



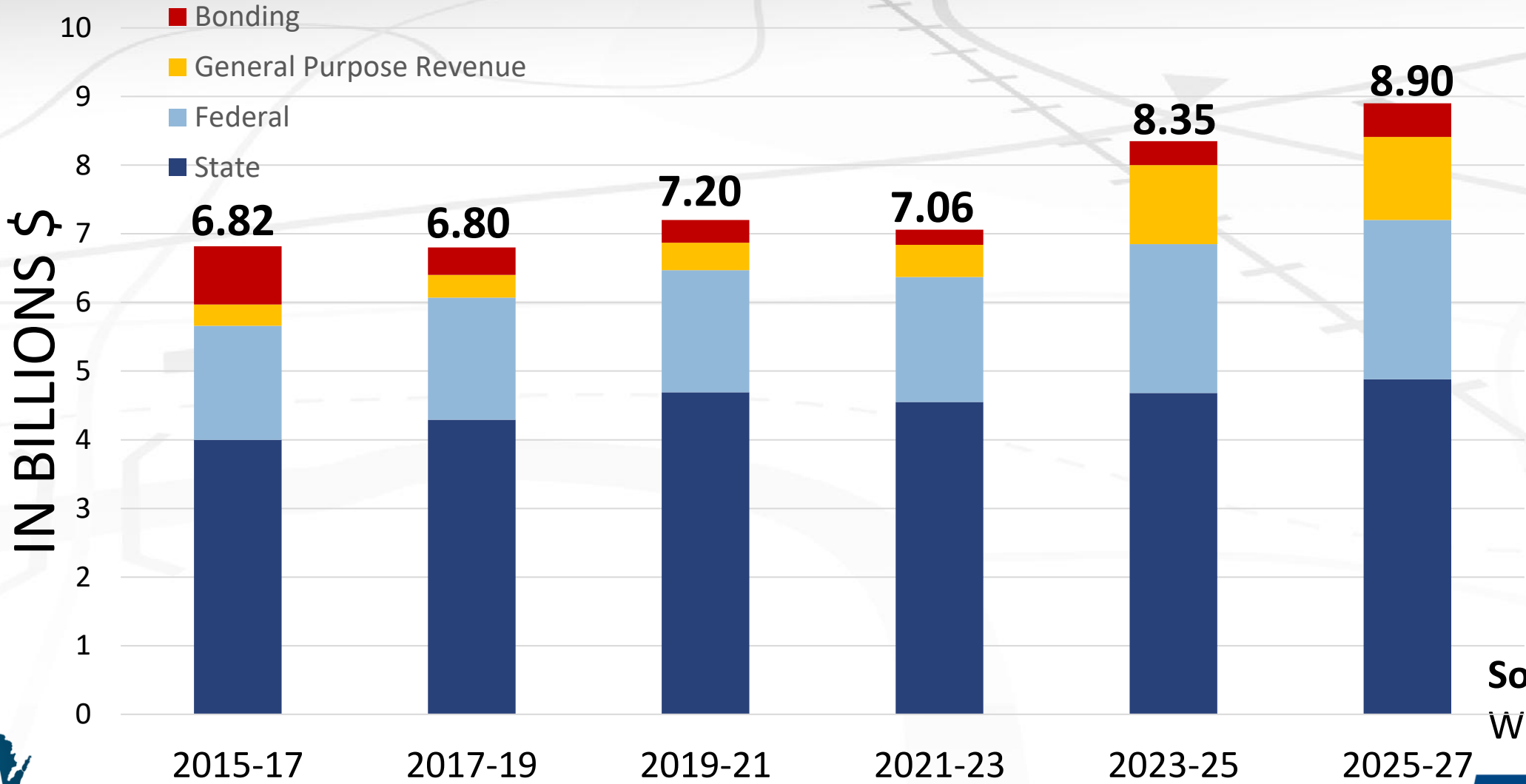
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Town Road School 2026

