

Dept. of Transportation: Governor Walker announces more than \$118 million in payments to local governments

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Today, Governor Scott Walker announced that local governments received quarterly payments this week totaling \$118,205,148 for General Transportation Aids, Connecting Highway Aids and Expressway Policing Aids from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT). In 2018, local governments will receive \$40 million more than last year in General Transportation Aids.

In addition, last week the governor announced that his next budget would provide the highest level of state funding for county roads in decades. The Governor's proposal would increase calendar year General Transportation Aids to counties to 30 percent, the largest single increase in funding ever provided to counties through the program.

October payments to Wisconsin's 1,924 local units of government include: \$114,933,297 in General Transportation Aids; \$3,015,876 to 117 municipalities entitled to receive Connecting Highway Aids; and \$255,975 to Milwaukee County for Expressway Policing Aids.

General Transportation Aids help defray the costs of constructing, maintaining, and

operating roads and streets under local jurisdiction. Connecting Highway Aids reimburse municipalities for maintenance and traffic control of certain state highways within municipalities.

For calendar year 2018, local governments will use an estimated \$473 million from the state transportation fund to build and maintain local roads and bridges, which includes Expressway Policing Aids to the Milwaukee County Sheriff Department for patrol of Milwaukee expressways. Quarterly payments for cities, towns and villages are sent the first Monday in January, April, July and October. County payments are made in three installments, with 25 percent of the total annual payment on the first Monday in January; 50 percent on the first Monday in July; and 25 percent on the first Monday in October.

Communities also receive state transportation fund revenues for public transit, elderly and disabled transportation, and airport and harbor development. Local communities may also receive state and federal funds for specific highway and bridge construction projects.

List of local payments:

<http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/local-gov/astnce-pgms/highway/gta.aspx>