

# Wisconsin Transportation Update

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# Presentation Overview

- ▶ Budget highlights
- ▶ Federal update
- ▶ Focus on freight
- ▶ Other emerging issues
- ▶ Public safety



# 2015 – 17 Budget Highlights

- ▶ \$7 billion over the biennium, all funds, all programs
- ▶ State highway program (improvement and maintenance) makes up about half of total spending
- ▶ Program down about 6% from 2013-2015 biennium



# State transportation fund solvency

- ▶ Budget allocates \$1 million to review “solvency” of the state transportation fund
- ▶ Includes a Tolling Feasibility Study done by end of 2016 that will identify:
  - Best practices in other states
  - Recommended structure for WI
  - Expected net revenues to support Interstate highways
- ▶ Tolling requires Congressional/Legislative approval



# Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act

- ▶ Provides 5 years of funding certainty
- ▶ Most programs get inflationary (1 – 4%) increases
  - \$36 million extra for Wisconsin in FFY 16
- ▶ Focus on Accelerating Project Delivery
- ▶ New discretionary freight program



# Focus on Freight

- ▶ Newly formed Freight Advisory Committee
  - 45 members from public and private sector
- ▶ Statewide Freight Plan under development
  - Complete by end of 2016
- ▶ Roadside Facilities Study
  - 30 rest areas, 16 SWEFs and other facilities
- ▶ “Tiger” Grant for Truck Parking Information
  - Wisconsin is part of an 8-state consortium



# Emerging Issues

- ▶ Focus on preservation and practical design
- ▶ Alternative project delivery
- ▶ Local funding initiatives
- ▶ Autonomous and connected vehicles



# Award-winning projects

- ▶ ACPA 26<sup>th</sup> Annual National Pavement Awards
  - WIS 100 project in Milwaukee County (Treirweiler Construction of Marshfield)
  - Monroe Ave. in Green Bay (Vinton Construction of Manitowoc)
- ▶ WisDOT “Excellence in Concrete Paving”
  - WIS 100 (Ryan Road) in Oak Creek (Zignego Company of Waukesha)





# Traffic Safety

- ▶ 560 traffic deaths last year

Autos and trucks	+7%
Motorcycles	+13%
Pedestrians	+22%
Bicycles	+275%
Total	+13%

- ▶ Contributing factors:
  - Warm spring, lower gas prices, more travel = more potential for crashes

