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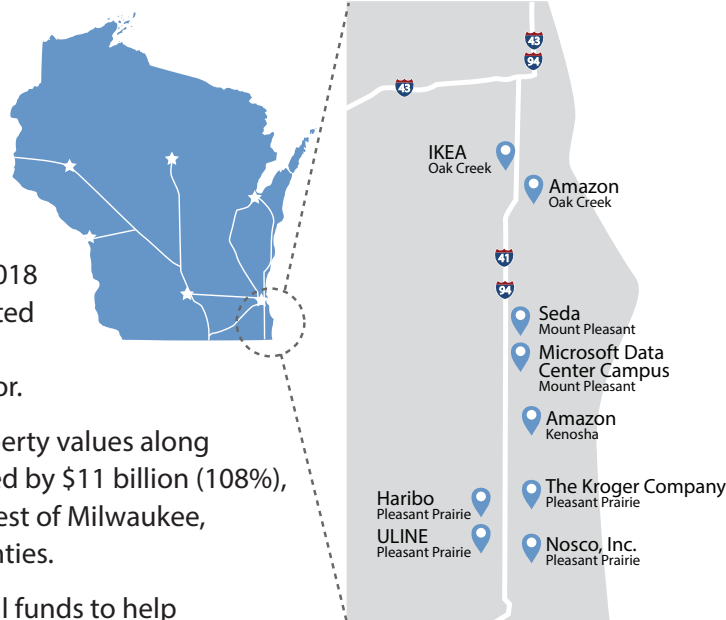
# Transportation Investment Fuels Wisconsin's Economy

Wisconsin's economy has at its core three transportation-dependent industries – manufacturing, agriculture, and tourism.

Strategic investments unleash economic opportunities. Take the modernization and expansion of I-94 North-South in Southeast Wisconsin. A \$2 billion investment, including a 2018 federal INFRA grant, resulted in an explosion of new business along the corridor.

Since 2015, assessed property values along the corridor have increased by \$11 billion (108%), compared to 30% in the rest of Milwaukee, Kenosha, and Racine counties.

Wisconsin relies on federal funds to help maintain and modernize its transportation system, comprising more than 25% of the state's transportation budget. From highways to ports to airports and beyond, federal support helps move hundreds of projects forward each year. See a few more examples on the reverse side.



## Wisconsin's Transportation System

**104,000 miles** of county highways, town roads, municipal streets

**12,000 miles** of state and interstate highways

**81** public transit and shared-ride taxi systems

**8** commercial service airports and **90** diverse general aviation (GA) public-use airports

**3,300 miles** of railroad tracks

**29** commercial ports

### 2025 TDA POSITIONS

- Continue to streamline project and permit delivery.
- Ensure states have flexibility in using federal formula funds.
- Support efforts to bring discretionary dollars to Wisconsin, while moving toward more formula-based funding in the next surface transportation reauthorization.
- Provide timely and full funding of federal programs through the appropriations process.
- Preserve the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds.
- Consider ways to shore up transportation investment and the Highway Trust Fund, including a national electric vehicle registration fee.



# Spotlight Federally Funded Projects

## Keeping Wisconsin Moving

**1)** Wisconsin and Minnesota will receive more than \$1 billion to replace the 60-year-old **Blatnik Bridge**, which serves as a critical link between Duluth and Superior and is essential to the efficient, safe flow of critical cargoes through the Port of Duluth-Superior.



**2)** WisDOT is reconstructing one of the **state's oldest rest areas near Sparta** with the help of an \$8 million federal grant. The project will significantly expand truck parking, with demand exceeding capacity nationwide, at a key facility serving traffic from Madison, Milwaukee, and Chicago on I-90 westbound to La Crosse, Rochester, and beyond.



replaced thanks to \$80 million in federal funding. This route is critical for commerce and the state's \$25 billion tourism industry.

**3)** The 1961 **Wisconsin River Bridges** on I-39/90/94 in Columbia County are being



**4)** **Appleton International Airport**, the fastest growing in the state, will double in size with a portion of the concourse and three new gates open ahead of the 2025 NFL Draft. The airport is funding the \$66 million expansion with state, federal, and regional grants and local dollars.



**5)** In 2024, **Dodge County replaced an almost 60-year-old bridge** at the end of its useful life on County Trunk Highway (CTH) NP in the Town of

Rubicon over Butler Creek. The replacement bridge, which is wider to accommodate today's larger agricultural vehicles, was approximately 80% federally funded. CTH NP connects the City of Hartford and CTH P, a major collector that serves as one of the main north-south routes in eastern Dodge County.

**6)** The **DeLong Company's** \$56 million agricultural export facility at Port Milwaukee is expected to generate \$63 million in statewide economic impact annually. The project was funded with a federal grant and contributions from The DeLong Company, WisDOT, and Port Milwaukee.



**7)** **Madison Metro's Bus Rapid Transit Route A** launched in the fall of last year, supported by a \$110 million federal grant. Preliminary data from November and December indicated that ridership on BRT Route A increased by approximately 20%, while systemwide ridership rose by 10%.