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## **COUNTY EXECUTIVE DELAGRAVE STATEMENT ON INFRA GRANT APPROVAL**

*County Executive heavily lobbied federal officials for grant to upgrade Racine County infrastructure*

Racine – Racine County Executive Jonathan Delagrave released the following statement today on a \$160 million Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) federal grant awarded to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for Interstate 94 construction in southeastern Wisconsin:

“We are thrilled with today’s announcement that \$160 million in federal money will be directed to southeastern Wisconsin to help rebuild Interstate 94. With Racine County preparing for massive growth in the coming years, the INFRA grant is crucial to upgrading our infrastructure and improving this critical corridor for our community,” Delagrave said.

Delagrave heavily lobbied federal officials in Washington D.C. for the grant, which allows the I-94 North-South Project to be completed by 2021, rather than 2032 – avoiding years of freeway construction for Racine County residents and commuters.

“I want to thank Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao and federal officials for recognizing the importance of this project. This investment into the I-94 North-South Project will strengthen our economy and help move passengers and goods efficiently throughout the region,” Delagrave said.

### **FOR BACKGROUND PURPOSES:**

As a key component of the National Highway Freight Network, I-94 traverses over 1,500 miles and connects major U.S. cities like Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee, and Minneapolis. This corridor plays a vital role in the local economy, allowing for the transportation of goods and passengers throughout the region.

I-94 has not been fully reconstructed since its completion in the late 1950s and early 1960s. The current WisDOT expansion project will replace frontage roads, ramps, pavement, bridges, and other structures, and redesign interchanges to improve safety, traffic flow, and operational deficiencies. It will also increase the number of general purpose lanes from six to eight from the Wisconsin/Illinois state line to the City of Milwaukee.

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