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Wisconsin Towns Association Supported Budget Provisions

Earlier this week, the Wisconsin State Assembly and Senate passed the proposed 2021-23 state budget. It now moves to the Governor's desk for action. The Wisconsin Towns Association supports and respectfully requests the Governor to sign a number of provisions into law that would fund roads, bridges, and culverts; spur broadband expansion; and invest in local government's ability to address the fire/EMS funding and volunteer crisis. The provisions noted below will result in improved economic development opportunities, public safety, and local government funding flexibility that truly moves Wisconsin forward.

- 2% increase in General Transportation Aids
- Repeat the one-time investment in the Local Road Improvement Program funded at \$100 million.
- Increase transportation funding flexibility for low property value towns.
- Prevent local government General Transportation Aids from being negatively impacted when federal or state disaster aid funding is received.
- Increase County Forest Acreage Share payments by \$0.33 per acre and increase payment in lieu of taxes on DNR properties to a minimum of \$3.50 per acre.
- Increases in the Funding Assistance Program, MA reimbursement for ground ambulance transport, and the Length of Service Award program.
- Increased funding (\$125M) for the Broadband Expansion Grant Program.

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