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To: Joint Committee on Finance

From: Andrea Kaminski, on behalf of League of Women Voters of Wisconsin

Re: Statement on financing transportation infrastructure

Transportation infrastructure is vital for economic activity and personal mobility. The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin (LWV WI) supports funding to repair and maintain past investments in road and bridge infrastructure. We believe the state should delay major new road construction in order to restore existing roads in poor condition as well as structurally deficient bridges.

We urge lawmakers not to fund road maintenance with debt and not to place it in the General Fund where it would be in competition with other critical services such as public education. LWV WI supports an increase in the gas tax and indexing it to inflation. Building state roads and bridges to standards that accommodate heavy trucks is an additional expense, yet heavy trucks are the greatest cause of infrastructure damage. Therefore, LWV WI supports a per-mile fee on heavy trucks.