

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION ADMINISTRATIVE FACT SHEET

Title of O/R:	RESOLUTION URGING STATE LEGISLATORS TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF TRANSPORTATION DOLLARS FOR TRANSPORTATION	
Submitting Department:	DPW	
Department Contact(s): (Make sure to include dept. manager or staff who has worked on this ordinance in addition to the dept. head)	Allison Bussler	
Who will appear at committee meetings?	Allison Bussler	
Date of Co. Board Meeting at which you plan O/R to be considered:	Jan. 22, 2013	Fiscal Note by DOA? NO
Date submitted for review:	Dec. 5, 2012	Routing # 50-01-13

Does this O/R create or abolish any positions or involve other Human Resources issues in your department?

_____ Yes* X No

* If yes, the ordinance should be reviewed by HR prior to submission to Corp. Counsel.

Does this O/R appropriate or transfer expenditure authority, additional resources or change the Budget intent?

_____ Yes* X No

*If department staff developed a fiscal impact statement, please send to your assigned budget analyst concurrent with forwarding of O/R to Corp. Counsel.

Does this O/R authorize the execution of any new or extended contracts/leases/MOUs or other agreements that obligate the County?

_____ Yes* X No

*If yes, the proposed documents must be forwarded to risk management and Corp. Counsel for approval. The O/R will not be forwarded to the Co. Board until related agreements receive approval. Departments are responsible for putting approved documents on file with the Co. Clerk.

Are there documents (other than contracts, leases or MOUs) that should be included with this O/R before it goes to the County Board office?

_____ Yes* X No

If yes, all documents must be received by Corp. Counsel before the ordinance can be forwarded to DOA for review. Contracts or leases that are affected by or are the subject of an O/R must be provided to Corp. Counsel.

[Sec. 59.14\(1m\)](#) Summary (for publication purposes): This resolution supports second consideration of joint resolution to protect the State Transportation Fund.

ENROLLED RESOLUTION 167-9

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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, gas tax and vehicle registration fees comprise over 85% of the state's segregated transportation account. Revenues from these two user fees 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 (GO) bonds put our state in the precarious position of bonding to fund ongoing operations; and

WHEREAS, the debt service for these bonds are being paid for out of the state's general fund which hinders its ability to fund other programs like Shared Revenue, Youth Aids, Community Aids and courts in the future; and

WHEREAS, Waukesha 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 Waukesha County voted overwhelmingly in favor of this constitutional amendment – approximately 75% "yes"; and

WHEREAS, Fifty-three other counties in Wisconsin also asked the same advisory referendum question and the support was similar across the state with an average "yes" vote of 70%; and

WHEREAS, first consideration of this constitutional amendment passed the Wisconsin State Legislature overwhelmingly last session, on a bipartisan basis; 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 Waukesha County Board of Supervisors strongly urges our state representatives to vote in favor of second consideration of the joint resolution to protect the transportation fund, thereby giving voters across this 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.