

**Resolution # 27-2026**

*Indefinitely Postponed*

Supervisors	AYE	NAY	ABS	ABSTAIN
Condado	X			
Sorgel	X			
Lopez	X			
Almekinder	X			
Newman	X			
Hess	X			
Burns	X			
Fisher	X			
Jensen	X			
Schultz	X			
Kilbourn	X			
Fried	X			
Hamburg	X			
Timmons	X			
Oettinger	X			
Briggs	X			
Tauges	X			
Showalter	—	—	X	
Sheppard	X			
Cushing	X			
Holewinski	X			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>20</b>		<b>1</b>	
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**Resolution # 27 – 2026:** Offered by the Supervisors of the ADRC Committee to Support Sustainable Transportation Funding in the State of Wisconsin.

Motion by Cushing to indefinitely postpone resolution # 27-2026. Seconded by Condado.

RESOLUTION # 27-2020

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4 **Resolution to support sustainable transportation funding in the state of**  
5 **Wisconsin.**

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7 Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the  
8 Supervisors of the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Committee  
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10 **WHEREAS**, local units of government in Wisconsin own and maintain approximately  
11 90% of the public road miles in the state, including county highways, town roads, and  
12 city and village streets; and  
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14 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's economy—rooted in agriculture, manufacturing, and  
15 tourism—relies on a safe, reliable, and well-maintained transportation network; and

16 **WHEREAS**, local governments greatly appreciate the one-time infusions of General  
17 Purpose Revenue, primarily sales and income taxes, and other revenue provided in  
18 recent state budgets, which have enabled the initiation and continuation of the  
19 successful and popular Local Roads Improvement Program Supplemental (LRIP-S) and  
20 Agricultural Roads Improvement Program (ARIP); and

21 **WHEREAS**, despite modest increases from the state over the years, transportation  
22 aids to local governments remain insufficient to keep pace with inflation and rising  
23 construction costs, leaving many communities funded below 2000 levels in real dollars;  
24 and

25 **WHEREAS**, local governments throughout Wisconsin continue to struggle to  
26 perform even routine maintenance, pavement preservation, and safety improvements,  
27 resulting in deteriorating roads and bridges; and

28 **WHEREAS**, the inaugural inventory and assessment of small bridges between 6 to  
29 20 feet found about 10% of the nearly 17,000 structures to be in poor or severe  
30 condition; and

31 **WHEREAS**, levy limits and other fiscal constraints prevent local governments from  
32 independently filling the funding gap created by inadequate state transportation aids;  
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34 **WHEREAS**, absent sustainable state funding, many communities have been forced  
35 to address their shortfalls by significantly increasing borrowing, deferring essential  
36 projects, or imposing local vehicle registration ("wheel") taxes; and

37 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin motorists currently pay among the lowest transportation user  
38 fees in the Midwest, while neighboring states and dozens of others nationwide have  
39 enacted long-term revenue measures to keep their transportation systems competitive;  
40 and

41 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin is increasingly relying on General Purpose Revenues to  
42 make needed investments, potentially pitting transportation against other vital services,  
43 such as education; and  
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45 **WHEREAS**, continued lack of growing, dedicated, and predictable revenue places  
46 Wisconsin at a growing economic disadvantage by threatening the efficiency of freight

47 movement, the safety of travelers, and the attractiveness of our state to businesses and  
48 residents; and

49 **WHEREAS**, both Wisconsin's aging Interstate highway system—largely constructed  
50 in the 1950s and 1960s—and our extensive network of state and local roads require  
51 predictable, adequate, and sustainable funding to meet current and future needs  
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53 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors  
54 strongly urges the Governor of Wisconsin and the State Legislature to enact a  
55 comprehensive, sustainable transportation funding solution that: 1. Provides adequate  
56 and reliable revenue growth for the efficient long-term planning and execution of state  
57 and local transportation programs; 2. Includes responsible and prudent use of General  
58 Purpose Revenue and bonding; 3. Adjusts any new and existing transportation user  
59 fees and other revenue mechanisms to sustain purchasing power in order to maintain  
60 and improve Wisconsin's transportation infrastructure; and 4. Ensures transportation  
61 continues to deliver for Wisconsin by adequately funding reconstruction, preservation,  
62 and safety investments on the state and local systems  
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64 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of  
65 this resolution to the Governor's office, all members of the Wisconsin State Senate and  
66 Assembly representing districts within Oneida County, and the Wisconsin Counties  
67 Association.  
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69 Vote Required: Majority =  2/3 Majority = \_\_\_\_\_ 3/4 Majority = \_\_\_\_\_  
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72 The County Board has the legal authority to ~~adopt~~: Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_ as  
73 reviewed by the Corporation Counsel, *[Signature]*,  
74 Date: 4/15/26

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76 Approved for presentation to the County Board by the \_\_\_\_\_  
77 Committee this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.  
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79 Consent Agenda Item: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

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81 Offered and passage moved by:

82 *[Signature]* Supervisor  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Ayes

\_\_\_\_\_ Nays

\_\_\_\_\_ Absent

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\_\_\_\_\_ Adopted

by the County Board of Supervisors this \_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_ Defeated

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tracy Hartman, County Clerk

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Scott Holewinski, County Board Chair