Small Bridges and the Case for Funding

The Source of the Funding Matters

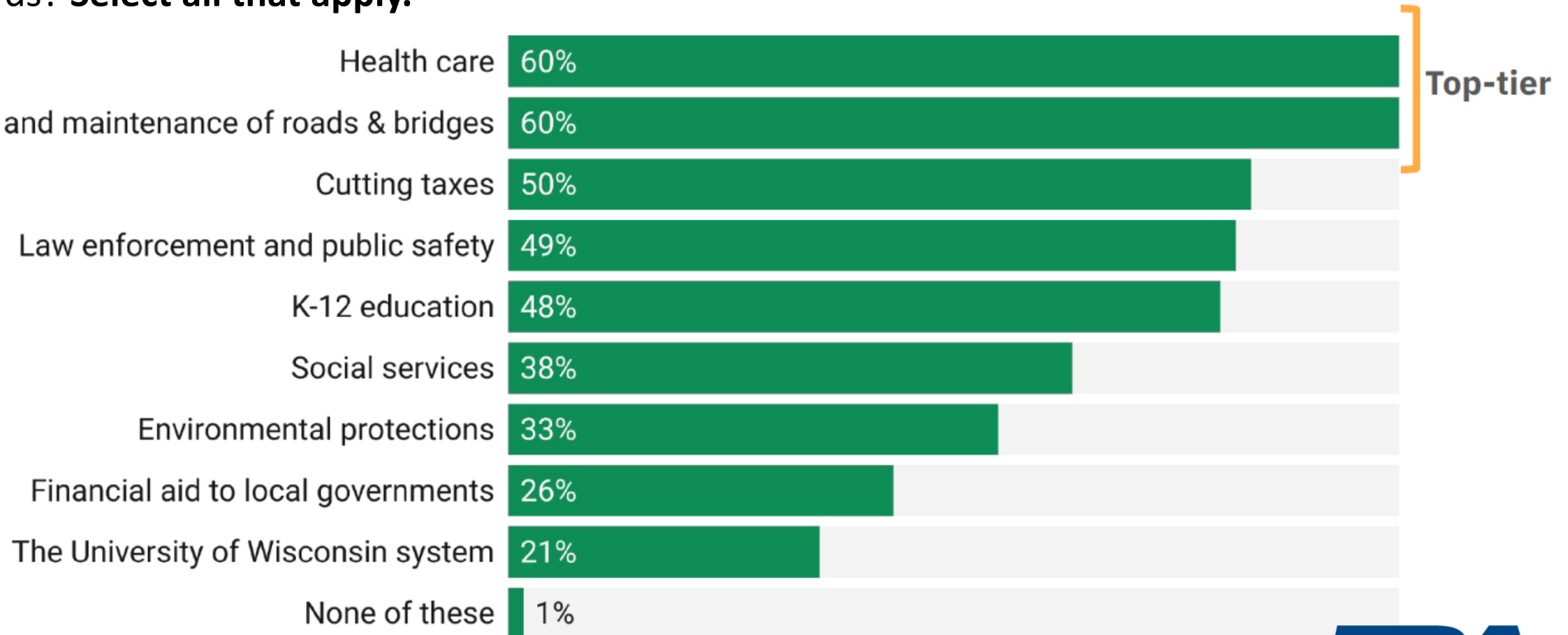


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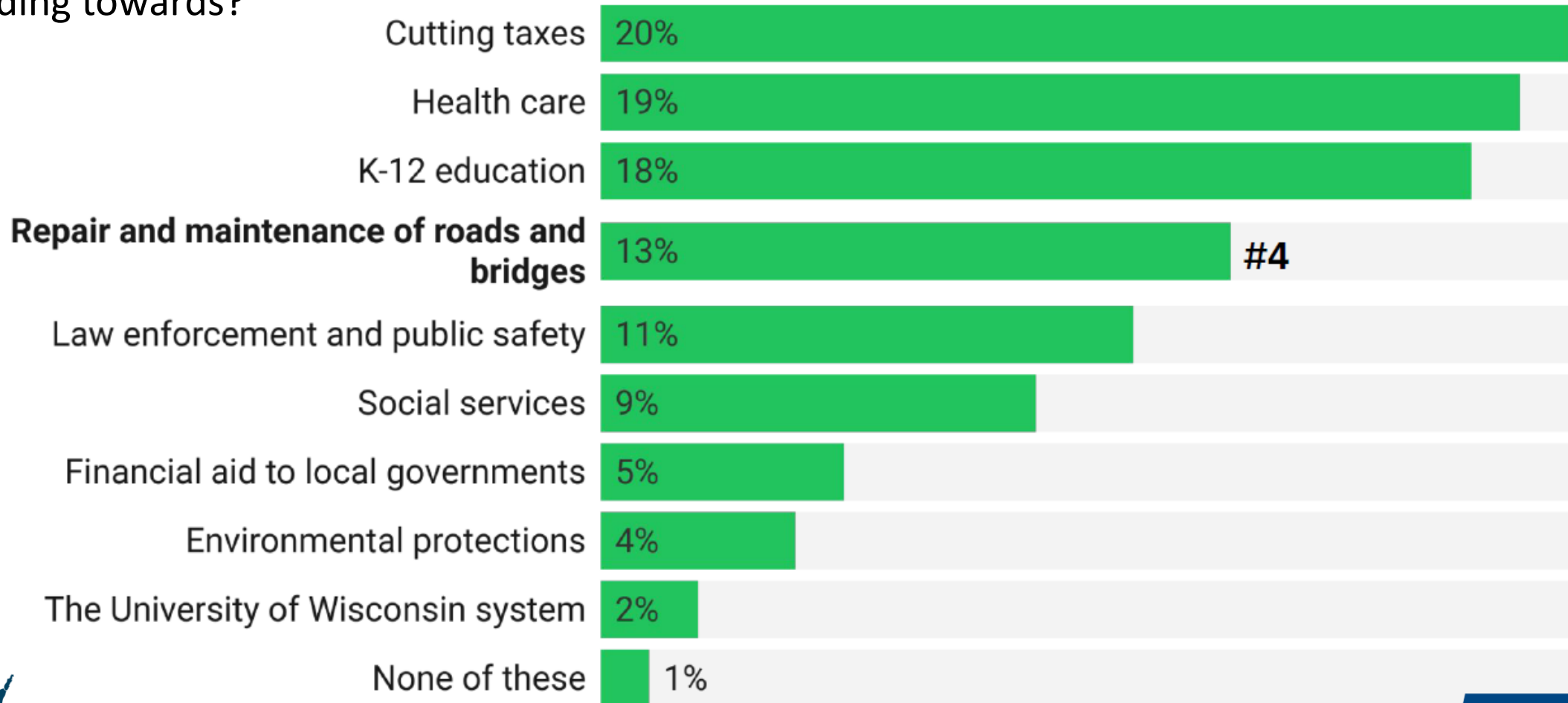
Roads & Bridges Top Tier Budget Priority

Q. Which of the following areas are important for the State of Wisconsin to direct funding towards? **Select all that apply.**



