

# Division of Transportation System Development Update

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# Today's presentation

- Projects
- Lettings/Quantities
- Local Programs
- Utilities
- Program updates
- Process improvements
- Work zone safety



WIS 169, Ashland County













































**Delivering investments** 



- 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
- La Crosse Corridor
- I-94 East/West
- I-41 (Brown, Outagamie counties)
- US 51 (Stoughton to McFarland)
- Wisconsin River Bridges



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

















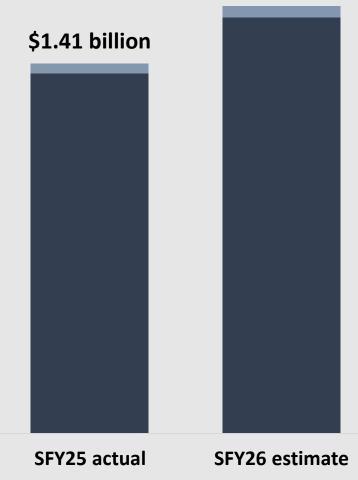






### SFY26 Projected Let Level

- Estimated let goal range
  - \$1.58-1.61 billion
  - Less than 1% for maintenance
- Assumptions include
  - Increased funding from 2025-27 biennial budget
  - Estimates for FFY26 redistribution



















\$1.61 billion

## **SFY26 Quantity Goals and Caveats**

STATE FISCAL YEAR 2026 GOALS											
	ASPHALT	CONCRETE	EXCAVATION	BASE COURSE	BRIDGE DECK	MILLING	GRINDING	STRIPING			
	(Tons)	(Sq Yds)	(Cu Yds)	(Tons)	(Sq Ft)	(Sq Yds)	(Sq Yds)	(Lin Ft)			
SFY 26 Goals	3,500,000	2,400,000	4,700,000	5,300,000	1,400,000	13,500,000	500,000	52,000,000			

- Quantities preview sent to industry in April for the first time
  - DOT processes expedited to facilitate earlier delivery.
  - Included Majors/Megas, but not SHR those increases added after budget
  - Project information was less certain striping quantities were not finalized
- Continuous improvement











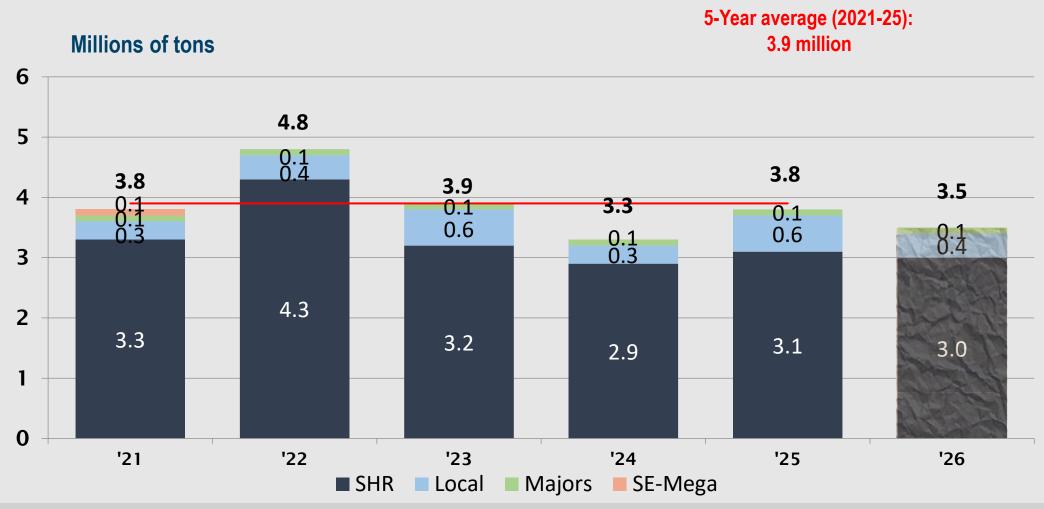








#### **SFY26 Estimated Asphalt Quantities**



















# Cold-In-Place Recycling Asphalt Quantities

- 6 projects with cold-in-place recycling scheduled in SFY26
  - Estimated 140,000 tons of asphalt
- All 6 on state routes in northern Wisconsin (4 in NWR, 2 in NCR)
- Recent years:
  - 9 projects; 227K tons in SFY23
  - 9 projects; 189K tons in SFY24
  - No projects SFY25



















