

# Sen. Cowles: Highway Project Accountability Bill Advances in the Legislature

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MADISON- Senator Robert Cowles (R-Green Bay), Co-Chairman of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, issued the following statement after 2017 Senate Bill 85 passed the Senate Committee on Transportation and Veterans Affairs this morning:

“I am pleased to say that both the Senate Committee on Transportation and Veterans Affairs and the Assembly Committee on Transportation have recommended this bill for passage. The Audit Bureau, through utilizing their team of experts, undertook one of the largest audits in recent history. This is a shining example of an audit being put into action. I call on my colleagues in both houses to bring this bill to the floor.”

Senate Bill 85 and Assembly Bill 142 translates four recommendations from the nonpartisan Legislative Audit Bureau’s Report 17-2 on the State Highway Program into legislation. The bill requires the Department of Transportation to include the full project cost estimate in its reports, requiring that those reports be provided to relevant legislative committees, and requiring the consideration of a cost-benefit analysis before undertaking a proposed major highway project. The bill is now available for scheduling in both houses of the legislature.