Wheeler NewsFax (11/16)

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## Transportation Projects Commission recommends major highway projects in Rhinelander, Wausau, and Watertown/Janesville

- Wisconsin's Transportation Projects Commission (TPC) has recommended three major highway projects to the Governor and State Legislature for consideration in the next state budget - the I-39/U.S 51 Wausau Beltline project; the relocation of WIS 17 in Rhinelander; and the WIS 26 project between Watertown and Janesville.
- The three projects still require final approval from the Governor and the Legislature. If given final approval, actual construction is not expected to begin until 2007.
- The TPC is a bi-partisan public/private commission chaired by Governor Thompson that reviews and recommends major highway projects for enumeration.

### December 5, 2000

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"These projects continue our commitment to make needed improvements to key transportation corridors in Wisconsin," said Governor Tommy Thompson, who serves as chair of the TPC. "The investments provide statewide benefits by enhancing safety, mobility and economic development."

Terry Mulcahy, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), who is a non-voting member of the TPC, said the projects require final approval from the Legislature. "Since there are many other highway projects already on the majors list, actual construction on these projects, if given final approval, is not expected to begin until 2007," Mulcahy added.

Tuesday's TPC recommendations are the culmination of a lengthy and detailed process that emphasizes public participation and scrutinizes major highway projects based on factors such as traffic congestion, safety, economic impacts and local community support. The TPC held formal public hearings on the major highway project candidates this past summer in Wausau and Middleton.

In other action Tuesday, the TPC approved preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that will identify potential social, economic and environmental effects for future improvements to U.S. 8 between St. Croix Falls and Cameron in northwest Wisconsin. Successful completion of an EIS is a necessary step in the major highway projects approval process.

The TPC is a bi-partisan public/private commission that reviews and recommends major highway projects for enumeration. Along with the Governor, the commission includes five state senators, five Assembly representatives, and three citizen members. Under state law, a major highway project has a total cost of more than \$5 million and constructs a new route of 2.5 or more miles, adds capacity to five or more miles of an existing highway, or converts an existing multi-lane divided highway of ten or more miles to freeway standards.

EDITORS: following are additional details on the major highway projects approved Tuesday.

**WIS 17 - Rhinelander Relocation - Oneida County**

This 3.25-mile project involves relocating WIS 17 to the east side of Rhinelander with expansion of the roadway to four lanes in areas where development and traffic volumes are highest. The average daily traffic count for the segment is 13,500 vehicles. The project will utilize a portion of the existing U.S. 8 bypass of Rhinelander and involves five at-grade intersections. The project begins on U.S. 8, just east of Germond Road and extends 3.25 miles northward to WIS 17 at Birchwood Drive. The project's estimated cost is \$11.5 million.

**I-39/U.S. 51 - Wausau Beltline - Marathon County**

This approximately eight-mile project involves the construction of additional lanes along the existing four-lane I-39/U.S. 51 divided corridor around Wausau including new interchanges at WIS 29 east and west. The project begins just south of Fox Glove Road and extends to north of Bridge Street. The proposed work includes replacing all pavements and bridges and reconstructing and reconfiguring existing interchange overpass and underpass locations along the segment. Average daily traffic along the section ranges between 40,000 and 56,000 vehicles. The estimated cost of the project is \$120.5 million.

**WIS 26 - Janesville - Watertown. Rock, Jefferson and Dodge counties**

This 48-mile project will expand the existing two-lane WIS 26 corridor between Janesville and Watertown to a four-lane divided rural highway with bypasses at Milton, Jefferson and Watertown. Average daily traffic ranges from 8,900 vehicles on rural segments to 21,300 vehicles on urban sections. The project stretches from I-90 in Janesville to WIS 60 north of Watertown. Estimated cost: \$160 million to \$187 million.

For more information contact:

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For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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