




**State Transportation Fund  
Constitutional Amendment**

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**Ballot Question on Tuesday,  
November 4, 2014**

- Constitutional Amendment regarding the State Transportation Fund
  - Should the transportation system user revenues in the transportation fund be restricted to exclusive use for funding Wisconsin's transportation systems?

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- Transportation System Revenues
  - \$3.8 billion in 2013-2015 State biennium
    - Motor fuel tax and vehicle registration
- Transportation Budget
  - \$7.0 billion in 2013-2015 biennium

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### Why an Amendment?

- In every year from 2002 to 2011 transportation funds were transferred to general fund -- \$1.4 billion in total (*Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance*)

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## Supporters of Amendment

- User fees should be dedicated to maintaining and improving transportation system.
  - Transportation user fees will be difficult to increase as necessary, if they are not dedicated to the transportation system.

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## Opponents of Amendment

- State legislature and governor should not be restricted in how to use and allocate State funds, particularly in times of economic crisis.
- There is no guarantee that public transit or bicycle and pedestrian facilities would remain in the transportation fund.
  - Proposal to remove public transit in 2013-2015 budget
  - Local road aids?

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- Ballot vote on November 4 is last step in State constitutional amendment
  - Legislature approved amendment in 2011 and 2013

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