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Statement from TDA on Thompson Appointment for Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Madison – Transportation Development Association President Allison Bussler, director of public works for Waukesha County, released the following statement on the Craig Thompson appointment:

"The Transportation Development Association of Wisconsin applauds Governor-elect Tony Evers on his appointment of Craig Thompson to be the next Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

"Craig Thompson has more than 25 years of experience working on transportation issues throughout Wisconsin, including as a member of the Wisconsin Transportation Finance and Policy Commission – a commission created by Governor Walker to study the long-term needs of Wisconsin's transportation system.

"He brings a proven track record of inclusive leadership. During his career, first at the Wisconsin Counties Association and then at the Transportation Development Association, he has brought together Wisconsin businesses, communities, legislators and units of government. As just one example, he built and maintained a broad-based coalition – one which remained unified for more than six years – to ultimately garner support from 80% of the voting public to amend the state's constitution and protect the transportation fund.

"We look forward to working with the new Secretary, the Evers Administration and the Wisconsin Legislature to come up with a bipartisan, sustainable solution for Wisconsin's transportation challenges.

"The TDA Executive Committee is pleased to announce Debby Jackson, an experienced transportation advocate with over 15 years with the association, has accepted the position of interim executive director."

About TDA

From the buses in Racine to the Port of Green Bay to the rail lines in Superior to the Waukesha County Airport to the roads we use every day, Wisconsin's transportation network is the key to connecting goods to market and people to jobs.

Founded in 1971, the Transportation Development Association of Wisconsin promotes the vitality and safety of the state's transportation system, including public transit systems, public-use and general aviation airports, railroads, commercial ports, and roads. TDA's members comprise business, labor, units of government, regional planning organizations, as well as individuals. Contact us at: www.tdawisconsin.org and Twitter handle @TDAWisconsin.

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