



RESOLUTION # 53-1/13

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ITEM # 1-24

BOARD ACTION

Adopted: ✓
For: 15
Against: 11
Abstain: —
Abs/Excd: 3
Vote Req: —
Other Action: —

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted: No
For: 2
Against: 6
Abstain: —
Abs/Excd: 1

PUBLIC WORKS & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted: Yes
For: 4
Against: 1
Abstain: —
Abs/Excd: 2

RE: SUPPORT LEGISLATION TO AMEND WISCONSIN CONSTITUTION IN FAVOR OF TRANSPORTATION DOLLARS FOR TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's transportation infrastructure is a fundamental component of its ability to attract and retain business and produce jobs; and,

WHEREAS, revenues from gas tax and vehicle registration fees, which comprise over 85% of the state's segregated transportation account, have been declining and are inadequate to meet the existing transportation needs in this state; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's past practice of transferring money from the segregated transportation fund to the general fund has eroded the public's confidence that the "user fees" they pay through the state gasoline tax and vehicle registration fees will be used for their intended purpose; and,

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's practice of replacing the dollars transferred from the state's segregated transportation fund with general obligation bonds puts our state in the precarious position of bonding to fund ongoing operations, and hinders the state's ability to fund other programs like Shared Revenue, Youth Aids, Community Aids and Courts in the Future; and,

WHEREAS, La Crosse County placed an advisory referendum on the November, 2010, ballot asking "Should the Wisconsin Constitution be amended to prohibit any further transfers or lapses from the segregated transportation fund?"; and,

WHEREAS, the people of La Crosse County voted overwhelmingly in favor of this constitutional amendment by nearly 70% voting "yes," and fifty-three other counties in Wisconsin also asked the same advisory referendum question and the vote in favor was similar across the state; and,

WHEREAS, first consideration of this constitutional amendment overwhelmingly passed the Wisconsin State Legislature on a bipartisan basis last session; and,

WHEREAS, the 2012-13 session of the Wisconsin State Legislature has the opportunity to pass second consideration of this constitutional amendment and, in so doing, will give the citizens of the entire state the opportunity to vote for amending the state constitution to ensure transportation revenues are spent for transportation purposes; and,

WHEREAS, providing constitutional protection for transportation user fees will align Wisconsin with our neighbors in Minnesota, Iowa and Michigan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board strongly urges our state representatives to vote in favor of second consideration of the joint resolution for a constitutional amendment to protect the transportation fund, thereby giving voters across the state the opportunity to vote on a binding referendum to amend the constitution and ensure the transportation user fees they pay will be spent for transportation purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to State Senator Jennifer Shilling and State Representatives Steve Doyle and Jill Billings.

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FISCAL NOTE: No cost to La Crosse County

Date: DEC 12, 2012

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

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RECORDING CLERK

Date: 12-10-12

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PUBLIC WORKS & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE CHAIR

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RECORDING CLERK

	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended	
Co. Admin.	_____	_____	_____	Requested By: Ron Chamberlain Date Requested: December 4, 2012 Drafted By: Corporation Counsel
Fin. Director	_____	<u>SO</u>	_____	
Corp. Counsel	_____	<u>ET</u>	_____	
Board Chair	<u>[Signature]</u>	_____	_____	

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 17th Day of January, 2013

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE
I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 17th day of January, 2013.

[Signature]
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk