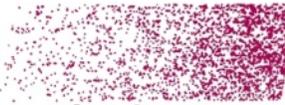


Wisconsin Transportation by the Numbers

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SAFE, SMOOTH AND EFFICIENT MOBILITY



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WISCONSIN KEY TRANSPORTATION FACTS

THE HIDDEN COSTS OF DEFICIENT ROADS

Driving on Wisconsin roads that are deteriorated, congested and that lack some desirable safety features costs Wisconsin drivers a total of \$6.8 billion each year. TRIP has calculated the cost to the average motorist in the state's largest urban areas in the form of additional vehicle operating costs (VOC) as a result of driving on rough roads, the cost of lost time and wasted fuel due to congestion, and the financial cost of traffic crashes.

| Location | VOC | Safety | Congestion | TOTAL |
|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Eau Claire | \$ 665 | \$ 257 | \$ 297 | \$ 1,219 |
| Green Bay-Appleton-Oshkosh | \$ 816 | \$ 277 | \$ 363 | \$ 1,456 |
| Madison | \$ 910 | \$ 244 | \$ 985 | \$ 2,139 |
| Milwaukee | \$ 944 | \$ 311 | \$ 1,067 | \$ 2,321 |
| Wausau | \$ 885 | \$ 325 | \$ 306 | \$ 1,517 |
| Wisconsin Statewide | \$3.1 Billion | \$1.8 Billion | \$1.9 Billion | \$6.8 Billion |

WISCONSIN ROADS PROVIDE A ROUGH RIDE

Due to inadequate state and local funding, half of major locally and state-maintained roads and highways in Wisconsin are in poor or mediocre condition.

| Location | Poor | Mediocre | Fair | Good |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Eau Claire | 30% | 26% | 14% | 30% |
| Green Bay-Appleton-Oshkosh | 42% | 28% | 8% | 22% |
| Madison | 49% | 26% | 13% | 12% |
| Milwaukee | 54% | 18% | 12% | 16% |
| Wausau | 51% | 16% | 12% | 22% |
| Wisconsin Statewide | 31% | 19% | 17% | 33% |

WISCONSIN BRIDGE CONDITIONS

Nine percent of Wisconsin's locally and state-maintained bridges are structurally deficient, meaning there is significant deterioration of the bridge deck, supports or other major components.

| Location | Number Structurally Deficient | Share Structurally Deficient | Total Bridges |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| Eau Claire | 51 | 9% | 599 |
| Green Bay-Appleton-Oshkosh | 54 | 6% | 928 |
| Madison | 49 | 9% | 562 |
| Milwaukee | 60 | 7% | 879 |
| Wausau | 55 | 10% | 530 |
| Wisconsin Statewide | 1,245 | 9% | 14,253 |

WISCONSIN ROADS ARE INCREASINGLY CONGESTED

Congested roads choke commuting and commerce and cost Wisconsin drivers \$1.9 billion each year in the form of lost time and wasted fuel. Drivers in the state's largest urban areas lose up to \$1,067 and as much as one full work week each year in congestion.

| Location | Hours Lost to Congestion | Annual Cost Per Driver |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Eau Claire | 11 | \$ 297 |
| Green Bay-Appleton-Oshkosh | 14 | \$ 363 |
| Madison | 38 | \$ 985 |
| Milwaukee | 41 | \$ 1,067 |
| Wausau | 12 | \$ 306 |

WISCONSIN TRAFFIC SAFETY AND FATALITIES

More than 2,800 people were killed in traffic crashes in Wisconsin in the last five years. Traffic crashes in which roadway features were likely a contributing factor imposed \$1.8 billion in economic costs in 2016.

| Location | Average Fatalities 2014-2016 | Safety Cost |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Eau Claire | 11 | \$ 257 |
| Green Bay-Appleton-Oshkosh | 38 | \$ 277 |
| Madison | 32 | \$ 244 |
| Milwaukee | 74 | \$ 311 |
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TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The health and future growth of Wisconsin's economy is riding on its transportation system. Each year, \$580 billion in goods are shipped to and from sites in Wisconsin, mostly by truck. Increases in passenger and freight movement will place further burdens on the state's already deteriorated and congested network of roads and bridges.

