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## **Wisconsin Operating Engineers Support Re-start of I-94 East-West Corridor Project**

PEWAUKEE, WI – Wisconsin Operating Engineers Local 139 praise Governor Evers' announcement that Wisconsin is moving forward on the I-94 East-West Corridor Project. The project would mitigate congestion problems and improve safety on one of the busiest corridors in the state.

This project's significant economic growth, projected to bring up to 10,000 construction jobs to the State of Wisconsin, supports Wisconsin's trade organizations and will help recover our economy during this critical time.

“Transportation infrastructure is the engine for the economic development of any city. When the Zoo Interchange expansion took place, plans for the Milwaukee component of it were suddenly canceled, effectively creating a bottleneck causing daily traffic backups for commuters and commerce,” said President/Business Manager Terry McGowan. “Not to mention what it does to miles of traffic surrounding the Zoo Interchange during sporting and festival events.”

“This vital expansion also creates job opportunities for Milwaukee residents that are not just temporary; it provides good skilled trade careers through apprenticeships offering good pay and benefits,” said McGowan.

The highly skilled members of the Operating Engineers Local 139 are steadfast and ready to move this critical project forward with Governor Evers.

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*Established in 1902, Operating Engineers Local 139 is a statewide Wisconsin trade union that primarily represents skilled Operators of heavy construction equipment and mechanics who service the machines. The union has over 10,000 members throughout the state 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.*