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## 1997 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 106

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| 2  | Whereas, the future of federal spending for highways and mass transit            |
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| 3  | programs is uncertain because Congress has not passed multiyear legislation to   |
| 4  | reauthorize the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act; and            |
| 5  | Whereas, for years Wisconsin has not received a fair return on the federal gas   |
| 6  | taxes that it sends to Washington, D.C.; and                                     |
| 7  | Whereas, the inequitable return of federal dollars to Wisconsin has meant a loss |
| 8  | of more than \$624,000,000 in highway and transit aid since 1955; and            |
| 9  | Whereas, Wisconsin deserves a dollar-for-dollar rate of return on federal        |
| 10 | Highway Trust Fund contributions; and  |
| 11 | Whereas, nearly one-fourth of Wisconsin's transportation budget is supported     |
| 12 | by federal funds; and  |
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increase the total amount of money spent on transportation; and

Whereas, to get a better return of federal dollars to the state, Congress must

**Relating to:** federal spending on transportation.

| 1  | Whereas, the current 18.4 cents federal fuel tax provides sufficient revenue to      |
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| 2  | increase transportation investments without raising taxes or taking money away       |
| 3  | from other programs; and   |
| 4  | Whereas, Highway Trust Fund revenues are user fees meant to support                  |
| 5  | improvements to the nation's highway and transit systems; and                        |
| 6  | Whereas, significant needs exist throughout Wisconsin for investments in both        |
| 7  | highways and transit; and  |
| 8  | Whereas, investments in the transportation infrastructure benefit the national       |
| 9  | economy; and   |
| 10 | Whereas, transportation investments create jobs, support the competitive edge        |
| 11 | of Wisconsin businesses and keep state roads safe and efficient; and                 |
| 12 | Whereas, each \$1 billion in federal aid highway dollars supports 42,000 jobs;       |
| 13 | now, therefore, be it  |
| 14 | Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That: the members of the            |
| 15 | Wisconsin legislature urge Congress to increase the total amount of federal spending |
| 16 | for transportation to provide a stable, long-term surface transportation program     |
| 17 | that ensures Wisconsin its fair share of federal transportation dollars; and, be it  |
| 18 | further  |
| 19 | Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint           |
| 20 | resolution to each member of this state's congressional delegation.                  |
| 21 | (END)  |