

# Transportation Update

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# WisDOT Priorities

- Improved 8,600+ miles of roads, 2,000+ bridges since 2019
- Delivered 450+ highway improvement projects in FY25
- 2025-27 Biennial Budget:
  - Strengthens multimodal programs
  - Fourth in a row to increase transportation revenue; creates new sources of ongoing revenue
  - Facilitates continued focus on safety, mobility, service



# 2025-27 Budget: Highway Programs

- State Highway Rehabilitation
  - \$2.6 billion, a 17% increase
  - Continues positive trend to maintain system conditions at fair or above
- Major Highway Development
  - \$790 million, a 33% increase
  - Keeps all majors on schedule
  - Enumerates I-39/90/94 project
  - SE Mega: \$300 million, a 26% increase to support I-94 E/W



# 2025-27 Budget: Local Road Programs

- Local Roads Improvement Program
  - \$100 million in FY26 for local road projects
  - One-time funding for specific projects
- Agricultural Roads Improvement Program
  - \$150 million to continue ARIP, prioritize structures identified in bridge assessment program
- General Transportation Aids
  - 3% annual increase to support local roads



# 2025-27 Budget: Work Zone Initiatives

- Work zone safety pilot program
  - \$600,000 in FY26 for up to 10 projects
  - Potential projects: law enforcement mitigation, speed feedback trailers, automated flagger assistance, etc.
- Work zone safety education program
  - \$60,000 annual grant
  - To create an online work zone safety course



# Engineering to Improve Safety

- WisDOT integrating engineering safety innovations:
  - Diverging diamond interchanges
  - Roundabouts
  - R-cut turns
  - Two way left turn lanes
- To reduce crashes and injuries at intersections with crash history



# Improving Safety Together

- Industry partnerships help develop construction innovations
- Research partners identify new opportunities
- Collaboration with state DOTs:
  - MAASTO Safety Resolution
  - AASHTO Safety Summit
  - Supporting AASHTO reauthorization priorities





# Thank You!

