

Transportation Funding

Fair Share for Local Roads

Local roads are the backbone for Wisconsin commerce and industry, stimulate growth and promote a healthy economy.

The percentage of state transportation funds devoted to local road projects is shrinking. The overall size of the state Transportation Fund is also shrinking because motorists are driving less, driving more fuel efficient cars, buying fewer gallons of gasoline and paying less in gasoline taxes.



Local governments are subject to tight levy limits on local levies, and state shared revenue has been cut for local governments, which further restricts the local governments' ability to fund local road maintenance.

In the 2017-2019 budget, Wisconsin Farmers Union supports:

- Use of any of the following to increase funding for road projects: **general fund/income tax, gas tax, vehicle registration fees based on gross vehicle weight, local sales taxes, new vehicle tax, and local wheel taxes.**
- **Giving local governments authority** to design policies that address the unique transportation challenges in their communities. This would include giving counties and municipalities the authority to raise taxes to repair their local infrastructure, if approved by local referendum.

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