



## Legislative Fiscal Bureau

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TO: Members  
Wisconsin Legislature

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SUBJECT: Senate Bill 539/Assembly Bill 704: State Highway Rehabilitation Program Funding

In addition to the special session bills introduced last week that relate to general fund taxes and property taxes and to funding for the Department of Workforce Development, the Governor has asked for the introduction of regular session bills relating to state highway rehabilitation funding. Accordingly, Senate Bill 539 was introduced on January 30, 2014, and Assembly Bill 704 was introduced on January 31, 2014. Senate Bill 539 was referred to the Joint Committee on Finance. Assembly Bill 704 was referred to the Assembly Committee on Transportation. This memorandum describes these bills and their fiscal effect.

### **BACKGROUND**

Act 20 (the 2013-15 budget) provided a total of \$791,755,800 in 2013-14 for the state highway rehabilitation program, composed of \$415,523,600 SEG and \$376,232,200 FED.

### **SUMMARY OF BILLS**

Senate Bill 539/Assembly Bill 704 would increase funding for the state highway rehabilitation program by \$43,025,700 in 2013-14, which would establish total funding for the program in that year at \$834,781,500. The proposed increase is equal to 5.4% of the total funding provided for the program in 2013-14. The Department of Transportation indicates that the additional funding would be used to advance the letting date of 11 improvement projects into 2013-14. Moving these projects into 2013-14 could, in turn, allow additional projects to be advanced into 2014-15, although which projects may be affected has not been determined at this time. The following table shows the list of projects to be advanced, including information on the type of project. In the "Project Type" column, the term "maintenance preservation" refers to projects that involve repairs that are more extensive than routine pavement maintenance, but that are less involved than pavement resurfacing. The term "pavement replacement" refers to projects

that involve the replacement of all layers of a roadway, and are, therefore, more extensive than resurfacing projects.

<u>County</u>	<u>Highway</u>	<u>Segment or Project</u>	<u>Project Type</u>
Brown	STH 32	South County Line to Deuster Street	Maintenance Preservation
Calumet	STH 114	USH 10 to South Junction STH 55	Maintenance Preservation
Door	STH 42	STH 57 to Rainbow Ridge Court	Maintenance Preservation
Douglas	N.A.	Superior Safety Weight Facility 72	Facility
Langlade	STH 64	Lincoln County Line to Zima Road	Resurfacing
Lincoln	STH 64	CTH W to Langlade County Line	Resurfacing
Monroe	STH 33	La Crosse County Line to STH 27	Maintenance Preservation
Outagamie	USH 41	STH 15 to CTH J	Maintenance Preservation
Sauk	STH 60	Wisconsin River Bridge	Bridge Rehabilitation
Taylor	STH 64	Coyote Drive to Central Avenue	Pavement Replacement
Walworth	USH 12	STH 50 Interchange	Bridge Rehabilitation

## **FISCAL EFFECT**

Upon passage of the 2013-15 biennial budget act (Act 20), the biennium-ending balance in the transportation fund was estimated at \$1.8 million. Based on a review of recent transportation fund collections, the biennium-ending balance is now projected to be \$84.6 million. Senate Bill 539/Assembly Bill 704 would reduce that balance to \$41.6 million.

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