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Wisconsin Operating Engineers Enthusiastically Support Governor Evers’ Drive For Increased Transportation Funding *State Of The State Address Highlights Critical Need For Repairs And Bipartisanship*

(Madison, Wis.) – Governor Tony Evers is making good on his campaign pledge to not only fix Wisconsin’s roads and bridges but work with Republicans to find a meaningful funding solution. Tonight, Governor Evers, in his first State of the State address, once again reiterated the critical need to put partisan issues aside and make the tough budget decisions that will be required to improve Wisconsin’s deteriorating transportation infrastructure. Wisconsin Operating Engineers Local 139 president and business manager, Terry McGowan, attended the address.

“We finally have a governor who cares about the people of Wisconsin rather than his next election. Our roads have become some of the worst in the country and we need to make them safer, improve our economy and pay for the cost of repairs,” said McGowan.

“Our last governor politicized this issue and put Democrats and Republicans on competing agendas,” according to McGowan. “Now we have a real opportunity to demonstrate to the country that Democrats and Republicans can come together for the good of the state and get something done.”

Evers said, as he said during the campaign, that he remains open to finding a long-term transportation funding solution and working with Republicans to address this and other pressing issues instead of being distracted by political division.

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Established in 1902, Operating Engineers Local 139 is a statewide trade union that primarily represents skilled Operators of heavy construction equipment and mechanics who service the machines. The union has more than 10,000 active and retired members and is headquartered in Pewaukee. Local 139 also maintains district offices in Madison, Appleton and Altoona, as well as a state-certified training school for Operating Engineers in Coloma.