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MAJORITY LEADER NELSON ANNOUNCES
FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDING FOR WEYERS ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

MADISON – Assembly Majority Leader Tom Nelson (D-Kaukauna) announced today that the Legislature’s Joint Finance Committee will approve the use of federal stimulus funds to replace the Weyers Road Bridge. The bridge, located in the Town of Vandebroek, has been a matter of increasing concern as its condition has deteriorated in recent years.

“I have driven over the Weyers Road Bridge many times, and I can say from personal experience that it continues to pose an unacceptable threat to public safety,” said Rep. Nelson. “The safety of my constituents is paramount, so I have worked extensively with local and state officials to secure funding for its replacement. I am pleased to announce that next week, the Joint Finance Committee will officially approve the use of federal stimulus funds to replace the bridge.”

New estimates this week indicate that the state’s budget deficit has grown to over \$7 billion, and funding for the Weyers Road Bridge project is made possible only through the Federal Stimulus Package. Over \$300 million in federally funded transportation projects have been approved so far this year. The non-partisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau estimates that 30 jobs are created by every \$1 million investment in transportation projects.

“In addition to serving a critical public safety purpose, the Weyers Road Bridge project will help to stimulate our local economy by creating jobs in our community,” continued Rep. Nelson. “In these challenging times, we are working night and day to get our economy moving again, and projects like the Weyers Road Bridge are exactly the kind of investments we should be making.

“This project wouldn’t be possible without the Federal Stimulus Package, so I thank our Congressional delegation for their leadership in passing that important piece of legislation. I would also like to thank Secretary of Transportation Frank Busalacchi and Outagamie County Executive Toby Paltzer for their leadership on this issue, and I look forward to continuing to serve the constituents of the 5th District with them.”

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