Road & Bridges Not THE Most Important

Q. Which of the following areas is the **most important** for the State of Wisconsin to direct funding towards?



\$1+ Billion 2027-29 Challenge

1

Replace the one-time GPR funding

2

Provide resources for generational projects in the hopper

3

Maintain program purchasing power



Transportation Delivers

- Jobs
- Connections
- Economic Opportunity
- Safety



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



Creating the Drumbeat

Targeted Paid Media

Grassroots Pillars

Bridges

Community
Highways

Large
Projects

Education/Advocacy

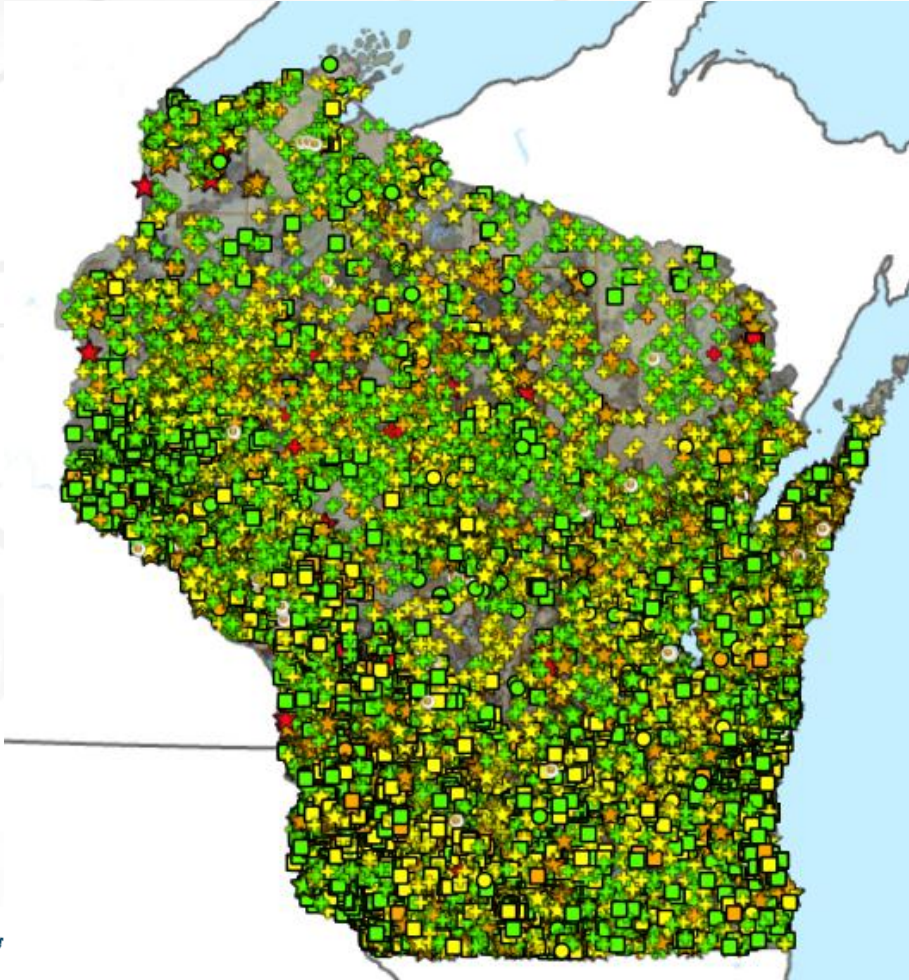
Resolutions

May Forums

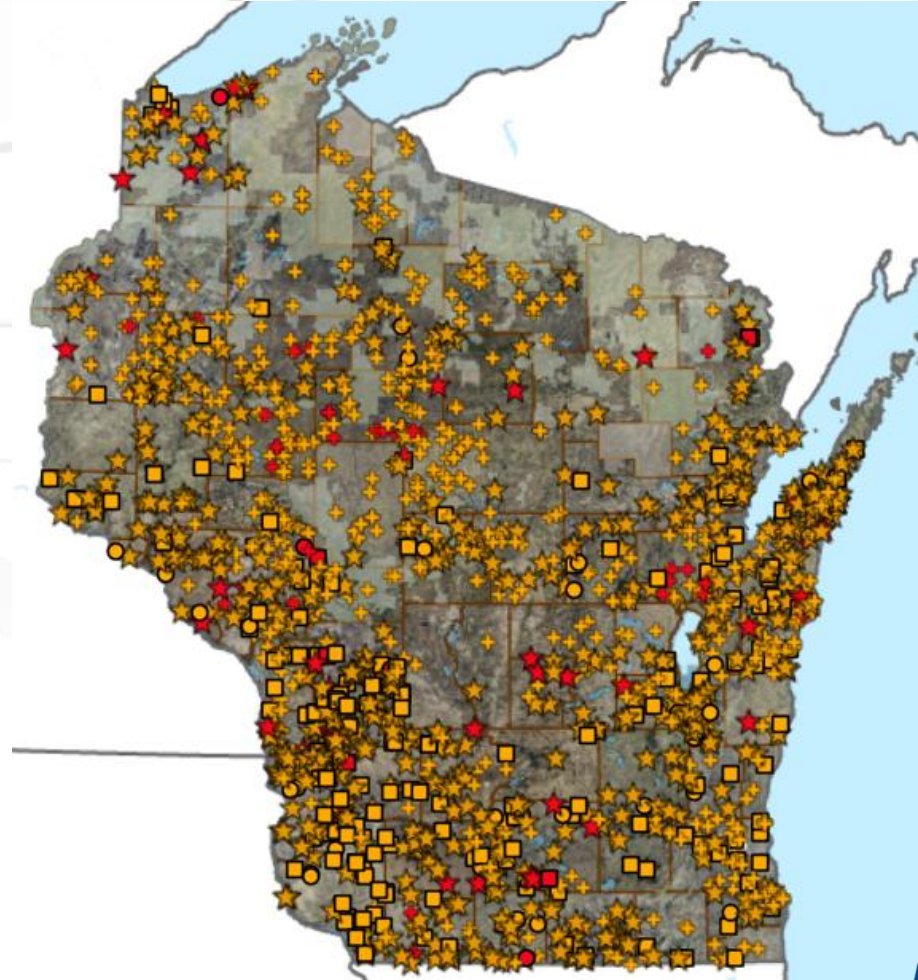
Other



Small Bridges: Progress Made, Work to Do



Nearly 17,000 Structures Inventoried



1,600+ Poor/Severe Structures



Communicating with the Public



Launch of Small Bridge Pillar



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Small Bridge Messaging



The real **economic and safety bottlenecks** due to this aging infrastructure.



The heavy burden on local governments and property taxpayers and the **tough choices between road safety and other essential services.**

