

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	11-4022/1	Introduction Number	AB-0740	Estimate Type	Original
Description Designating and marking a portion of STH 27 in Rusk and Sawyer counties as the Willis J. Hutnik Memorial Highway					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The requirement to mark the highway must be accomplished consistent with traffic sign standards adopted under Wisconsin law. The highest priority to be served by traffic signs is to effectively guide and warn motorists so that the highway provides safe and efficient travel. Traffic control devices, including highway signs, are essential elements of guiding drivers to their destination and achieving safety. As such, use of markers or signs should be limited and, when designations are made, markers are typically placed outside the clear zone of the roadway in a nearby facility or public space.

At present, both highway and bridge designations are also listed clearly on the Official State Highway Map, although space limitations may eventually be a concern. In addition, the Department does share information about designations on its website as well.

No state funds are to be used for erecting or maintaining the markers. Instead, private contributions will be used to cover these expenses. Markers of this type cost approximately \$1,500.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

No state funds are to be used for erecting or maintaining the markers. Instead, private contributions will be used to cover these expenses.