

Transportation Update

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Moving Wisconsin Forward

- Improved 9,600+ miles of roads, 2,400+ bridges since 2019
- 2025 numbers:
 - 456 state-let projects
 - Improved 991 miles of road, 331 bridges
- Implementing 2025-27 state budget for transportation programs
- Advocating for strong federal investment



2026 Projects

- I-41 – Fox Cities to Green Bay
- I-94 E/W – Milwaukee County
- I-39/90/94 – Madison to WI Dells
 - WI River bridges
 - Final design
- Blatnik Bridge – Duluth/Superior
- Studies approved:
 - I-94 – Waukesha County
 - US 53 – Eau Claire/Chippewa counties



WisDOT Puts Safety First

- Safety First goals:
 - Focus on Safe System Approach to eliminate crashes
 - Enhance agency's knowledge of safety-related best practices
 - Explore research to leverage new technologies, countermeasures
- Safety successes:
 - Shared safety data platform
 - Communications and outreach
 - Wrong-way driving task force



Engineering to Improve Safety

- WisDOT integrating engineering safety innovations:
 - Diverging diamond interchanges
 - Roundabouts
 - RCUT turns
 - Two-way left-turn lanes
- To reduce crashes and injuries at intersections with crash history



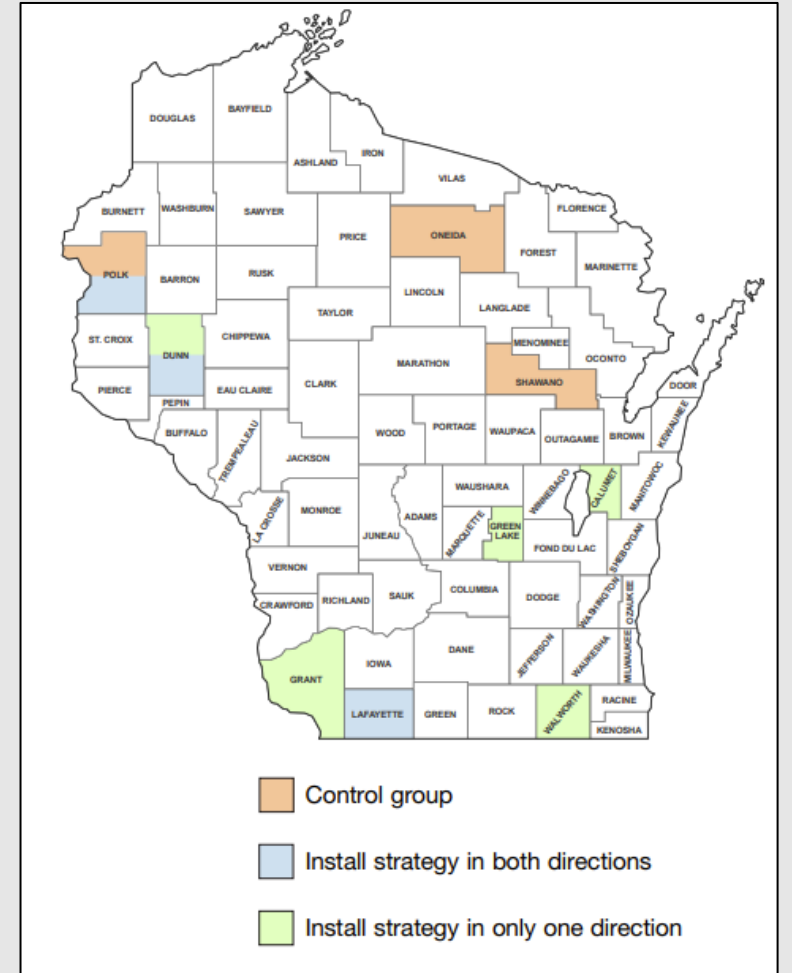
Driver Safety Training

- Work zone safety education
 - \$60,000 annual grant to enhance work zone safety driver ed course
 - Interactive online course
- Driver education grants
 - \$6 million annually to pay for driver training for income-eligible teens
 - 18,000+ young drivers served



Work Zone Safety Pilot Program

- Projects to test effectiveness of enhanced safety measures on two-lane highways
- Strategies include:
 - Speed feedback trailers
 - Automated flagger assistance devices
 - Digital speed limit trailers
 - Connected work zone devices
 - Law enforcement mitigation
- Results expected in late 2026



Improving Wisconsin Together

- WisDOT programs committed to supporting local communities
- Industry, municipal partnerships increase effectiveness of work
- Collaboration helps us improve projects and services





Thank You!

