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2013-15 Budget

TDA Budget Update: 2013-15 Governor's Budget

In total the governor's budget provides a little over \$7 billion for transportation from all sources of funding. This is up from the previous biennium of \$6.5 billion. Note: these numbers are from WisDOT and are more inclusive than the numbers presented in the press. They include transportation revenue bond (TRB) debt service, an estimate for local contributions and a reserve figure. The numbers are comparable biennium over biennium.

Sources of Funding

Revenue in the governor's budget is essentially flat with no new taxes or fees. The governor's budget proposes to keep large highway projects on schedule primarily through bonding.

Program Details

State Highways

- Zoo Interchange: \$500 million over the biennium, including \$200 million general fund supported general obligation bonds and \$102 million transportation fund supported general obligation bonds.
- I-94 North-South: \$50 million over the biennium.
- Majors: \$367.8 million in each year of the biennium. This is down slightly from the previous biennium.
- The governor also directs the Transportation Projects Commission to review currently enumerated major highway development projects to ensure that only the most worthwhile projects are moving forward.
- Rehabilitation: \$815.5 in each fiscal year, down slightly from the previous biennium.
- Hoan Bridge and Lake Interchange: \$236 million over the biennium.
- Highway Maintenance: Creates two accounts, one for routine maintenance and one for state highway operations. Routine maintenance: \$125 million in FY 2014 and \$170 million in FY 2015. State highway operations: \$82.8 million in each year. Routine maintenance receives an increase of \$55 million over the biennium.
- Reduces the required inventory of completed highway project designs from 65% of the overall value of the highway programs to 20%.
- Adds 180 FTE positions.

Transit

 Maintains current funding but changes the funding source to general purpose revenue beginning FY 2015.

Freight Infrastructure

- \$60 million increase in bonding authority for the freight rail preservation program.
- \$10.7 million increase in bonding authority for the harbor assistance program.

All other programs are held at prior biennium levels.