



Division of Transportation System Development Update

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Delivering investments

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Delivering investments

- I-94 (Waukesha County)*
- US 53 (Eau Claire)*
- US 18/151 (Madison to Dodgeville)
- US 151 (Columbus to Waupun)
- WIS 175
- I-794 Lake Interchange
- 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

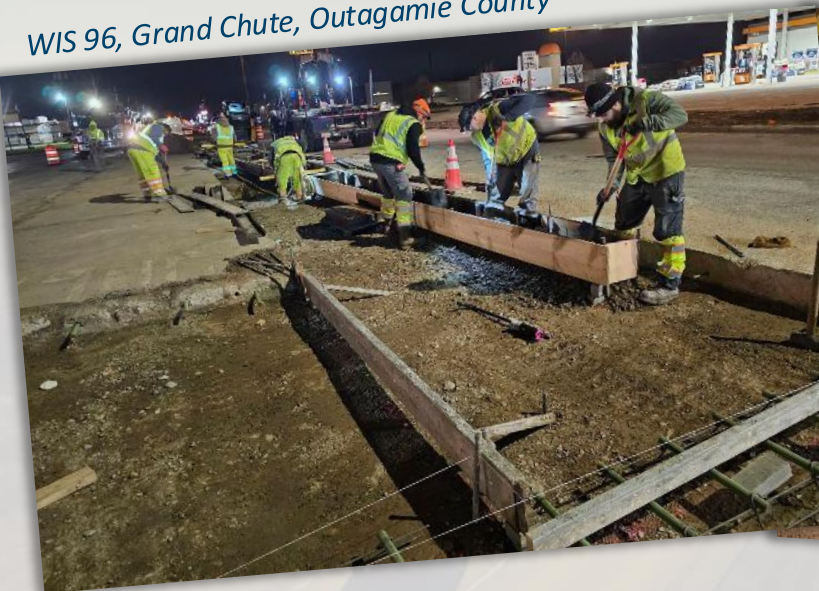


Top: Blatnik Bridge, Douglas Co.; Bottom: I-94 E/W, Milwaukee Co.



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WIS 96, Grand Chute, Outagamie County