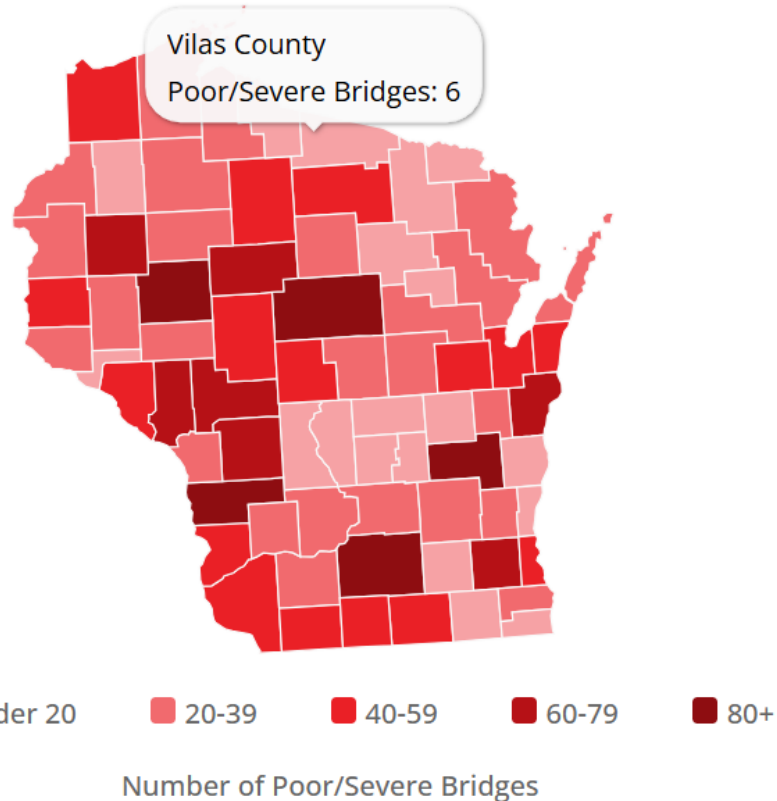


The need for **sustainable, reliable long-term funding** sources for local and state roads and bridges.

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Thousands of Wisconsin Bridges Are in Poor Condition



Inaugural Inventory and Inspection Unearths Nearly 17,000 Small Bridges, More Than 1,600 Structures Rated Poor


- ▶ A first-ever statewide inventory and inspection of Wisconsin's locally owned small bridges (those spanning 6 to 20 feet) identified nearly 17,000 structures. More than 1,600 are rated in poor or below condition, including over 100 in severe condition. ([Learn more about this effort.](#))
- ▶ When combined with known deficient bridges longer than 20 feet (**About the National Bridge Inventory**), Wisconsin has more than 2,600 bridges in poor or severe condition. (Scroll over the map to see the number of poor bridges by county.)
- ▶ At least 8% of our bridges, small and large, are deficient and will require replacement soon to maintain safety and functionality.
- ▶ Wisconsin's bridges are vital to the safe and efficient movement of people and goods, connecting farmers to markets, factories to buyers, and communities to essential opportunities.