## **SFY26 Shelf Projects**



- As of Sept. 1
  - 72 projects
  - \$531 million















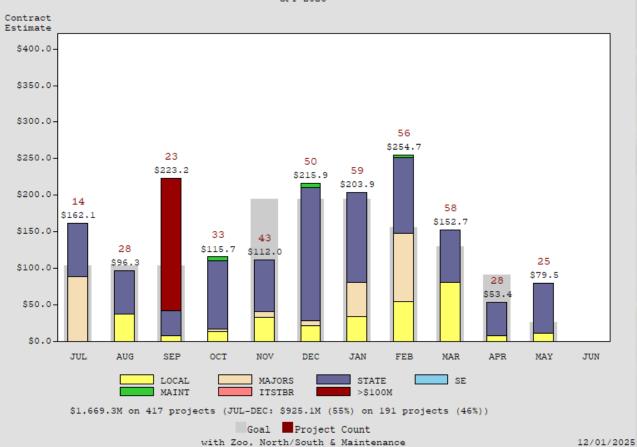




# Program updates

#### Letting Implementation Plan

Millions of Schedule CONTRACT Dollars SFY=2026



# Check out the master contract schedule



wisconsindot.gov/Pages/ doing-bus/contractors/hcci/ mstr-cntrct-sched.aspx

















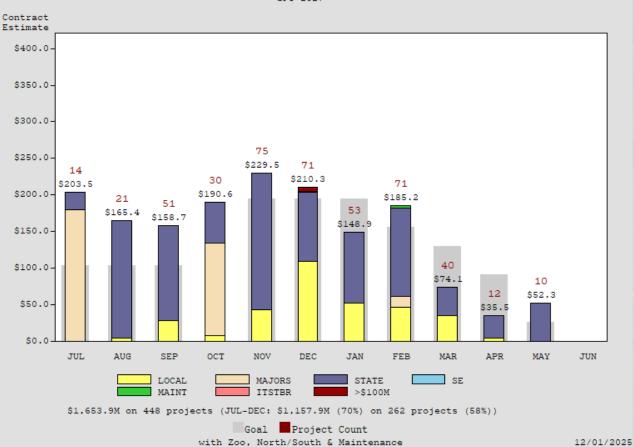




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# **Local Program updates**

- Bid announcement information for upcoming Agricultural Road Improvement Program (ARIP) projects is now available.
  - Sponsors are required to submit advertising information to WisDOT seven days prior to publishing their bidding information.
- Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) projects will be added in the coming months.
  - Modifications being made to LRIPWeb to collect information for projects awarded in the new program solicitation.
  - Will also be available to but not required of projects awarded through previous project solicitations.

















