

Transportation Update

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Conference Highlights



- Large project updates
- Breakout sessions
- DBE Program update
- Work zone safety
- Emerging technologies
- Environmental updates



Looking Ahead

- Busy project schedule:
 - About 330 in FY24
 - About 485 in FY25
- Key priorities
 - Maximize federal investments
 - Focus on safety
 - Build our workforce



Historic Investments

2023-24 Biennial Budget:

- Third in a row to increase transportation revenues
- 25% increase for Connecting Highway Aid
- \$45 million increase for Local Bridge program
- \$150 million for new Agricultural Road Improvement program



Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

- \$1.26 billion in new funding for local projects over five years
- \$225 million for bridge replacement and repairs
- \$606 million already awarded for more than 500 projects
- Transit, electric vehicles, rail, harbors, transportation safety



Investing in Local Governments

Local Road and Bridge Programs

- Projected spending on local projects, FY 2020 - 2026
 - \$1.65 billion
 - Funding more than doubles



Federal Expenditure Plan

- Funding is \$145.9 million over biennial budget. Allocation as follows:
 - State Highway Rehabilitation – \$38 million
 - Urban and Rural Surface Transportation Programs – \$58 million
 - Carbon Reduction Program – \$15 million
 - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program – \$5 million
 - Transportation Alternatives Program – \$11 million
 - Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program – \$16.8 million
 - Highway Research Program – \$500,000
 - Metropolitan Planning Orgs/Regional Planning Commissions – \$1.4 million



Improving Quality of Life in Wisconsin

- Upgrades since 2019:
 - More than 7,400 miles of highways and roads
 - More than 1,780 bridges
- 2023 improvements:
 - Nearly 900 miles of roadway, more than 200 bridges



Upcoming Projects

- Blatnik Bridge – Superior/Duluth
- Lansing Bridge over the Mississippi
- I-39/90/94 Madison – Wisconsin Dells
- I-41 expansion – Green Bay/Appleton
- I-94 East-West Corridor – Milwaukee

- Check session agenda for presentations on upcoming projects





Thank You!

