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TO: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

FROM: Bob Lang, Director

SUBJECT: Transportation: Governor's Section 13.10 Request for Use of Federal Economic Stimulus Funding for Local and State Transportation Projects -- Agenda Item V

REQUEST

The Governor requests approval of the use of federal funds received under transportation provisions of the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (federal economic stimulus act) as follows for projects to be let in 2010: (a) \$4,248,700 for nine transportation enhancement projects (see Attachment 1); (b) \$53,236,600 for 66 local road and bridge projects (see Attachment 2); and (c) \$35,088,600 for ten state highway bridge projects (see Attachment 3).

BACKGROUND

The State of Wisconsin will receive a total of \$529.1 million in funds under the federal economic stimulus act. Under 2009 Act 2, \$300.0 million of this total was allocated to state highway and bridge projects. Committee action on three previous requests (on March 17, May 12, and June 30, 2009) allocated \$158.7 million for local road and bridge projects and \$15.9 million for transportation enhancement projects. Following these approvals, a total of \$54.5 million remained to be allocated. Since that time, the Department of Transportation (DOT) has begun to let projects to contract and has realized let savings (bids below project cost estimates) totaling \$20.9 million. When combined with the previously unallocated funds, there is currently \$75.4 million available for additional projects.

ANALYSIS

The projects included in this request are located in economically distressed areas, as designated by the federal government. The following table indicates which counties in Wisconsin are included in such areas.

Wisconsin Counties Located in Economically Distressed Areas

Adams	Dunn*	Marinette*	Richland*
Ashland*	Florence	Marquette*	Rock*
Barron*	Forest	Menominee*	Rusk*
Bayfield	Grant	Milwaukee*	Sawyer*
Burnett	Iron*	Monroe	Shawano
Chippewa*	Jackson	Oconto	Taylor*
Clark	Juneau	Oneida*	Trempealeau
Crawford*	Kenosha*	Pepin	Vernon
Dodge*	Langlade*	Polk*	Vilas
Door	Lafayette	Price*	Washburn
Douglas*	Lincoln	Racine*	Waushara*

* County with a project or projects included in this request.

For the purpose of this request, DOT contacted local governments in these areas to determine if previously submitted projects that had not been selected for earlier requests could be accomplished within the timetables established in the federal economic stimulus act. This request includes all 75 of the local projects identified using this process. The request also includes ten state projects located within economically distressed areas.

The total estimated cost of the projects included in this request is \$92.6 million. This exceeds available funding by \$17.2 million. The request identifies three reasons why it may be desirable to "over program" the use of federal economic stimulus funds. First, it is possible that additional let savings will be realized as DOT receives bids on the remaining projects. Second, as projects are advanced, it may not be possible for all of them to meet the federally-required timetable. Third, earlier approval of "excess" projects ensures that other projects are available within the federal timetable to fully utilize federal funds made available through let savings or project delays. Waiting until these events occur to approve new projects may result in too little time to move these projects forward by the federal deadlines. Another potential advantage of approving more projects now is that the state would be well-positioned to compete for any federal economic stimulus funding that other states cannot use by the deadlines.

The request indicates that priority will be given to funding all of the local projects, which total \$57.5 million, which is \$17.9 million less than the total available funding. Therefore, the state projects would serve as the flexible portion of the request, with \$17.9 million being initially

available for \$35.1 million in projects. Any part of the remaining \$17.2 million that cannot be funded with economic stimulus dollars made available by let savings, delays in other projects, or redistributions from other states would be funded through the state's regular appropriations for the state highway program.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve the Governor's request for the following: (a) \$4,248,700 for nine transportation enhancement projects; (b) \$53,236,600 for 66 local road and bridge projects; and (c) \$35,088,600 for ten state highway and bridge projects.

2. Deny the request.

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Attachments

ATTACHMENT 1

Requested Transportation Enhancement Projects

<u>County</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Project-Type</u>
Kenosha*	Village of Twin Lakes	E. Main Street (CTH Z) Streetscape	Streetscape & Infrastructure Improvements
Kenosha*	Town of Salem	Salem STH 83 Pedestrian Access & Safety Project	Sidewalk Installation
Langlade	City of Antigo	Antigo Spring Brook Bike Trail	Multi-Use Trail
Marinette	City of Marinette	Marinette Mid City Bicycle and Pedestrian Path	Preserve Abandoned RR
Marinette	Village of Pound	Walk-Way Connection Enhancement (W-WCE)	Bicycle/Pedestrian
Milwaukee*	City of Milwaukee	South 2 nd Street Decorative Street Lighting	Decorative Street Lighting
Milwaukee*	City of St. Francis	New Commercial District Streetscape	Streetscaping
Sawyer	City of Hayward	Hayward Area Pedestrian Bike Trail System Phase III	Bicycle/Pedestrian
Waushara	Village of Wild Rose	Wild Rose Roberts Park Trail	Bicycle/Pedestrian

* Denotes project in a metropolitan planning organization (MPO) area that is subject to approval by the MPO.