# Local Program updates

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A00074	Town of Little River	Oconto	Woodview Rd	Hogsback Rd (Termini)	USH 41 (Break)	OPEN	1	Mach IV Engineering & Surveying	WisDOT Ad File Uploads	01/06/26	See document link		
A00059	Town of Grover	Marinette	Town Hall Rd	Prestine Rd	Vernon Hills Dr (Termini)	CLOSED	1	Peshtigo Times	WisDOT Ad File Uploads	10/09/25			
A00007	Town of Mayville	Clark	Center Rd	STH 13 (Termini)	Badger Ave	CLOSED	1	TP Printing	WisDOT Ad File Uploads	09/12/25	Jane Kroeplin	(715) 223-2342	legals@tpprinting.com
A00026	Town of Red River	Kewaunee	Town Hall Rd	CTH AB	Boucher Rd	CLOSED	1	Green Bay Press Gazette	WisDOT Ad File Uploads	09/10/25	Jeffery M Dorner	(920) 680-2782	redrivertownchair@gmail.com
A00055	City of Stanley	Chippewa	345th St	80th Ave	STH 29 (Termini)	CLOSED	1 '	Stanley Republican	WisDOT Ad File Uploads	09/05/25	See document link		
A00001	Town of Morrison	Brown	Hill Rd	CTH W	River Rd (Termini)	CLOSED	1 1	wrightstown spirit	WisDOT Ad File Uploads	09/05/25	gary koomen	(920) 680-7462	garykoomen@gmail.com
A00003	Town of Maxville	Buffalo	N Spring Creek Rd	pring Creek Rd (Termin	CTH FF (Termini)	CLOSED	1 '	Courier Wedge for CORRE Inc	WisDOT Ad File Uploads	09/04/25	Cameron Shiffer P.E. CORRE Inc.	(715) 495-2196	cshiffer@correinc.com
A00090	Town of Leola	Adams	6th Ave	STH 73 (Termini)	Apache Ave	CLOSED	1	Gannett Co. Inc	WisDOT Ad File Uploads	08/20/25	See document link		
A00032	Town of Almena	Barron	17th Ave	4th St	6th St (Termini)	CLOSED	1 1	Halco Press LLC (Turtle Lake Times	WisDOT Ad File Uploads	07/24/25	Dave Slack	(715) 641-0273	halcopress@yahoo.com
A00010	Town of Calumet	Fond du Lac	c Weber Rd	CTH G (Termini)	Dorn Rd (Termini)	CLOSED	1 1	Town of Calumet	WisDOT Ad File Uploads	07/10/25	Mary Jo Miller	(920) 731-0381	maryjom@martenson-eisele.com
A00023	Pepin County	Pepin	CTH R	STH 85 (Termini)	Forster Rd	CLOSED	1 '	Courier Wedge	WisDOT Ad File Uploads	07/10/25	Dixie	(715) 672-4252	gmdmedia@nelson-tel.net
A00002	Town of Rockland	Brown	Shirley Rd	CTH W	Morrison Rd (Termini)	CLOSED	1 1	Green Bay Press Gazette	WisDOT Ad File Uploads	07/01/25	See document link		
A00006	Town of Delmar	Chippewa	345th St	100th Ave	80th Ave	CLOSED	-	West Central Wisconsin Shopper	WisDOT Ad File Uploads	06/16/25	Dave Peterson	(715) 703-3314	bkay_pete@hotmail.com
A00035	Town of Buena Vista	Portage	Taft Rd	Lake Rd	CTH W (Termini)	CLOSED	1	Gannett	WisDOT Ad File Uploads	06/02/25	Paul Cieslewicz	(715) 498-6651	paul@sandcountyequipment.com
A00009	Town of Union	Door	Swamp Rd	CTH Y (Termini)	CTH C (Termini)	CLOSED	1 1	Door County Pulse	WisDOT Ad File Uploads	05/12/25	Skyler Witalison	(920) 298-1763	skyler.witalison@stantec.com

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18226	Oconto County	Oconto	CTH CC / North Maple Avenue	Scott Dr	Pine St	Open		Oconto County Reporter	In Box Folder	11/20/25	Brandon Hytinen	(920) 834-6886	brandon.hytinen@co.oconto.wi.us
18907	Town of Matteson	Waupaca	Lake Road	CTH C (Termini)	Hunting Rd (Termini)	Open		Clintonville Tribune Gazette	In Box Folder	12/08/25	Mark Schuster	(920) 362-4868	supervisor2@tn.matteson.wi.gov

Report is updated every Monday morning ...

