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League of Wisconsin Municipalities Statement on the Governor's 2025-2027 Budget Proposal

"Every day around the state, cities and villages with populations ranging from 56 to 560,000 work to provide critical local services to three quarters of the state's citizens. To do this job and continue to meet residents' needs, municipalities need to innovate, work collaboratively, and think creatively. The 2025-2027 Executive Budget unveiled last night by Governor Evers supports the work of Wisconsin's local governments," said League of Wisconsin Municipalities Executive Director Jerry Deschane. "The budget proposal outlines opportunities to discuss sustainable transportation funding, utility infrastructure upgrades, local revenue flexibility, economic development, and mental health and substance abuse treatment services."

"A significant priority for the League of Wisconsin Municipalities this session is funding for infrastructure. Water and wastewater utility infrastructure across the state is nearing the end of its useful lives while systems are taxed with increased demands and municipalities are required to meet more stringent regulatory standards. To save ratepayers in the long run, the ability to use the state's bond market with increased authority for low-interest loans for water and wastewater projects is imperative," stated Deschane.

Deschane added, "Continuing to invest in transportation infrastructure is a key element in supporting Wisconsin's economy and ensuring the ability to move people and goods safely and efficiently throughout the state. Agreeing on a robust and sustainable funding source is needed as fuel efficiency continues to increase and more consumers are choosing to purchase electric or hybrid vehicles."

"We want to thank Governor Evers for his commitment to utility and transportation funding and look forward to working with the Legislature on investments to further address these important municipal needs during the budget deliberations."

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