I-43 Rock Freeway, Waukesha County



US10/WIS25, Durand, Pepin County

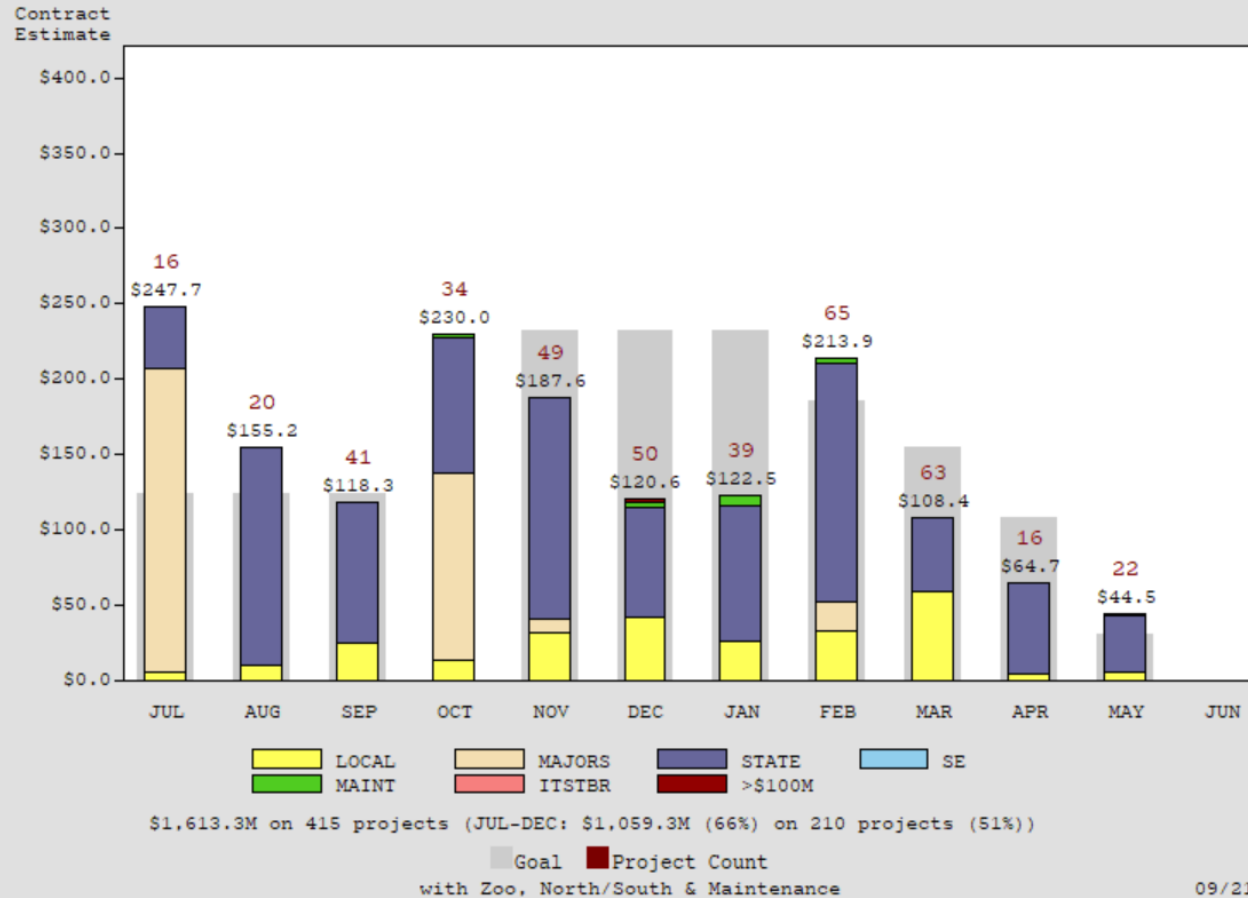


- Partnerships (WisDOT, consultants, locals, counties, industry) make a difference
- Focus on finding solutions
- Communicating early and often is key – that includes listening
- Get involved early in the project and remain active and engaged

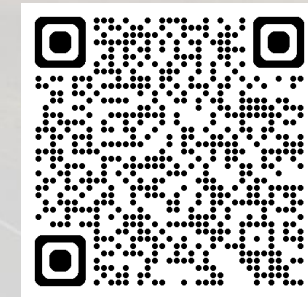
Program updates

Letting Implementation Plan

Millions of Schedule CONTRACT Dollars
SFY=2027



Check out the master contract schedule



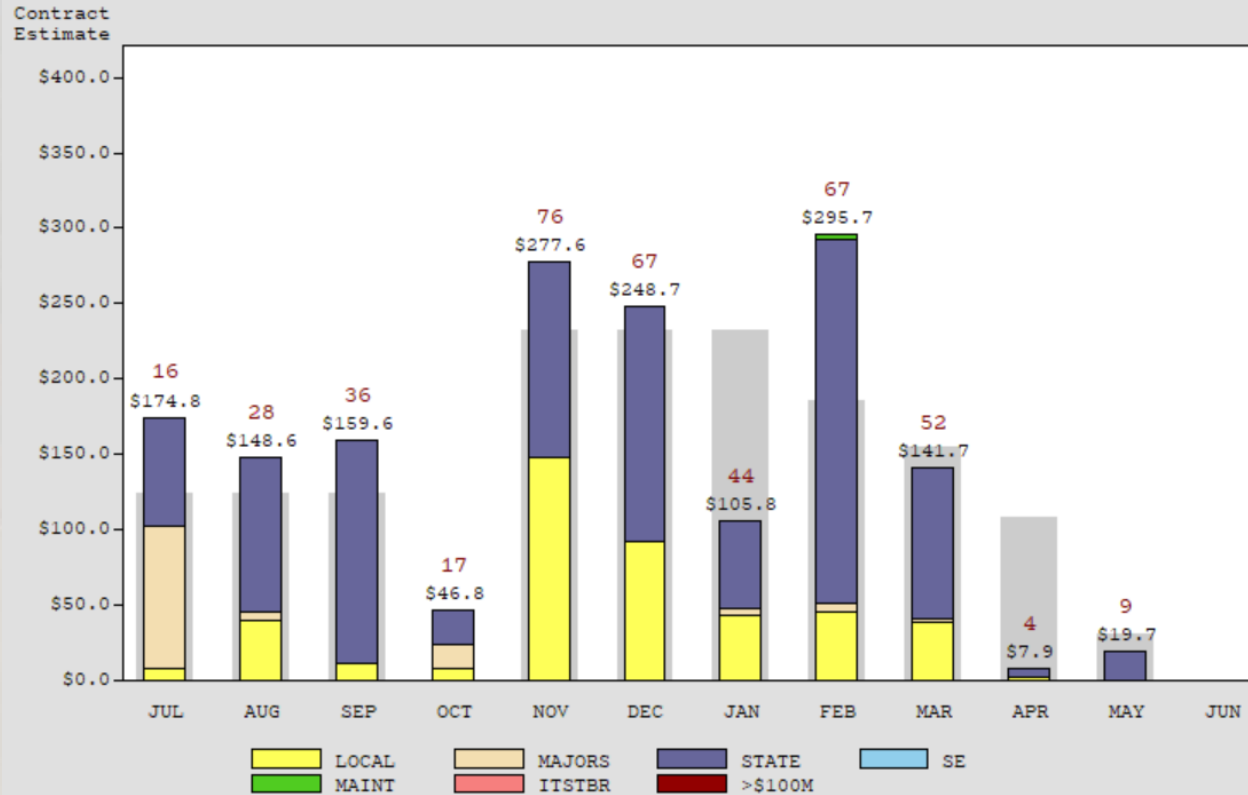
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SFY=2028

