

I-94 East-West **ECON**Connect



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Dear Senators Fitzgerald and Darling:

As the Wisconsin State Senate considers next steps regarding transportation funding for the 2017-19 biennium, we write on behalf of the I-94 East-West Econ Connect coalition to thank you and your fellow Senate Republicans for including enumeration of the I-94 East-West corridor project in your proposed budget package. Swift and safe travel on the East-West corridor is essential to the strong economy of our region and state, and it is critically important that efforts to rebuild this severely outdated and deteriorating roadway remain on track.

We urge you and your Senate GOP colleagues to stand strong on the East-West corridor as budget discussions continue. By making sure the I-94 East-West rebuild is enumerated and funded in the 2017-19 state budget, you have the power to ensure that the state uses its fiscal resources wisely and that this much-needed upgrade continues to move forward in a timely and cost-efficient manner.

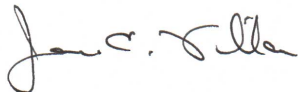
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The East-West Corridor is the gateway for the products, venues and jobs that make our state vibrant and healthy – it's the road that keeps Wisconsin "open for business." Please continue to support safety, jobs and economic development by enumerating and funding reconstruction of the I-94 East-West corridor in the 2017-19 budget.

Sincerely,



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