

Sen. Stroebel: Delivers weekly Senate Republican radio address

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Madison, WI – Senator Duey Stroebel (R-Cedarburg) today gave the weekly Senate Republican radio address. Discussing the issue of transportation, Stroebel highlighted the prudent, common-sense reforms that have been pursued by Senate Republicans, as well as Republican budget decisions that have increased funding for vital infrastructure projects. “Through reforms, savings and targeted spending increases we have made transportation dollars go further without raising your taxes,” the Cedarburg lawmaker said.

The full text of the address is below.

As you drive across Wisconsin, orange barrels, traffic cones and flashing message boards warn motorists to slow down because road construction is underway. While nobody likes delays, these projects are critical to ensuring Wisconsin’s transportation infrastructure is ready and able to support our thriving economy.

Hi. I’m state Senator Duey Stroebel from Cedarburg. Republican legislators and the Governor have worked hard to spend taxpayer money efficiently and effectively on road projects. Through reforms, savings and targeted spending increases we have made transportation dollars go further without raising your taxes. In fact, our Wisconsin budget has the lowest level of borrowing for transportation projects since the 2001-2003 budget.

Our current budget increases funding for local road improvements by 18%, and increases state highway repair funding by \$143 million. Thanks to Republican efforts, the state’s local bridge program is fully funded for the first time in years. By

modifying how we fund certain projects, we've bypassed cumbersome and costly federal regulations and given more flexibility to local governments.

When Democrats controlled the transportation budget, our state transportation fund was used as a political slush fund. Republicans ended that irresponsible practice, and we're governing in a responsible, prudent manner.

Thanks for listening.