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#### **WisDOT Priorities**

- Improved 9,637 miles of roads,
   2,411 bridges since 2019
- Worked on 456 hwy improvement projects worth \$1.8 billion in 2025
- 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
- TPC meets Dec. 10 to consider advancing new studies



















## 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 inventory assessment program
- General Transportation Aids
  - 3% annual increase to support local roads



















### 2025-27 Budget: Safety Programs

- Work zone safety pilot
  - \$600,000 in FY26 for up to 10 projects to focus on law enforcement mitigation, speed feedback trailers, automated flagger assistance, etc.
- Work zone safety education
  - \$60,000 annual grant to create an online work zone safety course
- Driver education grants
  - \$6 million annually to pay for driver training for income-eligible teens



















#### **Engineering to Improve Safety**

- WisDOT integrating engineering safety innovations:
  - Diverging diamond interchanges
  - Roundabouts
  - Restricted crossing u-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 projects identify new opportunities to improve policies, safety, materials
- Collaboration with state DOTs to develop shared best practices









#### **Thank You!**