The design, construction and maintenance of transportation infrastructure in Wisconsin supports 64,122 full-time jobs across all sectors of the state economy. These workers earn \$2.8 billion annually. Approximately 1.4 million full-time jobs in Wisconsin in key industries like tourism, retail sales, agriculture and manufacturing are completely dependent on the state's transportation network.

INTRODUCTION

Wisconsin's roads, highways and bridges form vital transportation links for the state's residents, visitors and businesses, providing daily access to homes, jobs, shopping, natural resources and recreation. Modernizing Wisconsin's transportation system is critical to quality of life and economic competitiveness in the Badger State. Inadequate transportation investment, which will result in deteriorated transportation facilities and diminished access, will negatively affect economic competitiveness and quality of life in Wisconsin.

To accommodate population and economic growth, maintain its level of economic competitiveness and achieve further economic growth, Wisconsin will need to maintain and modernize its roads, highways and bridges by improving the physical condition of its transportation network and enhancing the system's ability to provide efficient, reliable and safe mobility for residents, visitors and businesses. Making needed improvements to Wisconsin's roads, highways, bridges and transit systems could also provide a significant boost to the state's economy by creating jobs in the short term and stimulating long-term economic growth as a result of enhanced mobility and access.

This report examines the condition, use and safety of Wisconsin's roads, highways and bridges, and the state's future mobility needs. Sources of information for this report include the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), the U.S. Census Bureau, the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI), the American Road and Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

An urban area is defined as a region's municipalities and surrounding suburbs for pavement condition and congestion data; bridge and traffic fatality data include a region's major counties.¹

POPULATION, TRAVEL AND ECONOMIC TRENDS IN WISCONSIN

Wisconsin motorists and businesses require a high level of personal and commercial mobility. To foster quality of life and spur continued economic growth, it will be critical that the state provide a safe and modern transportation system that can accommodate future growth in population, tourism, business, recreation and vehicle travel.

Wisconsin's population grew to approximately 5.8 million residents in 2017, an eight percent increase since 2000.² Wisconsin had approximately 4.2 million licensed drivers in 2016.³ From 2000 to

2016, Wisconsin's gross domestic product (GDP), a measure of the state's economic output, increased by 23 percent, when adjusted for inflation.⁴ U.S. GDP increased 30 percent during the same period.⁵

From 2000 to 2016, annual vehicle miles of travel (VMT) in Wisconsin increased by 12 percent, from 57.3 billion miles traveled annually to 64 billion miles traveled annually.⁶ Vehicle travel in Wisconsin increased eight percent in the last three years (2013-2016).⁷

CONDITION OF WISCONSIN ROADS

The life cycle of Wisconsin's roads is greatly affected by the state and local governments' ability to perform timely maintenance and upgrades to ensure that road and highway surfaces last as long as possible.

The pavement data in this report, which is for all arterial and collector roads and highways, is provided by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), based on data submitted annually by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation on the condition of major state and locally maintained roads and highways. Pavement data for Interstate highways and other principal arterials is collected for all system mileage, whereas pavement data for minor arterial and all collector roads and highways is based on sampling portions of roadways as prescribed by FHWA to insure the data collected is adequate to provide an accurate assessment of pavement conditions on these roads and highways.

Statewide, approximately half of Wisconsin's major roads are rated in poor or mediocre condition. Thirty-one percent of Wisconsin's major locally and state-maintained roads are in poor condition and 19 percent are in mediocre condition.⁸ Seventeen percent are rated in fair condition and the remaining 33 percent are in good condition.⁹

Fifty-five percent of Wisconsin's major locally and state-maintained urban roads and highways have pavements rated in poor condition and 22 percent are in mediocre condition.¹⁰ Nine percent of Wisconsin's major urban roads are rated in fair condition and the remaining 14 percent are rated in good condition.¹¹

Twenty-two percent of Wisconsin's major locally and state-maintained rural roads and highways have pavements rated in poor condition and 18 percent are in mediocre condition.¹² Nineteen percent of Wisconsin's major rural roads are rated in fair condition and the remaining 41

percent are rated in good condition.¹³ The chart below details pavement conditions on major roads in the state’s largest urban areas and statewide.¹⁴