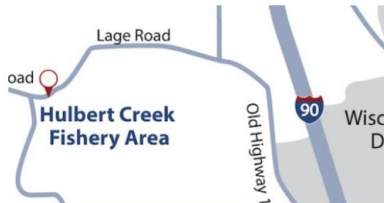
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Latest Videos



Town of Woodville (Calumet County)



Hulbert Creek Fishery Area
Town of Delton (Sauk County)



More Coming, Check Back Soon

More

Case Studies



Montpelier, WI Small Bridges: Half in Poor or Severe Condition



Chippewa County Struggles to Replace Aging CTH M Bridge Over Lake Holcombe



Crumbling Bridge on Busy Green Lake County Highway Endangers Safety, Economy & Commutes

More

Bridges In The News



North Eddy Street Bridge in Eau Claire Placed Under Immediate 5-Ton Weight Limit



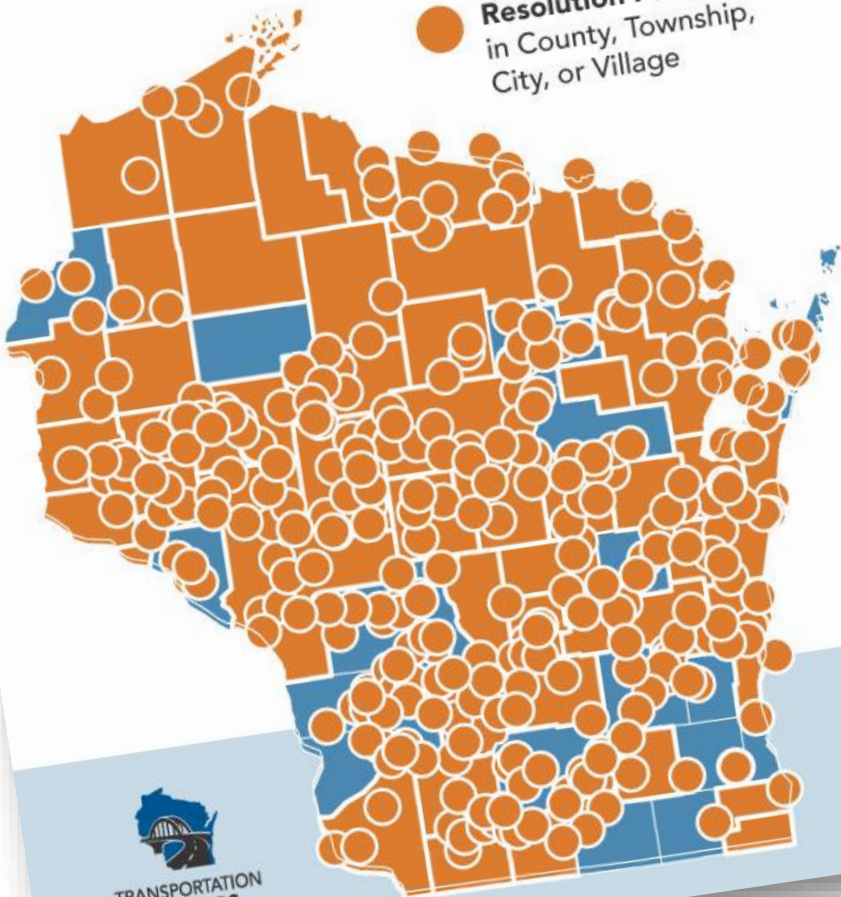
Duffy releases \$1B+ for Blatnik Bridge in Duluth-Superior



Resolutions

WE SUPPORT
Comprehensive, Sustainable
Transportation Funding

● Resolution Passed
in County, Township,
City, or Village



350+ Passed So Far

- Way to show local government support
- Create media stories, social media content
- Touch point with legislators



May 2026 Candidate and Legislator Forums

May 14	Thursday	Northeast: Appleton DJ Bordini Center
May 18	Monday	Southwest: La Crosse Radisson
May 19	Tuesday	Northwest: Eau Claire The Lismore
May 20	Wednesday	North Central: Wausau Hilton Garden Inn
May 27	Wednesday	Southeast: Oak Creek Homewood Suites & Conference Center
May 28	Thursday	South Central: Janesville Woodman's Sports & Convention Center

**Breakfast Meetings
7:30 – 9:00 AM**



Visit TDAWisconsin.org for more information and to RSVP.



How You Can Help Make the Case

1. Adopt the 2026 Transportation Resolution.
2. Provide information for a small bridge case study, impact of a structure in poor or worse condition.
3. Attend a May candidate and legislator forum.
4. Stay tuned as the campaign progresses.

Online Survey



<https://bit.ly/smallbridgewi>





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Thank You