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**GOVERNOR EVERS TELLS WISCONSIN BUILDING TRADES GROUP IT'S TIME TO
MOVE FORWARD ON TRANSPORTATION
State Budget Address Promoted Increased Revenue For Transportation, Dignity
For Workers And Tax Cuts For Working Families**

(MADISON, Wis.) – This morning, Governor Tony Evers' was busy promoting his "people's budget" before the AFL-CIO Building and Construction Trades Conference in Madison. The governor outlined today the need for sustainable funding for transportation, in light of his budget proposal of raising the gas tax 8 cents a gallon and eliminating the regressive Minimum Markup law on gasoline.

Terry McGowan, the president and business manager for the Wisconsin Operating Engineers Local 139 said, "This governor is not afraid to roll up his sleeves and do the heavy lifting required to push this morally and financially needed budget through the legislative process. Not only will our roads and bridges get repaired, but the workers on those projects will be paid family-supporting wages."

In addition to outlining bold and meaningful funding options for funding the transportation budget, Evers went to bat for the middle class and the construction industry by calling for the reinstatement of the state's Prevailing Wage Law, the abolishment of the "Right to Work" law, and the implementation of a middle-class tax cut that will put hundreds of dollars back into the pockets of working families.

"Evers, through his actions, proves that he honors the dignity of work and believes that the men and women who build and maintain the infrastructure of this state deserve to be paid an honorable family- supporting wage," said Terry McGowan.

Governor Evers also proposed returning more control back to local governments - restoring power to those elected officials who actually deal with the critical issues and decisions facing cities, villages, towns and counties.

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“We understand that Republicans and Democrats will be challenged to find common ground on some of these issues, but we can no longer delay repairing our crumbling transportation system before more people get hurt, more highways are shut down or before bridges start falling down. And, getting more people back to work at a family-supporting wage is a noble endeavor.”

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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.