



February 23, 2021

Governor Tony Evers
State Capitol,
Madison, WI

Dear Governor Evers,

The undersigned collectively represent four of the largest Milwaukee County suburbs with a combined population of approximately 170,000 residents and together we are sending you this letter in support of the enumeration of the I-94 East-West Corridor project in your proposed State Budget.

As elected executives of communities whose residents are impacted regularly by this outdated and deteriorating highway facility, we understand that this project can no longer be delayed. We want to express our desire to see the project included in the final budget when it is signed into law later this year.

This freeway segment is past due for reconstruction and needs updated design for safety and improved capacity. Accidents in the area occur at rates two and half times that of other similar freeway segments in the state. This freeway segment is over 60 years old with antiquated ramps and other design elements that must now be updated. Applying another bandage to this important and highly utilized segment of our Milwaukee County freeway system is not the answer. It is time to redesign and reconstruct this freeway segment to improve traffic flow and safety for the thousands of our constituents that travel the corridor every day to reach jobs, school or entertainment destinations in our area.

This corridor is a key artery for the economy of our community and region. Congestion here costs our communities and residents time and money. We can't afford to delay this project. We also can't afford to allow the safety concerns of our residents to go unaddressed any longer.

It is imperative that this project move forward soon. The state has invested time and resources developing a sound plan for this project and now is the time to work with the Federal Government to move forward to carry out that plan for the benefit our citizens.

We applaud your vision to include this enumeration in your budget and we wholeheartedly endorse moving forward with this much needed and important improvement to the I-94 East-West Corridor Milwaukee County.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Mayor Mike Neitzke.

Mayor Mike Neitzke, Greenfield

Handwritten signature of Mayor Dan Bukiewicz.

Mayor Dan Bukiewicz, Oak Creek

Handwritten signature of Mayor Dan Devine.

Mayor Dan Devine, West Allis

Handwritten signature of Mayor Steve Olson.

Mayor Steve Olson, Franklin