### Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

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#### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The obligation to mark the route would be accomplished consistent with traffic standards adopted under Wisconsin law. One sign would be place on the right-of-way in each direction of travel directing travelers to an off-road marker along the route. The two signs on the right-of-way are Type II (4'x6' plywood on wood posts). A sign, post, installation, and fleet/auxiliary equipment charges are \$350 per installed sign. The off-road marker is \$1500 installed. Therefore:

84.1034 Two signs on the right-of-way with installation are \$700 and the marker (including installation)in an existing public space (wayside, public park, or other public area is \$1500.

Total initial cost is therefore \$2200. There is a 10% overhead cost per year to deal with signs that are knocked down, vandalized, or damaged by weather. This would also include administrative costs to deal with the signs. Assuming a 3% inflation rate for construction/maintenance, these costs would be \$60 by the end of the first year to \$142 in the tenth year. The total overhead cost by the end of the tenth year would be \$956. The marker in the public area is more durable and does not have annual maintenance costs associated with it. This then is an estimate of the maintenance contributions needed for the signs. The signs and marker would be removed at the end of their useful life unless contributed funds are available to replace them. Costs could be significantly higher, requiring greater contributions, if an adequate location is not available.

Due to funding cutbacks, it is not possible to absorb the costs for the signs and installation within the existing budget. However, the proposed legislation proscribes that only contributions from interested parties may be used for erection or maintenance of the markers. It is unclear what would happen if private funding does not continue to cover ongoing maintenance needs and administrative costs.

#### **Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

With normal wear, signs must be replaced every 10 years. If it is assumed that the inflation rate for construction/maintenance averages 3% per year, the cost to replace the two signs on the right of way at that time will be \$941. The marker in the public area is more durable and is unlikely to need to be replaced after 10 years. The assumption is that contributions would be required in order for signs to be maintained. In addition, if this naming of highways and bridges encourages further similar legislation without private funding, the cost implications would go far beyond this long-range fiscal estimate.

## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2005 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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