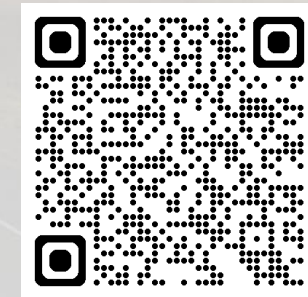


\$1,626.8M on 416 projects (JUL-DEC: \$1,056.0M (65%) on 240 projects (58%))

Goal Project Count
with Zoo, North/South & Maintenance

09/21/2026

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Local Program updates

 Locally Let Bid Notifications Local Roads Improvement Program (LRIP)													
										WisDOT Ad File Uploads		Updated	9/17/2026
Project Number	Project Sponsor	County	On Route	At Route	Toward Route	Status	Number of Sources	Newspaper/Online Platform	Web Address/Document Upload	Bid Due Date	Contact Name	Contact Phone	Contact Email Address
19831	Town of Georgetown	Polk	180th Ave	CTH E (Termini	70th St	Open	2	Indianhead and Tri-County North		10/13/2026	Jeff Traynor	(715) 554-4177	georgetownclerk2@gmail.com
19788	Town of Wyalusing	Grant	Ready Hollow Rd	CTH X (Termini	Gifford Ln	Open	1	Grant County Herald Independent		10/13/2026 0:00	Eric Fuller, Town Chairman	(608) 996-2670	clerk@tn.wyalusing.wi.gov
19625	Town of Merrill	Lincoln	Prairie Crest Ln (1)	CTH K (Termini	Prairie Crest Ln (2)	Open	1	Multi Media Channels (Merrill Foto N merrillfotonews.com		10/12/2026 0:00	Jennifer Gartmann	(715) 536-7121	jjgartmann@mmlocal.com
17240	Town of Scott	Sheboygan	Boltonville Rd	CTH D	Mink Creek Dr	Open	1	The Sounder		10/2/2026 0:00	Gary Fischer		
20498	Town of Carey	Iron	S Carey Dr	Odanah Rd (Termini)	Baldovin Rd	Open	0			9/30/2026 0:00			
20512	Town of Hartford	Washington	Pond Rd	W Monroe Ave (Break)	Taylor Rd (Termini)	Open	1	Conley Media	www.townofhartfordwi.gov	9/29/2026 0:00	Pamela Beine	(262) 673-7214	clerk@townofhartfordwi.gov
19933	Town of Wascott	Shawano	Shawano Shores	CTH H (Termini	Shawano Shores (Termini)	Open	1	Shawano Leader	https://newmedia-wi.com/taxonomy/	9/28/2026 0:00	Greg	(715) 526-2121	classifieds@newmedia-wi.com
19868	Village of Plover	Portage	Wood Duck Ln	Okey Ave (Termini)	Wood Duck Ln (Termini)	Open	1	Stevens Point Journal	stevenspointjournal.com	9/22/2026 0:00	Jamie Rokus	(877) 424-5641	jrokus@usatodayco.com
20491	Town of Forestville	Monroe	E Woody Dr	CTH PP (Termini)	Jay St (Termini)	Open	1	Monroe County Herald	monroecountyherald.com	9/21/2026 0:00		(608) 269-3186	editor@monroecountyherald.com
		Door	E Center Rd	N Carnot Rd	E Center Rd (Termini)	Open	1	Door County Advocate		9/21/2026 0:00			

