

Rep. Tranel: Ag Road Improvement Program (ARIP) bill signed into law

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Madison, WI – Today, Senate Bill 247 (Act 13), called the Agriculture Road Improvement Program (ARIP), authored by State Representative Travis Tranel (R-Cuba City) and State Senator Howard Marklein (R-Spring Green), was signed into law by Governor Tony Evers. ARIP will invest \$150 million in making long-term improvements to rural roads, bridges, and culverts used by people living in small rural communities throughout Wisconsin. Rep. Tranel attended the signing ceremony, which took place at Hamburg Hills Farm in Stoddard, WI.

“When I originally came up with this idea, there were a lot of people who said it would never happen, so it was great seeing the Governor sign our ARIP bill into law. We’ve had a lot of wins for southwest Wisconsin over the years, but \$150 million for rural roads might be the biggest one yet,” said Rep. Tranel. “I am thankful the Governor signed the bill and also want to thank my colleagues from across the state, especially those from more urban areas like Milwaukee and Madison, who supported the bill and recognized the need in rural Wisconsin.”

ARIP unanimously passed both houses of the legislature on June 14th and had over 50 bipartisan co-sponsors. Nearly 30 stakeholders, led by the Farm Bureau and Ag Coalition, helped move the bill across the finish line.