



Division of Transportation System Development Update

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Today's presentation

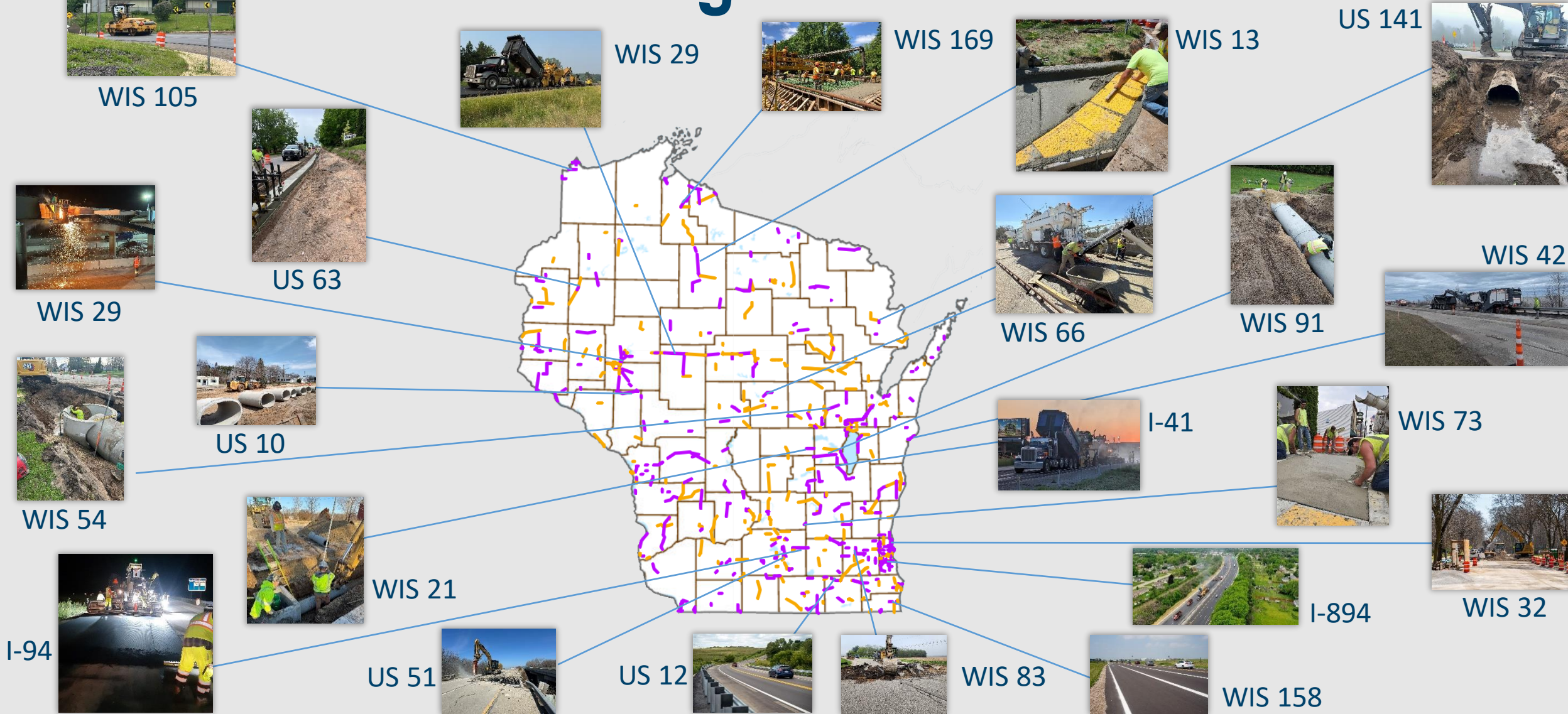
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- Program updates
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WIS 15 bridge over I-41, Outagamie County

Delivering investments

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Delivering investments

Wisconsin River Bridges, Columbia Co.



WIS 76, Outagamie Co.



I-894, Milwaukee Co.



