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Days after Gov. Evers urged bipartisan support, Republicans obstruct state infrastructure investments.

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers released a statement Wednesday after Republicans on the State Building Commission (SBC) deadlocked on the commission on a 4-4 vote on every motion that included each project in the governor's capital budget recommendations, rejecting the governor's proposed $2.38 billion in investments in state infrastructure. Gov. Evers' plan, which included major projects in 31 of Wisconsin's 72 counties, was expected to provide approximately 29,000 family-supporting jobs and an estimated $4.3 billion in economic impact.

The move by Republicans on the SBC comes just days after Gov. Evers urged the Commission to reach a bipartisan agreement on the 2021-23 Capital Budget. The governor's urging came in an effort to avoid a repeat of the 2019-21 Capital Budget process during which Republicans abandoned the decades-old institutional tradition of recommending project requests with bipartisan support. Today's decision by Republicans on the Commission marks only the second time in SBC records the Commission has failed to collaborate on a State Building Program.