

CORRESPONDENCE MEMORANDUM

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Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Date: January 3, 2007

To: Special Committee on State Trails Policy

From: Mark Wolfgram, WisDOT Administrator of the Division of Transportation
Investment Management

Subject: Proposed WLC: 0040/1 Gas Tax on ATVs

On December 21, 2006 the Legislative Council proposed language for several bills related to your work on a state trails policy. One of those bills WLC 0040/1 would significantly increase the amount of revenue going to the DNR-managed fund on ATVs. This would be accomplished by changing the formula that would increase the amount of gas tax that would go to that fund. The effect that this would have on the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is a net reduction of \$3.3 million for our budget.

An increase of this magnitude would require the Legislature to cut another program of a similar amount to balance our budget. Because of the negative impact that this would have on our budget, we are opposed to this proposal and ask that this committee consider its potential negative impacts on our mission as a department to provide and maintain a quality transportation system for Wisconsin residents.