



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2013 Wisconsin Act 49
[2013 Assembly Bill 356]

Relocation of a County Trunk Highway in Manitowoc and Sheboygan Counties

The 2013-15 Biennial Budget Act included a provision that requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to award a grant, if certain conditions are met, for a highway improvement project involving the relocation of County Highway LS in Manitowoc and Sheboygan Counties onto an existing town road. The Budget Act provision specifies that the amount of the grant is to be \$4,200,000 or 50% of the project costs, whichever is less. The grant is to be provided through the discretionary component of the local roads improvement program.

2013 Wisconsin Act 49 modifies the County Highway LS grant requirement in the Budget Act by directing DOT to make the grant from a newly created appropriation for that purpose, instead of under the discretionary component of the local roads improvement program, and reducing the maximum amount of the grant to \$4,000,000. Act 49 transfers \$4,000,000 from the segregated funds appropriation for the discretionary component of the local roads improvement program to the newly created appropriation. Under the Act, this appropriation will be repealed on July 1, 2015.

Act 49 specifies that the amount of the grant is limited to 50% of the project costs. It also provides that DOT must specify, as a condition of the grant, that the affected local governments competitively bid the work the grant pays for.

Effective date: Act 49 took effect on October 25, 2013, except the repeal of the appropriation for the County Highway LS relocation project grant, which takes effect on July 1, 2015.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.