

The Town of Cedarburg, Wisconsin

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF CEDARBURG, WISCONSIN

RESOLUTION #2012-16

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO FAIRLY FUND LOCAL ROADS

- Whereas, Local roads are the backbone for Wisconsin commerce and industry, stimulate growth and promote a healthy economy; and
- Whereas, Roughly 90% of Wisconsin's public roads are local roads which carry 40% of the state's traffic yet only 30% of the Wisconsin's segregated Transportation Fund spending in 2012 will go for local road projects – down from 40% 20 years ago; and
- Whereas, Road user fees like gasoline taxes and vehicle registration only pay for part of the costs of repair, maintenance, repaving and replacement of local roads and streets; and
- Whereas, The state Transportation Fund is shrinking because roughly 30% of its funding comes from gasoline taxes and the high cost of gasoline has motorists driving less, driving more fuel efficient cars, buying fewer gallons of gasoline and paying less in gasoline taxes; and
- Whereas, Eighty percent of local road costs are paid by non-user funding sources like property taxes; and
- Whereas, Most user fee revenues are spent to fund new highway expansion, leaving little funding for local road repair, maintenance, repaving and replacement; and
- Whereas, Town governments in 2010 received state funding for only 37% of eligible road maintenance costs; and
- Whereas, Local governments are subject to tight levy limits on local levies, and state shared revenue have been cut for local governments, which further restricts the towns'; villages'; cities'; and counties' ability to fund local road maintenance;
- Whereas, The Wisconsin Towns Association supports the proposed constitutional amendment; now, therefore, be it

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Cedarburg, Wisconsin does hereby support an amendment to the State of Wisconsin constitution that requires that one half of all revenues in the state Transportation Fund be distributed to local governments in the state of Wisconsin.

Passed and adopted this 7th day of November, 2012.


David M. Valentine, Town Chairman

Attest:


Debra Otto, Town Clerk