 Locally LET Bid Notifications Agricultural Roads Improvement Program (ARIP)													
Project Number	Project Sponsor	County	On Route	At Route	Toward Route	Status	Number of Sources	Newspaper/Online Platform	Web Address/Document Upload	Bid Due Date	Contact Name	Contact Phone	Contact Email Address
A00064	Lafayette County	Lafayette	CTH D	STH 78 (Break)	STH 11 (Break)	CLOSED	1	Republican Journal	WisDOT Ad File Uploads	09/24/26			
A00048	Town of Gibson	Manitowoc	Jambo Creek Rd	Hillview Rd	STH 147	CLOSED	1	Herald Times Reporter	WisDOT Ad File Uploads	09/08/26	Tara Hamm	(920) 684-4433	htrnews@htrnews.com
A00066	Juneau County	Juneau	CTH J	CTH HH	STH 16 (Termini)	CLOSED	1	Juneau County Star Newspaper and Q	WisDOT Ad File Uploads	09/08/26			
A00073	Town of Quincy	Adams	Evergreen Ave	17th Dr	16th Ave (Termini)	CLOSED	1	Adams Friendship Times-Reporter	WisDOT Ad File Uploads	08/12/26	Jody Platt	(608) 572-5153	rrsales@afnewspapers.com
A00110	Town of Polar	Langlade	Edison Rd	STH 52 (Termini)	Hill Rd	CLOSED	1	Antigo Daily Journal	WisDOT Ad File Uploads	06/18/26	Alexis Wirtz-Abig	(715) 750-2085	awirtzabig@antigojournal.com
A00096	Town of Nashville	Forest	Sand Lake Rd	STH 55 (Termini)	CTH Q (Termini)	CLOSED	1	The Forest Republican	WisDOT Ad File Uploads	06/08/26	Sarah Giddings	(715) 478-3315	news@forestrepublican.com
A00027	Town of Amberg	Marinette	Dow Dam Dr	Mathis Rd (Termini)	Old 38 Rd (1)	CLOSED	1	Peshtigo Times	WisDOT Ad File Uploads	05/27/26			
A00085	Town of Mcmillan	Marathon	Staad Ave N	STH 97	CTH C	CLOSED	1	Marshfield News-Herald	WisDOT Ad File Uploads	05/14/26			
A00022	Town of Fredonia	Ozaukee	Belgium - Kohler Rr	CTH E (Termini)	CTH I (Break)	CLOSED	1	Ozaukee Press	WisDOT Ad File Uploads	05/13/26	Bill Schanen	(262) 284-3494	michelle@portpublications.com
A00071	Town of Ridgeville	Monroe	Keats Rd	STH 71 (Termini)	CTH U (Termini)	CLOSED	1	Monroe County Herald	WisDOT Ad File Uploads	05/11/26	Erica Dynes	(608) 269-9797	editor@monroecountyherald.com
A00046	Village of Endeavor	Marquette	S Limits Rd	CTH CX (Termini)	S Limits Rd (Termini)	CLOSED	1	Marquette Tribune	WisDOT Ad File Uploads	05/09/25	Steve Biba	(608) 963-7419	

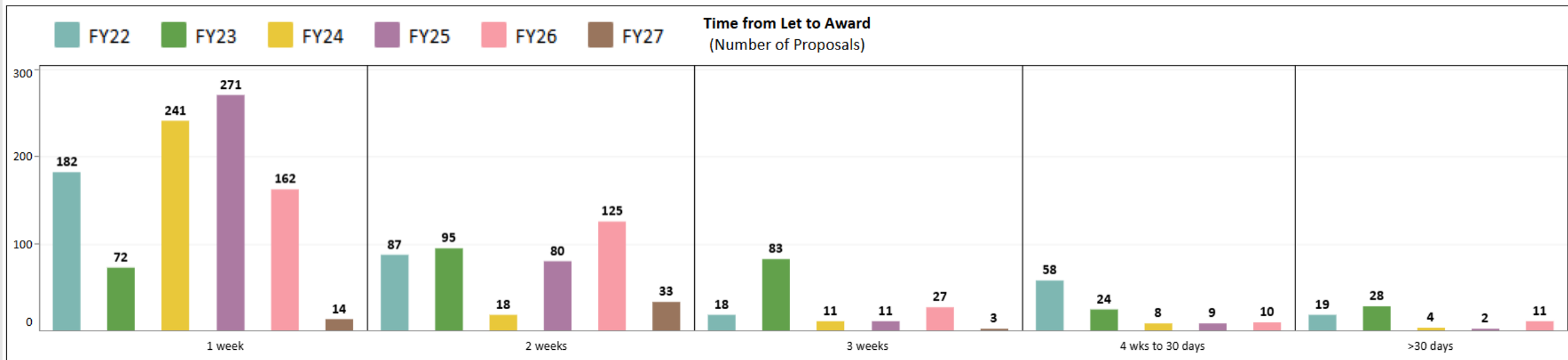
Report is updated every Monday morning ...