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





















#### **Program updates Utilities**

#### **Utility Relocation Law**

- WisDOT Standard Specifications were revised via an ASP-6, effective Jan. 2, 2024
- Allows for delays caused by noncompletion 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 30 claims (as of Nov. 21); three closed



















#### **Program updates** Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE)

#### **USDOT** announcement (Sept. 30)

- As of Oct. 3, 2025, the new interim final rule removes race- and sex-based presumptions of disadvantage and requires all DBE firms to undergo recertification.
- Until recertification is complete, WisDOT may not set DBE goals for new contracts or count DBE participation toward existing goals.
  - Existing contracts are not expected to be impacted, but future bids (October 2025 and beyond) will reflect these updated requirements. WisDOT will inform perspective bidders via the Highway Construction Contracting Information (HCCI) website.
- DBEs should continue to reach out to prime contractors to express interest in projects.
- WisDOT is working on developing a DBE recertification process and will share details on the process in the coming weeks.















# Process improvements Partnerships

#### **Technical committees**

- Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) discussion topics include calculating theoretical maximum specific gravity, splitting samples for HMA vs. SMA, and several other specs
- Aggregate working on ASR testing; evaluating slope paving projects; three pilot projects have been selected to test the spec re-org and AWP software
- Construction Contract Administration Workgroup (CCAW) approved language revisions for several spec and CMM updates; discussed topics such as change orders, eliminated items and timely payments







#### **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



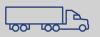








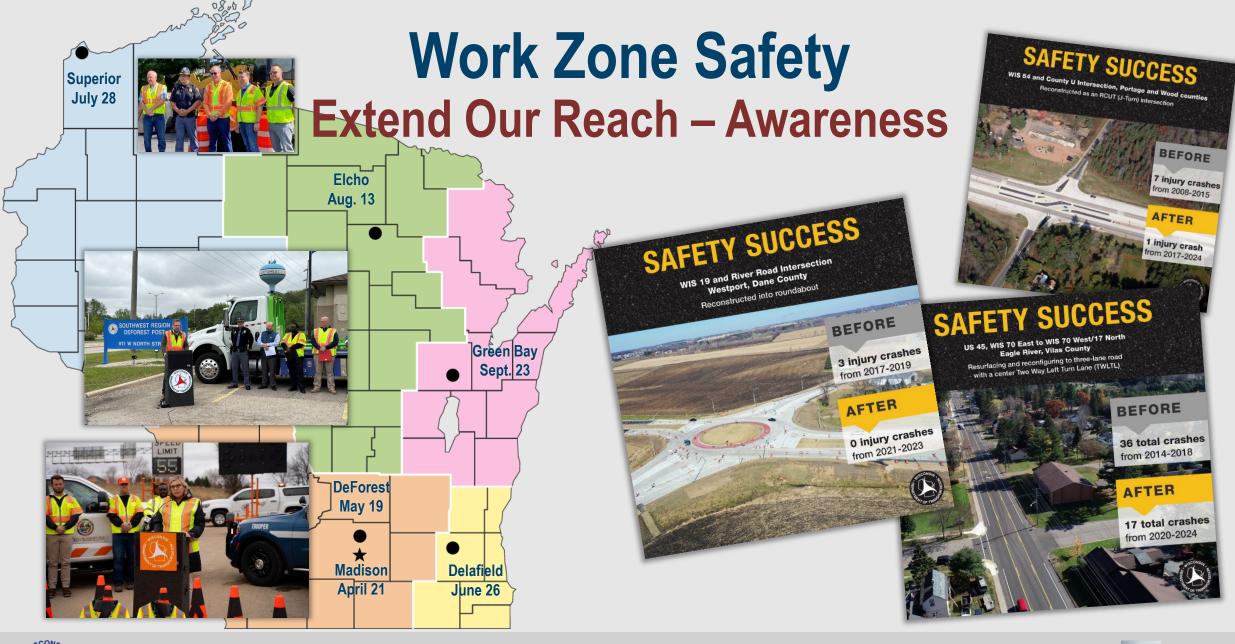
































#### **Work Zone Safety Extend Our Reach – Utilities**



- 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 to find utilities
  - Improving tracking near misses
  - Extending Our Reach 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 Extend Our Reach**

#### **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 **OLD 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 Extend Our Reach – Full closures

#### Seven closures 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

























#### **Work Zone Safety Extend Our Reach - Mitigation**

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

- 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













