- Partnerships (WisDOT, consultants, locals, counties, industry) make a difference
- Communicating early and often is key – that includes listening
- Get involved early in the project and remain active and engaged
- Focus on finding solutions

Delivering investments

- US 18/151 (Madison to Dodgeville)
- US 151 (Columbus to Waupun)
- I-794 Lake Interchange
- WIS 175
- I-39/90/94
- US 51, Stoughton Road (Madison)
- Blatnik Bridge
- I-94 East/West
- La Crosse Corridor
- I-41 (Brown, Outagamie counties)
- US 51 (Stoughton to McFarland)
- Wisconsin River Bridges



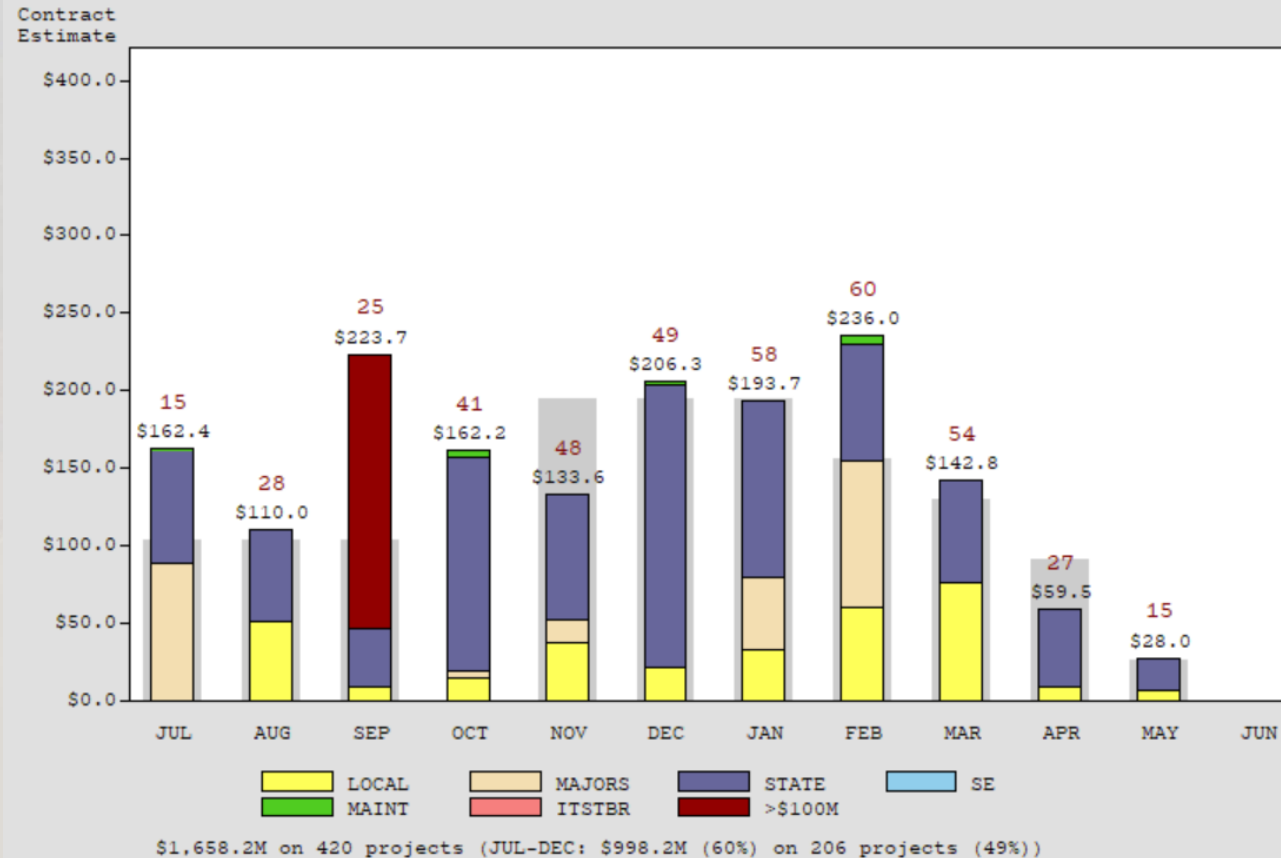
Top: I-41/Southbridge Rd. Interchange; Bottom: Lone Rock bridges