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/local-gov/astnce-pgms/highway/let-bids.aspx>

Program updates

Time to award

Overall proposals



- **FY22** = 12.5 days
- **FY23** = 14.5 days

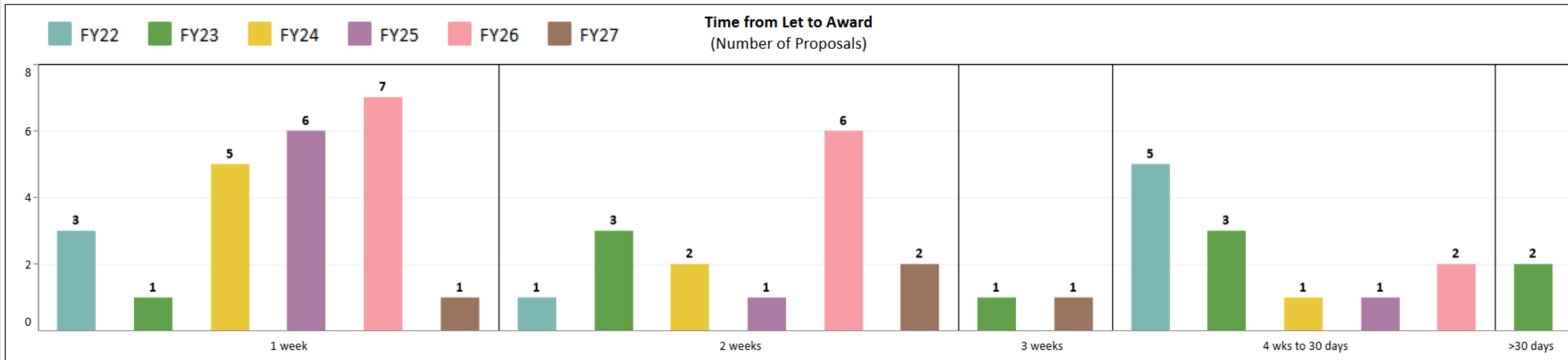
- **FY24** = 8.2 days
- **FY25** = 8.4 days

- **FY26** = 10.3 days
- **FY27 (to date)** = 8.3 days

Program updates

Time to award

Proposals over \$20M



- **FY22** = 16.2 days
- **FY23** = 19.3 days

- **FY24** = 10.3 days
- **FY25** = 9.3 days

- **FY26** = 9.5 days
- **FY27 (YTD)** = 10.3 days

Partnerships

Workshops, Roundtables and Meetings

Groups include WTBA, WCPA, WAPA, WEMA

- A place to gain a stronger mutual understanding, mix of experts
- Objective is **dialogue**, not immediate project specific solutions
 - Active **listening** and meaningful conversations are key
- With new faces and people in new roles, this is the perfect time to **connect** and build relationships.
- Discussions touched on common themes
 - Prompt payment, communication, decision making, consistency, utilities, contractor data packets
- Unique items from each group

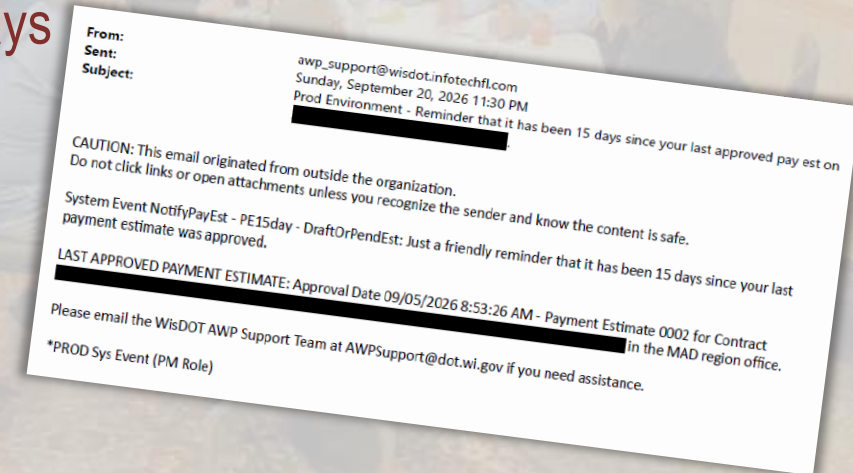


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Common themes

- Prompt payment – two progress payments per month
 - 2025 projects
 - 70% pay estimates approved by WisDOT within 24 hours
 - 96% pay estimates approved by WisDOT within 5 business days
 - 2020-2025 projects
 - Average estimate timeline 50% projects < 15 days
 - Average estimate timeline 75% projects < 18 days
 - Average estimate timeline 25% projects = 24 days
- Estimate development needs improvement
- Project engineer alerted in AWP when it's been 14 days since last approved estimate



