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STATEMENT ON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUDGET

Racine – County Executive Jonathan Delagrave released the following statement after the Wisconsin Department of Transportation submitted its 2017-2019 budget request to state officials on Thursday.

“I’m pleased that Governor Walker acknowledged the transportation needs of the state’s 72 counties, including Racine County. We must maintain our local roads, bridges and existing highways for the safety of our residents. The increased funding will help us address many of the necessary maintenance projects and repairs on our roads.

“However, the proposed delay of two years on the I-94 project in Racine County is disappointing. One of my priorities is to promote economic development along the strategic I-94 corridor. The proposed delays make it difficult to attract new investments and retain businesses that depend on properly developed and maintained roads along this critical stretch.

“It’s important to note that although the proposed budget embodies fiscal conservative management of available resources, it does not solve many of the most pressing transportation funding issues facing the state. We are confident that a solution can be found if all parties and levels of government come together to consider what’s best for Wisconsin and its future.”

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