Program updates

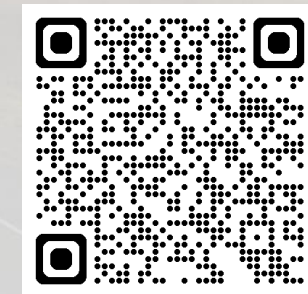
Letting Implementation Plan

Millions of Schedule CONTRACT Dollars
SFY=2026



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Check out the master contract schedule

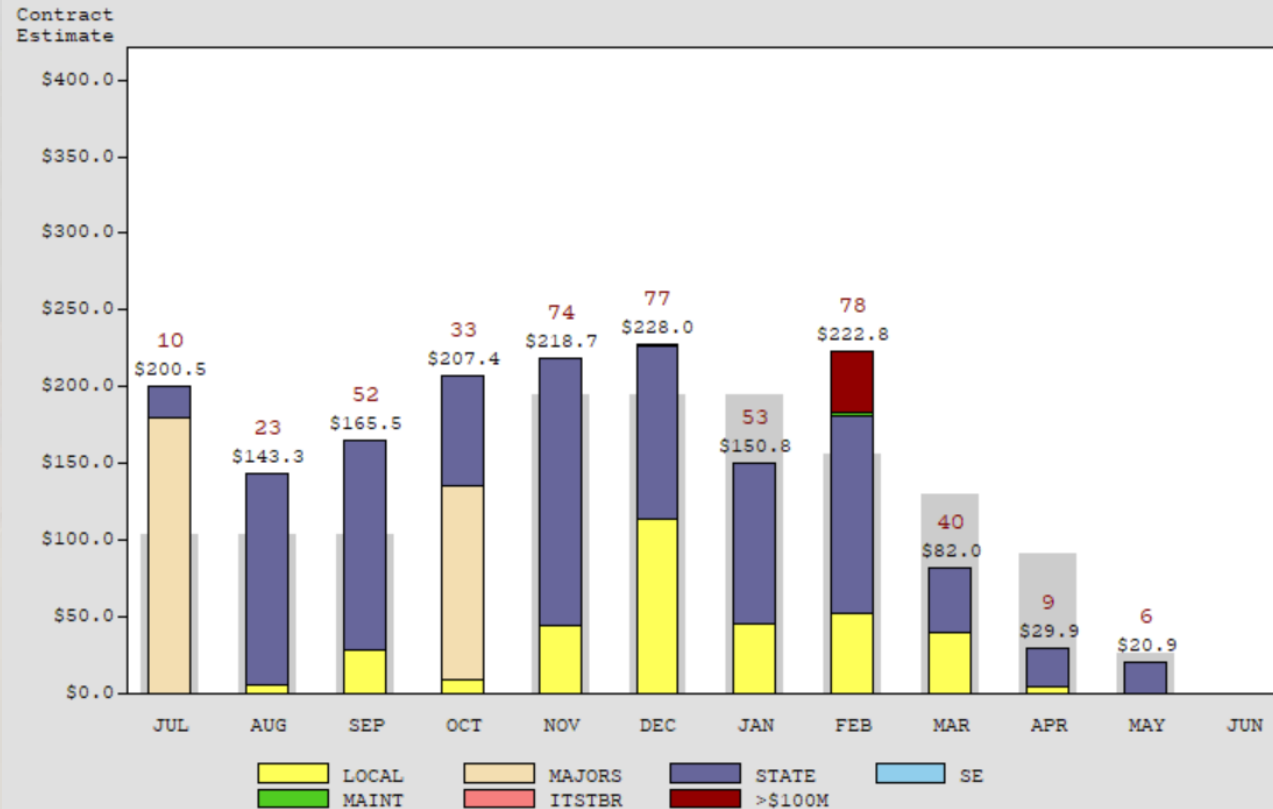


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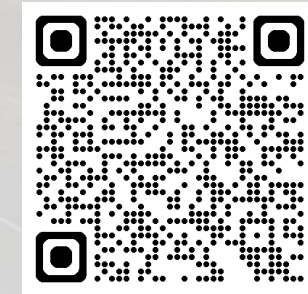