Partnerships

Workshops, Roundtables and Meetings

Common themes

- Communication and decision-making
 - WisDOT provided in-person Section 100 Standard Specifications, dispute resolution and claim avoidance training for employees this past spring
 - Attendees ranged all levels from entry to section chiefs
 - Twelve sessions across the state reached more than 370 employees
 - Additional training planned for January-March 2027
 - Will be available to consultant project engineers/leaders
 - A workgroup is looking for ways to build communication
 - Increase face-to-face at pre-construction meetings and involve WisDOT management
 - More in-person preconstruction meetings, weekly meetings and partnering meetings



Partnerships

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Common themes

- Contractor data packets on local projects
 - Starting in February 2027, data packets will be required as part of a complete PS&E submittal
 - No additional data will have to be created for this option
 - Only the data that is already created as part of the design process is to be included
 - Ensures information shared with every contractor is complete and in a consistent format
 - Lessens/eliminates pre-bid inquiries that increase costs to the sponsor for WisDOT, consultants
 - Common requests include: Contract time to completion, soils borings/reports, alignment and model data, hazmat/asbestos reports and permits



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
- Utility Relocation Claims (URCs)
 - 2024 – 3 projects (4 claims)
 - 2025 – 8 projects (36 claims)
 - 2026 – 9 projects (38 claims)*
- Reviewing projects to identify recurring issues/shortcomings leading to URCs
 - Tight design
 - Coordination timelines
- Reviewing utility conflict reports to determine what trends lead to URCs

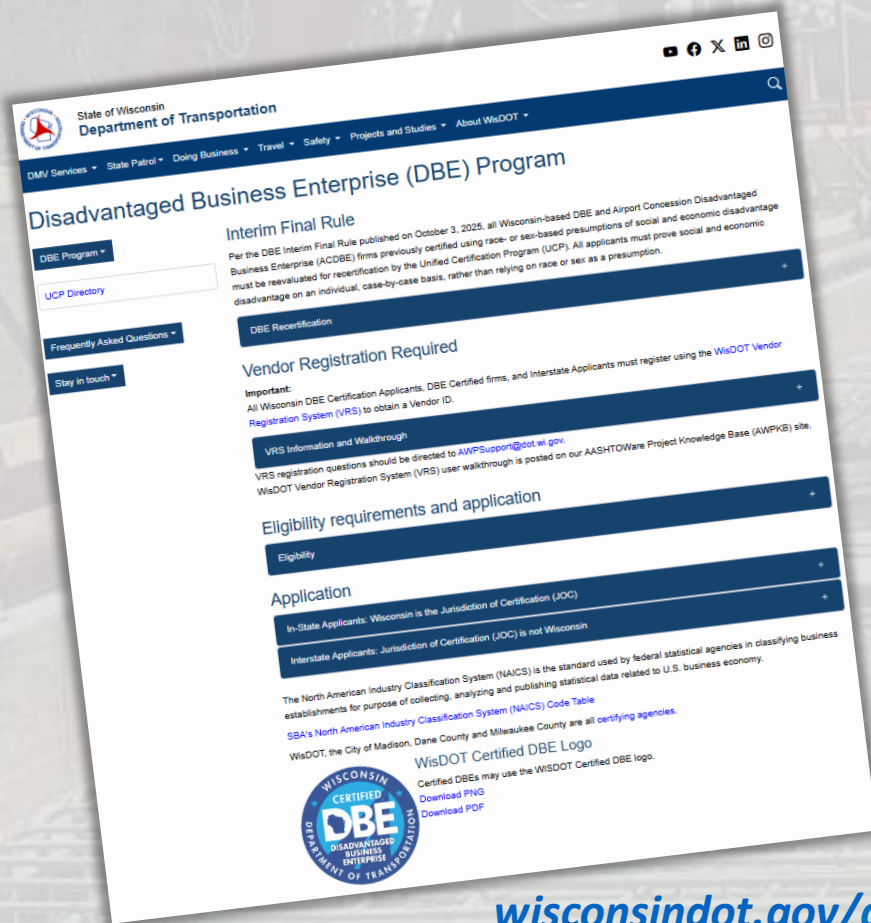


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Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE)

