



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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| LRB Number   | 09-4321/1 | Introduction Number | AB-0766 | Estimate Type | Original |
| <b>Description</b><br>Designating and marking a portion of STH 50 in Kenosha County as the LeRoy and Lynn Copen Memorial Highway |           |                     |         |               |          |

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The requirement to mark the highway would be accomplished consistent with traffic sign standards adopted under Wisconsin law. The highest priority to be served by traffic signs is to effectively guide and warn motorists so that the highway provides safe and efficient travel. Traffic control devices, including highway signs, are essential elements of guiding drivers to their destination and achieving safety. As such, use of markers or signs is limited and, when designations are made, markers are typically placed outside the clear zone of the roadway in nearby a roadside facility or public space, not along the roadway.

At present, highway designations are also listed clearly on the Official State Highway Map, although space limitations may eventually be a concern. In addition, the Department does share information about designations on its website.

No state funds are to be used for erecting or maintaining the markers. Instead private contributions will be used to cover these expenses. Markers of this type can cost up to \$1,500.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

No state funds are to be used for erecting or maintaining the markers. Instead private contributions will be used to cover these expenses.