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Dear Legislators:

It's PASER time for towns throughout Wisconsin. For those legislators with local official backgrounds, you know PASER as the **Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating** system that is used by local officials to determine the condition of their roads. Every odd numbered year, town officials assess the condition of each mile of their roads using PASER. The system is taught to them by the UW-Madison Transportation Information Center. Unbeknownst to some, the local ratings in the state are not created out of thin air or by anyone other than town officials. The condition ratings combined with other data (e.g., width, length, shoulder condition, pavement type, etc.) from the WisDOT local roads inventory form the basis for infrastructure planning and investment decisions.

Enclosed you will find two fact sheets (one back, one front) that reveal the latest 2017 PASER ratings and how those ratings transfer into actual needs. Currently, only 26% of town paved roads need little to no maintenance attention. 27% need new pavement or complete reconstruction; 27% need seal coating; and 20% need crack filling. A total of 74% of town paved roads need significant maintenance or reconstruction investment.

Have town businesses and citizens earned a 21<sup>st</sup> century economy? Or, will they be stuck with 20<sup>th</sup> century infrastructure?

Sincerely,

Mike Koles  
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CC: Governor Evers