Recertification process

- Began accepting applications Feb. 16
 - 311 applications, 190 approved as of Oct. 2
 - UCP still reviewing three dozen applications
- Sent list of certified DBEs to FHWA
 - Resumed accepting new applications on Aug. 15
- Working on developing triennial goals
 - Website has been updated
 - New brochures coming out soon
 - Planning has begun for the annual networking summit



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Program updates

Alternative Contracting



WIS 125, Appleton



WIS 130, Lone Rock

US 51/WIS 29 Preservation Project, Marathon County

- Project includes pavement joint repair and bridge deck polymer overlays
- Construction contract awarded
- Currently under construction

I-94 bridge replacement, Jefferson County

- Project includes replacing Crawfish and Rock River bridges and roadway in between
- Contract awarded
- Construction: Spring 2027

Mirror Lake Bridges (I-94), Sauk County

- Issue RFQ: Oct. 7
- Project Kickoff Meeting: Oct. 8, 2 p.m.
- Statement of Qualifications due date: Nov. 19
- Issue RFP: Late December

I-90/94 Interchange, Monroe County: Completed months ahead of schedule



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Process improvements

Construction Contract Admin Workgroup (CCAW) updates

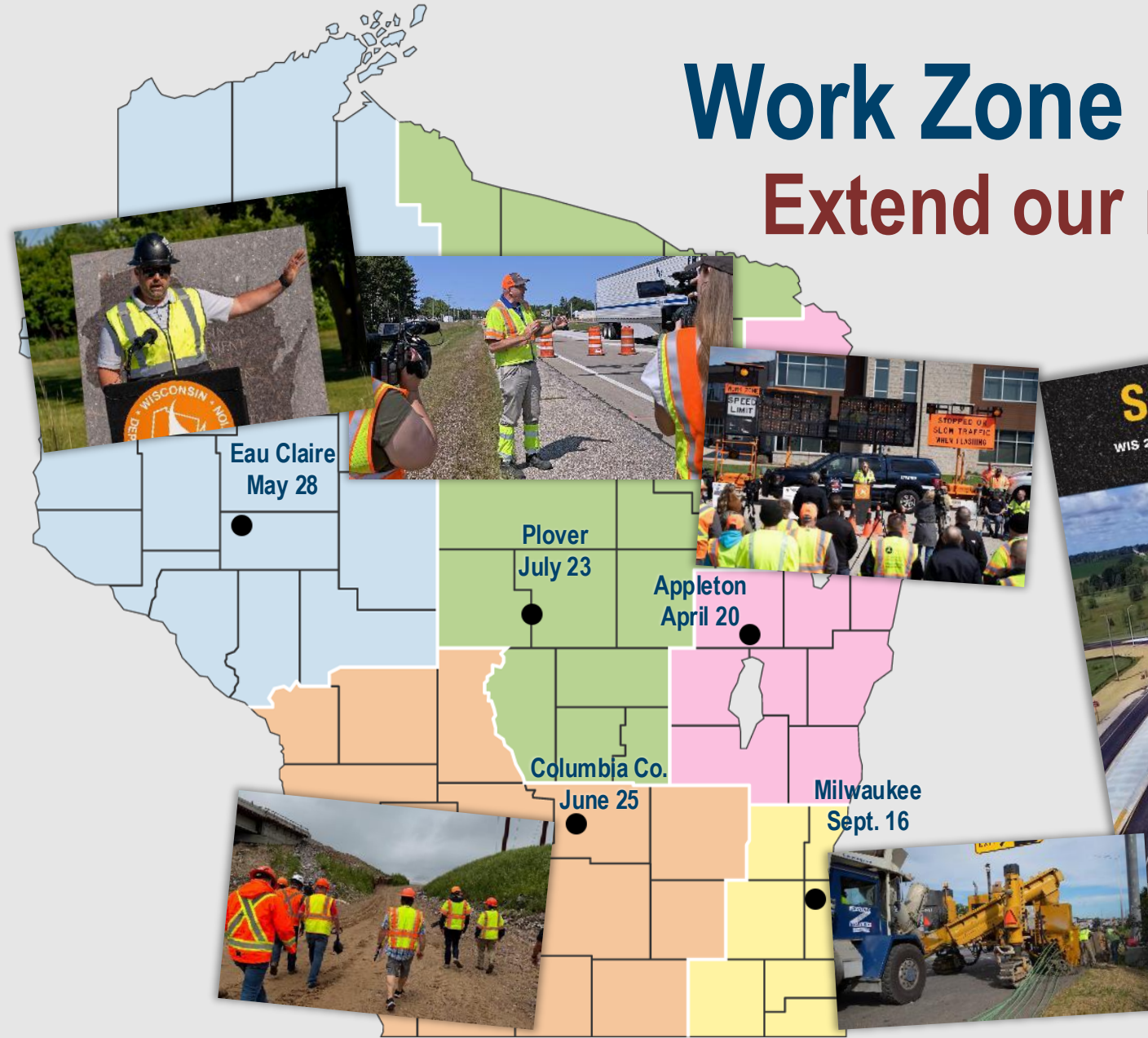
- Undistributed Items
 - Looking to ensure FDM guidance is followed
- Eliminated Work – 7%
 - Drafting guidance for eliminated work and quantity variation specifications
- Winter Work / Working Day Contracts
 - Maximizing winter work by having later starts
- Responsibility for damage to work (107.14)
 - Anticipate discussing more at CCAW in Nov.
- E-ticketing
 - Not mandate a specific product
- Pending Contract Change Order Work
 - Standard spec allows up to 90% payment on an administrative item if the change order is not yet signed
 - Will add it to our spring trainings to ensure regions know it's in specs and how to use it
- Haul Roads on Local Bridges
 - LP to ensure designers have these discussions with locals early in process
- Utilities Marked Timely

