# **Transportation Update**

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WTBA/WisDOT Contractor Engineer Conference

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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)

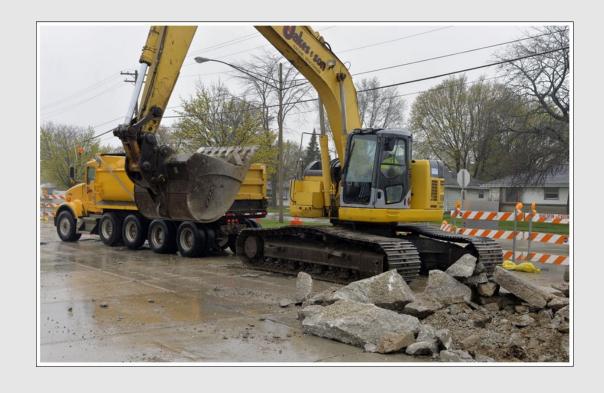
- \$1.26 billion in new funding for local projects over five years
- \$225 million for bridge replacement and repairs
- \$606 million already awarded for more than 500 projects
- Transit, electric vehicles, rail, harbors, transportation safety





# 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!**