\$1,669.7M on 455 projects (JUL-DEC: \$1,163.4M (70%) on 269 projects (59%))

Goal Project Count
with Zoo, North/South & Maintenance

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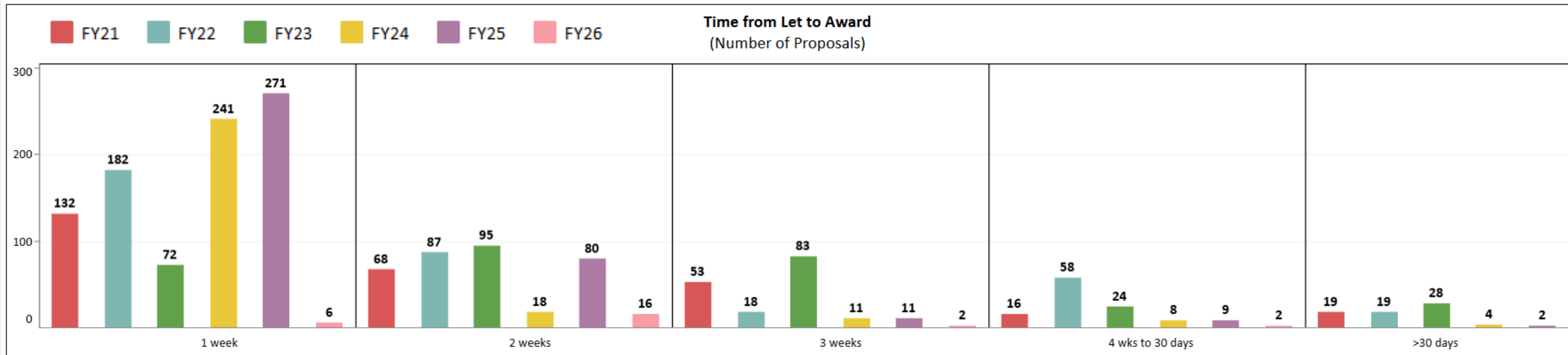
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Program updates

Time to award

Overall proposals



- **FY21** = 13.4 days
- **FY22** = 12.5 days

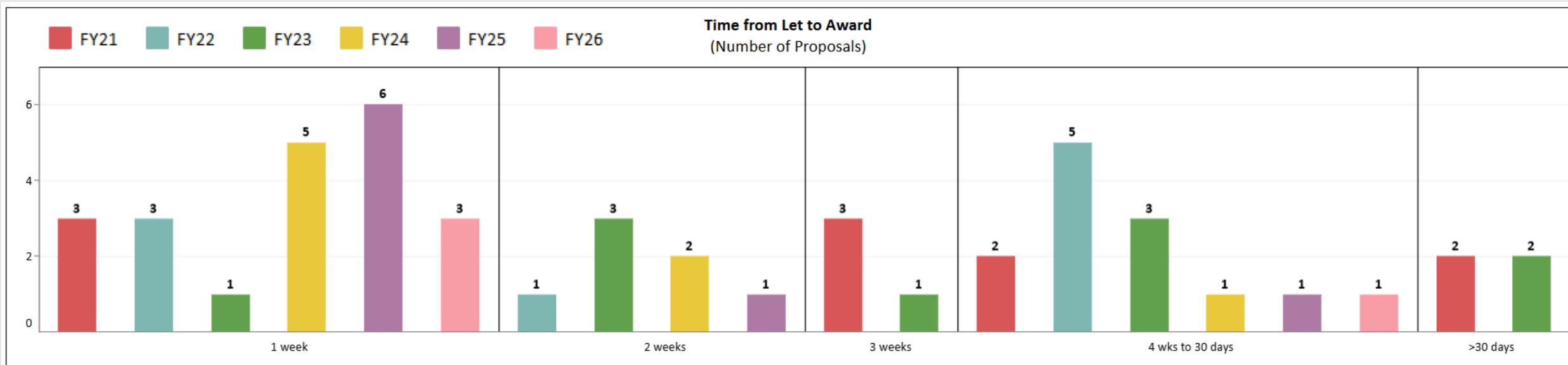
- **FY23** = 14.5 days
- **FY24** = 8.2 days