Tech Team notes online <https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/doing-bus/contractors/tech-teams/default.aspx>



Work Zone Safety

Extend our reach



Work Zone Safety

Extend our reach – Utilities

- **Crews finding 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
- Improving tracking – near misses
- **When we all work together, we can make things happen!**

- **Utility Coordination Workshop**

- Begin stakeholder groups this fall
 - Define a conflict, guidance on Utility Line Opening (ULO), enhanced utility coordination and monitoring



Work Zone Safety

Extend our reach – Full closures

I-894 successful, looking for right projects

- 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



Work Zone Safety

Extend our reach – Mitigation pilot

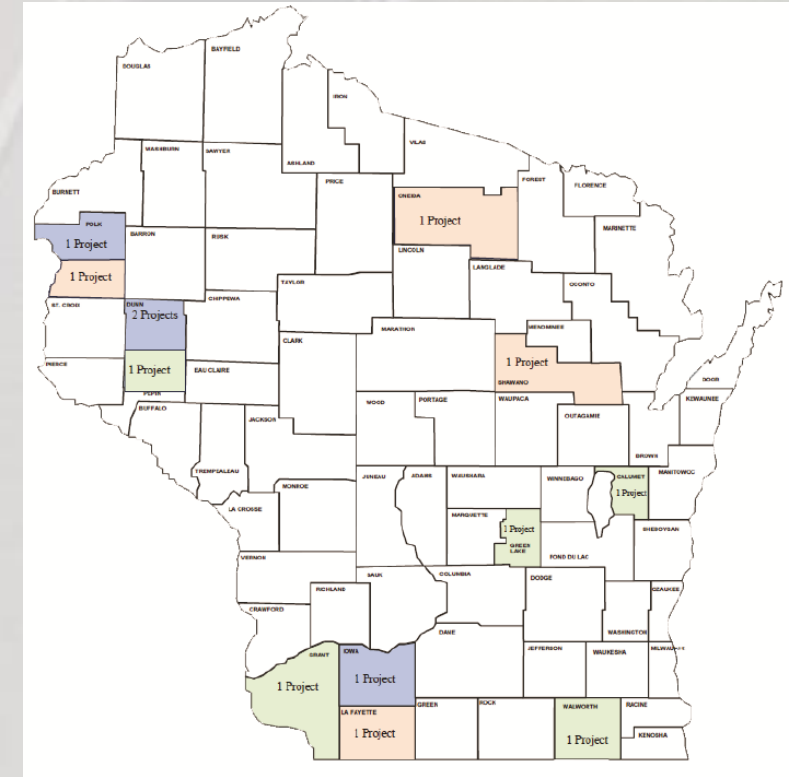
Working together to improve work zone safety on two-lane roads

■ Successful methods

- Law Enforcement
- Automated Flagger Assistance Device (AFAD)
- Temporary Signals
- Speed Feedback Trailer

■ Other methods tested

- Alert Warning System
- Digital Speed Reduction System
- Connected Arrow Board and Work Zone Location Markers



- Wrap-up meeting: Oct. 12
- Results: Late 2026

- Apply best practices on projects in 2027

Work Zone Safety

Extend our reach

Common goals Seize the opportunity

See something, say something

Leverage innovation

Training

Weekly meetings

Education

Share the message Stay engaged

You have the power to make a difference





Thank you!

Rebecca Burkel – DTSD Administrator
WTBA – Oct. 6, 2026

