



# **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: What it means for Wisconsin**

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# Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

- \$1.2 trillion authorization bill
- Most historic since the development of the Interstate system



# Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

- \$1.1 billion in new funding for federal aid highway-apportioned programs over five years: increase of about 25%
- \$225 million for bridge replacement and repairs
- Transit, electric vehicles, rail, harbors, transportation safety



# Transit

- Increase of about \$160 million in federal-aid transit formula funding over five years
  - Increases about 30% in the first year and about 2% each subsequent year
  - Funds will permit the state's transit systems to improve and expand public transportation



# Electric Vehicles

- \$78.6 million over five years
- Funds charging stations and other electric vehicle infrastructure





# Airports

- Approximately \$40 million per year or \$200 million over the five years.
- Potential 60% increase



# Rail, Harbors, Highway Safety

- Rail crossings and infrastructure
- Harbors and ferry boats



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- Targets bridges and roads that are in the greatest need of repair.
  - A large proportion of the funds will be distributed to counties, townships and municipalities through WisDOT's local programs
- Designed to put this historic investment to work quickly.
  - Federal Fiscal Year '22 funds must be obligated by Sept. 30





# Federal Expenditure Plan

- New federal expenditure plan submitted to the Legislature's Joint Finance Committee.
  - With minor modifications, JFC approved the plan April 26
- Last step needed to deploy \$282.9 million in BIL funds.



# Federal Expenditure Plan

- State Highway Rehabilitation program
  - State's main highway improvement program
- Increased \$123,566,800
  - Up 26.5%



# Federal Expenditure Plan

- Local Transportation Facility Improvement Assistance
  - Supports local road improvement
- Increased \$83,843,000
  - Up 116%



# Federal Expenditure Plan

- Local Bridge Improvement Assistance
  - Funds the new bridge program established by BIL
- Increased \$60,730,200
  - Up 248%



# Federal Expenditure Plan

- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality program
  - Addresses air quality and congestion in non-attainment areas
- Increased \$4,288,000
  - Up 40%
- JFC limited spending to highway right-of-way improvement projects
  - Can't use for trails and other projects outside highway right-of-way





# Federal Expenditure Plan

- Transportation Alternatives Program
  - Provides funding for bicycle and pedestrian facilities, other alternatives
- Increased \$10,543,600
  - Up 149.6%



# Next Steps

- Congress must continue to appropriate the funds authorized in BIL
  - FFY 2022 funding passed March 11
- Solicitations for Local Bridge and Surface Transportation Program projects
  - 358 applications received by April 1 deadline requesting \$263 million in Local Road Program FFY 2022 Surface Transportation Program
  - Applications for FFY 2023 – 2026 due June 3, 2022





**Thank You!**

