



It's how we get there



Robust Transportation Investments Power Wisconsin's Economy

Reliable federal funding is essential to deliver the modern, efficient transportation system that Wisconsin businesses, farmers, workers, and families rely on for safety, prosperity, and opportunity.

Transportation isn't just about moving from point A to point B; it's the backbone of Wisconsin's daily life and economic vitality. Our roads, rails, airports, and ports create an interconnected network that drives the state's prosperity, linking farmers to markets, manufacturers to customers, and communities to jobs, education, and essential services.

When any part of this system falters due to insufficient or unstable funding, the ripple effects touch everyone with rising costs for goods, frustrating traffic delays and longer commutes, job losses from delayed projects or reduced efficiency, and compromised safety on our roads and bridges.

Wisconsin depends on federal funds to sustain and upgrade its transportation infrastructure. These contributions typically make up about 25% of the state's transportation budget, supporting hundreds of critical projects each year—from highway reconstruction and bridge replacements to airport improvements, port enhancements, and transit initiatives.

Major infrastructure projects require years, sometimes decades, of careful planning and execution. This long-term nature demands predictable and reliable funding to avoid disruptions, control costs, and deliver lasting improvements that benefit Wisconsinites for generations.

2026 TDA POSITIONS

- **Reauthorize core surface transportation programs** above current IIJA funding levels, with built-in annual inflationary adjustments to maintain purchasing power and support long-term planning.
- **Prioritize stable formula-based funding** for essential federal highway and transit programs, while providing states flexibility to direct resources toward their most pressing local needs.
- **Build on recent progress** by further streamlining permitting, environmental reviews, and project delivery processes to reduce delays, lower costs, and accelerate project delivery.
- **Improve the solvency of the Highway Trust Fund** by exploring fair, sustainable revenue mechanisms that ensure all vehicle types—including electric and fuel-efficient models—contribute equitably to maintaining and improving our transportation system.

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



890 commercial service airports and diverse general aviation (GA) public-use airports



3,300 miles of railroad tracks



29 commercial ports