ATTACHMENT 2

Requested Local Road and Bridge Projects

<u>County</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Road/Street Name</u>	<u>Project Type</u>
Ashland	Ashland County	CTH F	Resurfacing
Ashland	City of Ashland	11 th Street West	Pavement Resurfacing
Barron	City of Rice Lake	Main Street	Reconstruction
Barron	City of Rice Lake	Pioneer Avenue	Reconstruction
Barron	City of Rice Lake	Haugen Road	Pavement Replacement
Chippewa*	City of Chippewa Falls	Bridge Street	Reconditioning
Crawford	Crawford County	CTH B	Reconstruction
Dodge	City of Beaver Dam	Madison Street	Resurfacing
Dodge	City of Beaver Dam	North University Avenue	Pavement Replacement
Dodge	City of Juneau	East Oak Grove Street	Pavement Replacement
Douglas*	City of Superior	Hill Avenue	Resurfacing
Douglas*	City of Superior	Broadway Street	Resurfacing
Dunn	City of Menomonie	3M Drive	Pavement Replacement
Dunn	City of Menomonie	9 th Street	Pavement Replacement
Dunn	Dunn County	CTH PP	Pavement Replacement
Kenosha*	Kenosha County	CTH KD	Rural Reconstruction
Kenosha*	City of Kenosha	80 th Street	Urban Resurfacing
Kenosha*	Town of Somers	Sheridan Road	Rural Pavement Replacement
Marinette	Marinette County	CTH T	Reconstruction
Marinette	City of Marinette	Shore Drive	Pavement Replacement
Marinette	City of Marinette	Cleveland Avenue	Pavement Replacement
Marinette	City of Marinette	Hattie Street	Pavement Replacement
Marinette	City of Marinette	Hosmer Street	Pavement Replacement
Marquette	Marquette County	CTH CX	Pavement Rehabilitation
Milwaukee*	Milwaukee County	Jackson Park Drive Bridge	Bridge Rehabilitation
Milwaukee*	Village of Bayside	Fairy Chasm Road	Rural Pavement Replacement
Milwaukee*	City of Franklin	South 51 st Street	Rural Resurfacing
Milwaukee*	Village of Hales Corners	West Grange Avenue	Rural Pavement Replacement
Milwaukee*	Milwaukee County	W. Oklahoma Avenue	Urban Pavement Replacement
Milwaukee*	City of Milwaukee	West Winnebago Street	Roundabout
Milwaukee*	City of Milwaukee	South 6 th Street	Urban Resurfacing
Milwaukee*	City of Milwaukee	South 13 th Street	Urban Reconstruction
Milwaukee*	City of Milwaukee	East/West North Avenue	Urban Reconstruction
Milwaukee*	City of Milwaukee	West Holt Avenue	Urban Resurfacing
Milwaukee*	City of Milwaukee	West Bolivar Avenue	Urban Resurfacing

ATTACHMENT 2 (continued)

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<u>County</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Road/Street Name</u>	<u>Project Type</u>
Milwaukee*	City of Milwaukee	North Teutonia Avenue	Urban Resurfacing
Milwaukee*	City of Milwaukee	North Teutonia Avenue	Urban Resurfacing
Milwaukee*	City of Milwaukee	West Locust Street	Urban Resurfacing
Milwaukee*	City of Milwaukee	West Lapham Boulevard	Urban Resurfacing
Milwaukee*	City of Milwaukee	North Martin Luther Kind Drive	Urban Resurfacing
Milwaukee*	City of South Milwaukee	15 th Avenue	Urban Pavement Replacement
Milwaukee*	City of Wauwatosa	Burleigh Street	Urban Resurfacing
Oneida	City of Rhinelander	Phillip Street	Reconstruction
Polk	Polk County	CTH Y	Reconstruction
Price	Town of Fifield	Old 13 Road	Bridge Replacement
Racine	City of Burlington	Market Street	Urban Pavement Replacement
Racine	City of Burlington	Pine Street	Urban Pavement Replacement
Racine	City of Burlington	Dodge Street	Urban Pavement Replacement
Racine	City of Burlington	Grove Street	Urban Resurfacing
Racine	City of Burlington	Oak Street	Urban Resurfacing
Racine	City of Burlington	Briody Street	Urban Resurfacing
Racine*	City of Racine	Local Street	Urban Resurfacing
Racine	Racine County	CTH G	Pavement Replacement
Racine	Racine County	CTH K	Pavement Replacement
Richland	Richland County	CTH D	Resurfacing
Richland	Richland County	CTH C	Resurfacing
Rock*	Town of Beloit	Inman Parkway	Pavement Replacement
Rock*	Town of Beloit	Cranston Road	Resurfacing & Concrete Repair
Rock*	City of Janesville	Tyler St. & South Randall Ave.	Resurfacing
Rock*	City of Janesville	Ruger Avenue	Reconditioning
Rock	City of Milton	East High Street	Resurfacing
Rock*	Rock County	West Happy Hollow Road	Pavement Replacement
Rusk	Rusk County	CTH F	Reconditioning
Sawyer	Sawyer County	CTH EE	Pavement Replacement
Taylor	Taylor County	CTH O	Pavement Replacement
Waushara	Waushara County	CTH I	Reconstruction

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ATTACHMENT 3

Requested State Highway and Bridge Projects

<u>County</u>	<u>Highway</u>	<u>Project Type</u>
Barron	USH 53, New Auburn - Spooner (NB)	Pavement Replacement
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Crawford	USH 61, Wisconsin River Bridge	Bridge Maintenance
Crawford	STH 60, Gran Grea Creek	Bridge Maintenance
Crawford	USH 18/35, Wisconsin River Bridge	Bridge Maintenance
Iron	USH 51, CTH C-Hurley	Resurfacing
Menominee	STH 55, Shawano-Langlade	Recondition
Sawyer	STH 27, STH 40-CTH C	Recondition
Sawyer	STH 27, CTH C-STH 70	Recondition
Waushara	STH 49, Poysippi-Fremont	Recondition