- **FY25** = 8.4 days
- **FY26 (YTD)** = 10.3 days

Program updates

Time to award

Proposals over \$20M



- **FY21** = 38.8 days
- **FY22** = 16.2 days

- **FY23** = 19.3 days
- **FY24** = 10.3 days

- **FY25** = 9.3 days
- **FY26 (YTD)** = 9.8 days

Program updates

Utilities

Utility Relocation Law

- WisDOT Standard Specifications were revised via an ASP-6, effective Jan. 2, 2024
- Allows for delays caused by non-completion of utility work, identified in the contract, to be a compensable delay.
- Contractors required to provide documentation of the impacts (i.e. contract time and/or compensation) seeking due to a utility delay
- Key takeaways so far:
 - Department and Utility Owners are monitoring schedules more effectively
 - Communication between Department/Utility Facility Owner/Contractor has improved
 - Utility facility owners seem to be more responsive
- Relocation Claims
 - 2024 – Four claims; three closed (<\$2,700)
 - 2025 – 19 claims (as of Sept. 12)

Program updates

Design-Build

wisconsindot.gov/designbuild



WIS 130, Lone Rock



WIS 125, Appleton

- **I-90/94 Interchange, Monroe County**

- Project includes two structures in the Cranberry Interchange
- Contract awarded
- Completion expected by June 2026

- **US 51/WIS 29 Preservation Project, Marathon County**

- Project includes pavement joint repair and bridge deck polymer overlays
- Construction contract awarded
- Construction start: 2026

- **I-94 bridge replacement, Jefferson County**

- Project includes replacing Crawfish and Rock River bridges and roadway in between
- Anticipated release of RFQ: Fall 2025
- Construction: 2026-28



Process improvements

Partnerships

Technical committees

- **Grading, Landscaping and Sewer (GLS)** – SPV and pilot projects involving QMP subgrade, EBS/EBS backfill, excavation waste, asphalt and concrete removal
- **Traffic Control** – working on issues with Type II signs and Type III barricades; subcommittee formed to address safety of moving work zones
- **Construction Contract Admin Workgroup (CCAW)** – working on drop-off and hazard protection guidance, developing revised CMM 830 material credit guidance, and several spec and CMM updates

Process improvements

Partnerships

e-Bonding

- Updated DT2046 form
 - Began targeted pilot phase in August (letting)
 - BPD continuing to expand targeted pilots with the September and October lettings.

e-Ticketing

- Proposed mandatory on select projects
 - HMA > 30,000 tons
 - Concrete > 20,000 square yards
 - Concrete Structures > 1,300 square yards
- Parameters will continue in 2026 season
- Updates likely in 2027

MyWisconsin ID

- Access many state sites with one name/code
- All apps using WAMS ID will transition
- DTSD goal to complete transition by late 2026
 - Stay tuned for updates



Work Zone Safety Awareness

Superior
July 28



Elcho
Aug. 13



Green Bay
Sept. 23



DeForest
May 19

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Madison
April 21

Delafield
June 26



Work Zone Safety

Utilities

- **Crews finding/hitting gas lines, fiber-optic cable lines**
 - Lines relocated incorrectly, not marked, not identified in the plan
 - We're working to improve how we monitor relocating these lines
 - We're doing more potholing to find utilities
- **When we all work together, we can make things happen!**
- **WisDOT Utility Coordination Workshop**
 - Dec. 16 at Glacier Canyon in Wisconsin Dells



Work Zone Safety

Enhanced Safety Training

- Nearly 1,000 DTSD members attended

Safety Equipment

- DTSD upgrading PPE standards for staff throughout this construction season
 - Type 2 helmets; Class III vests

