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TO: Senators Marklein, LeMahieu, and Tiffany
    State Capitol

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SUBJECT: One-Time Funding for Town and County Highway and Bridge Construction Projects -- Revised

As you requested, this memorandum describes a proposal that would appropriate $133.6 million GPR in 2019-20 to provide one-time grant funding for town and county highway and bridge construction projects and a program structure for disbursing this funding.

a. Eligibility Criteria. The proposal would specify that eligibility under this program would be limited to any town and county highway and bridge construction project currently eligible for funding under the discretionary component of the local roads improvement program or the local bridge assistance program. Bridge strengthening projects, which would increase the load-bearing capacity of a town or county bridge in order to increase or remove a posted weight restriction, would also be eligible for funding. Any project with a federally funded component would not be eligible for funding through this program. No project could be awarded funding through this program after June 30, 2023, which would allow DOT four years to make project awards. Any unencumbered program funds would be lapsed to the general fund on June 30, 2024. DOT would be required to give priority within this program to projects for which construction could commence by June 30, 2021.

b. Town Funding. The proposal would provide $61,600,000 GPR in 2019-20 to a newly-created appropriation to provide one-time funding for town highway and bridge construction projects. Towns would be eligible to receive total project funding for up to $1,000 per mile of their jurisdictional mileage total, subject to the availability of program funding.

c. County Funding. Under the proposal, $72,000,000 GPR in 2019-20 would be provided to a newly-created appropriation to provide one-time funding for county highway and bridge construction projects. Each county would be eligible to receive up to $1,000,000 in total project funding through this program.

I hope this information is helpful. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

JWT/sas