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Governor Evers Plays Trick or Treat with Northeastern Wisconsin Communities

Madison--State Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette), Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Finance released the following statement after yesterday's announcement from the Department of Transportation (DOT) that the I-41 Southern Bridge interchange project is back on track:

"We should call this recent announcement what it is: petty political games from Governor Evers. If the project was never in doubt as DOT said, the Governor should not have vetoed it. Instead, he is more interested in taking meaningless victory laps than actually working together for the good of northeastern Wisconsin."

This announcement comes as the wake from Governor Evers' vetoes targeting Northeastern Wisconsin were just beginning to settle. Funding for the community-supported Southbridge Road intersection as a part of the I-41 expansion project was included in the budget passed by Republicans. Surprisingly, Governor Evers vetoed this crucial bridge project. In its announcement, DOT said that the bridge project was never in question. In July, Brown County Executive Troy Steckenbach [called](#) the Governor's veto an '*unfortunate decision*'.

"In what seems to be a trend, Governor Evers is now embracing actions taken by Republicans in the state budget process. The list of vetoes that targeted northeast Wisconsin is long:

- A Kaukauna bridge project that, two months after vetoing, the Governor turned around and announced it would be funded;
- \$15 million in local road aids, originally intended for local government road construction projects, which the Governor turned into a \$75 million "slush fund" for the Governor and DOT;
- Funding that was intended for the Green Bay Visitors Center and that the Governor intends to use for correctional facilities; and,
- A library renovation on the campus of UW-Green Bay.

Governor Evers should spend more time outside of Madison instead of playing politics with the issues that matter most to everyday Wisconsinites. I look forward to seeing what Republican idea Governor Evers reverses course on and takes credit for next."

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