

# I-94 East-West **ECON**Connect



October 18, 2019

The Honorable Tony Evers  
Governor of the State of Wisconsin  
115 East State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Governor Evers,

We represent several of the 21,000 businesses located within five miles of the I-94 East-West corridor. We are writing today to request your leadership in reinstating the I-94 East-West project.

Carrying \$23 billion in freight each year, this corridor is the heart and soul of not only the region's but also the State of Wisconsin's economy.

Through bipartisan efforts, Wisconsin has rebuilt the Marquette and Zoo interchanges. But the vital I-94 East-West corridor between the two remains outdated, congested, and unsafe. The drag on the economy only gets worse with each passing year. Moreover, millions of motorists are inconvenienced and put at risk.

We all realize an efficient, safe transportation network is key to economic growth. Transportation infrastructure continues to be a top issue among business executives determining desirable locations for commercial investment. Further delay of this project hurts existing businesses and hampers additional economic development in Milwaukee and Waukesha counties.

This project has been in limbo for too long. The uncertainty surrounding the corridor limits our ability to make informed decisions as we create and implement our future operational plans.

You have a unique opportunity to move forward with the modernization of this vital corridor. Your leadership in reinstating this project is necessary and will be most appreciated.

We look forward to hearing from you on the status of the I-94 East-West project.

Sincerely,

Steve Baas  
Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce

Tracy Johnson  
Commercial Association of REALTORS® WI

c: Secretary-designee Thompson, WisDOT