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## **Sen. Jacque Applauds WisDOT Commitment to Southern Bridge for Brown County**

(Madison, WI) State Senator André Jacque (R- De Pere) issued the following response today to Gov. Tony Evers' reconsideration of his prior veto and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's public commitment to funding its share of costs to make Brown County's Southern Bridge project a reality:

**"Both before and after being elected to the State Senate, paving the way for the Southern Bridge in Brown County has been a top legislative priority for myself and many other government and economic development officials working together in Northeast Wisconsin. We fought incredibly hard to get my budget provision adopted this summer after numerous discussions with legislators, Gov. Evers and Secretary-designee Thompson only to feel like the rug was pulled out from under us by the Governor's veto.**

**Fortunately, our combined efforts and discussions with stakeholders never subsided. I am extremely excited by the reconsideration and willingness of WisDOT to publicly commit to what they've been privately saying to myself and others for months. There is no doubt that Governor's Evers inexplicable veto caused considerable chaos and uncertainty for the Southern Bridge project. Luckily it did not take them long to realize their mistake.**

**I took secretary designee Craig Thompson at his word that this critical infrastructure need for economic development and traffic congestion would still move forward at the planned location in the near future. At the time the Governor vetoed my budget provision, I said I would do everything I could to help them correct their mistake. Thankfully, they did. Our county and municipal government leaders didn't give up either, nor did the Greater Green Bay Chamber of Commerce as we collectively redoubled our efforts.**

**The fundamental disconnect between the administration's public actions and private assurances has been fixed and I am once again ecstatic to see this critical connection across the Fox River is on a clear path forward."**

Sen. André Jacque represents Northeast Wisconsin's First Senate District, consisting of Door and Kewaunee Counties and portions of Brown, Calumet, Manitowoc, and Outagamie counties.

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