CURRENT



NEW GEAR



- Contractors/consultants expected to continue following OSHA guidelines

Work Zone Safety Task Force

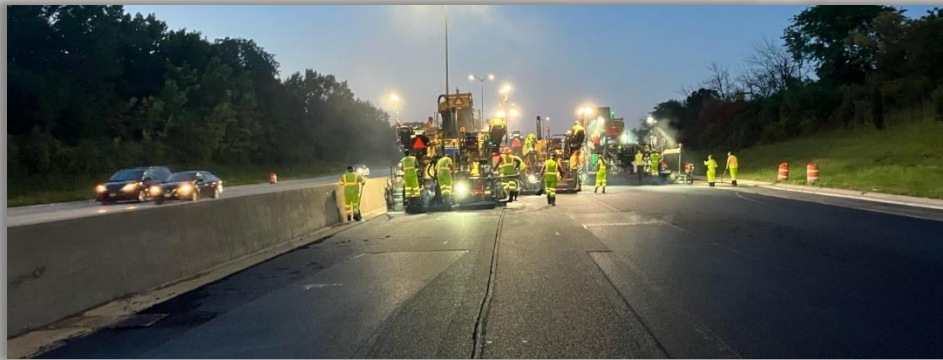
- Temporary Traffic Control
 - Ex: I-894 full closure
- New Products and Technology
 - Digital Speed Reduction System (DSRS) will be standard item on projects where workers are within 12 feet of live traffic
- Public Awareness
 - Gas station ads pilot on I-41 project
- Law Enforcement and Speeds
- Training
- Legislation and Statute Changes

Work Zone Safety

Full closures

Seven planned this year in Southeast Region

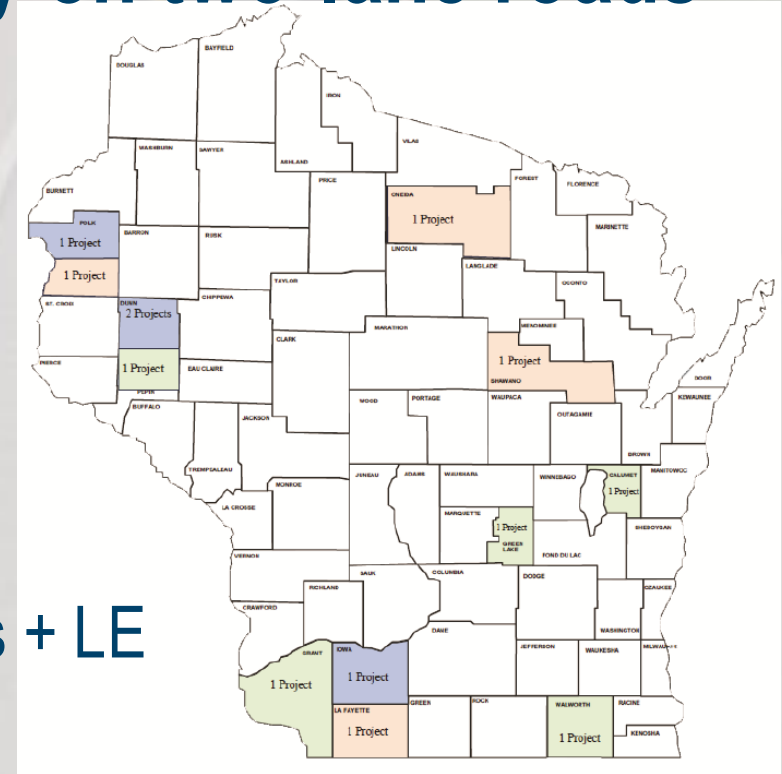
- Significantly improved project timeliness
- Increased safety for construction team
- Allows for echelon paving, which improves longitudinal joints
- Lower labor costs and reduced project delays
- Ultimately saves taxpayers money



Mitigation

- Pilot projects coming up

- Law Enforcement (LE)
- Automated Flagger Assistance Device + LE
- Speed Feedback Trailer + LE
- Alert Warning System
- Digital Speed Reduction System + LE
- Connected Arrow Board and Work Zone Location Markers + LE
- Different groups for testing purposes
 - Blue – New method
 - Green – Mix of new/standard methods
 - Orange – Control





Thank you!

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