

## **Park and Ride for Highway 2 and Highway 63**

*The citizens of Northwest Wisconsin request:*

- **That the Department of Transportation to provide funding to expand and develop a park and ride lot, including upgrading the gravel base and install security lighting.**

Currently there are no formal park and ride areas in the rural areas of Northwest Wisconsin, even though many residents travel to regional centers to for employment, medical services and personal services, such as shopping.

Traditionally, park and ride areas were developed as a way to avoid the difficulties and cost of parking within a city center or to reduce the overall wear and tear of travel on vehicles. They have also been developed for people who do not have ideal public transport from their home either because of where they live, the time it would take, or the hours they work.

For the Northwest Wisconsin communities such as Ashland, Washburn and Bayfield, many residents utilize a state-owned piece of unmaintained land as an informal park and ride area to travel in between regional centers along the US Highway 2 or US Highway 63 corridor. This lot is a clay/gravel base and tends to have numerous large potholes throughout much of the year and has no security lighting.

Lastly, transportation via a commercial bus line used to be provided across highway 2, but is no longer in operation. This lot is also located on a proposed public transit line, so the park and ride area could serve as a place to park and take public transit for the vast majority of individuals who do not live along a public transit line.

### **Solution:**

Provide funding to expand and develop this lot, including upgrading the gravel base and install security lighting. If concrete or asphalt is of concern because of the close proximity to Fish Creek, alternative surfaces such as porous pavers or concrete can effectively reduce the runoff generated.

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