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Wisconsin Republicans reject long-term road funding in favor of cuts, delays and borrowing.

MADISON, WI – As Wisconsin faces a $1 billion transportation deficit, legislative Republicans are proposing a new round of wage cuts, project delays and outsourcing. The plan being put forward by Rep. Sanfelippo (R-New Berlin) and Sen. Kapanga (R-Delafield) rejects a series of bipartisan revenue solutions in favor of additional red tape and new limits on local control. In response to the plan, Senate Democratic Leader **Jennifer Shilling** (D-La Crosse) released the following statement:



“Once again, Republicans are proposing massive worker pay cuts, project delays and costly borrowing rather than a responsible, long-term solution to Gov. Walker’s transportation funding crisis. It’s like listening to a broken record. We have the third worst roads in the country. Outsourcing jobs and paying workers less isn’t going to fill our potholes any quicker. Instead of maxing out the state’s credit card, we need a real plan that invests in infrastructure, protects Wisconsin jobs and improves the safety of our local roads.”

The latest Republican proposal includes a full repeal of Wisconsin's prevailing wage laws. Previous Republican efforts to chip away at Wisconsin's prevailing wage laws have already contributed to a 53% increase in the number of local construction projects being outsourced. Studies have found that contracts that should be going to local workers have been outsourced to out-of-state companies that bring in cheap labor, deliver substandard workmanship and undercut Wisconsin jobs.