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TO: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

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SUBJECT: Governor's Section 13.10 Request for Federal Economic Stimulus Funding for County Forest Road Resurfacing Project -- Agenda Item V

REQUEST

The Governor requests approval of \$474,228 in federal economic stimulus funds for the resurfacing of a three-mile section of Bayfield County CTH M.

BACKGROUND

The federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provided \$60.0 million for the federal forest highway program, administered by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The grant that is the subject of the Governor's request would be for the resurfacing of Bayfield County CTH M between Clam Lake and CTH D. The project was chosen by FHWA from a list of potential projects on national forest roads. If approved, the project would be constructed in 2010.

CONCLUSION

The Governor's request for the use of \$474,228 in federal economic stimulus funds for the Bayfield County project satisfies a requirement in 2009 Wisconsin Act 2 that a plan be submitted to the Committee for expenditure of such funds. Since the funding was awarded by the federal government specifically for this project, no alternative uses of the funds are possible under the federal program.

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