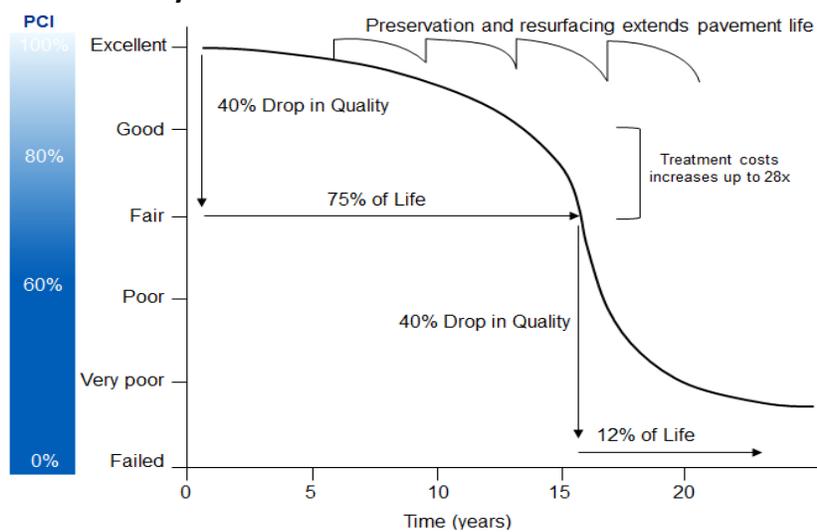
Chart 1. Pavement conditions on major roads in Wisconsin’s largest urban areas and statewide.

| Location | Poor | Mediocre | Fair | Good |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Eau Claire | 30% | 26% | 14% | 30% |
| Green Bay-Appleton-Oshkosh | 42% | 28% | 8% | 22% |
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Source: TRIP analysis of Federal Highway Administration data.

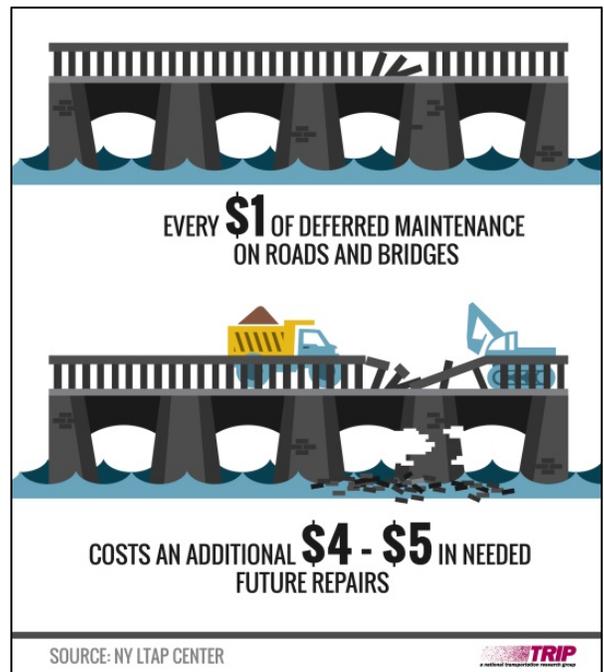
Pavement failure is caused by a combination of traffic, moisture and climate. Moisture often works its way into road surfaces and the materials that form the road’s foundation. Road surfaces at intersections are more prone to deterioration because the slow-moving or standing loads occurring at these sites subject the pavement to higher levels of stress. It is critical that roads are fixed before they require major repairs because reconstructing roads costs approximately four times more than resurfacing them.¹⁵ As roads and highways continue to age, they will reach a point of deterioration where routine paving and maintenance will not be adequate to keep pavement surfaces in good condition and costly reconstruction of the roadway and its underlying surfaces will become necessary.

Chart 2. Pavement Condition Cycle Time with Treatment and Cost



Source: North Carolina Department of Transportation (2016). 2016 Maintenance Operations and Performance Analysis Report

Long-term repair costs increase significantly when road and bridge maintenance is deferred, as road and bridge deterioration accelerates later in the service life of a transportation facility and requires more costly repairs. A [report on maintaining pavements](#) found that every \$1 of deferred maintenance on roads and bridges costs an additional \$4 to \$5 in needed future repairs.¹⁶



THE COST TO MOTORISTS OF ROADS IN INADEQUATE CONDITION

TRIP has calculated the additional cost to motorists of driving on roads in poor, mediocre or fair condition. When roads are in poor, mediocre or fair condition – which may include potholes, rutting or rough surfaces – the cost to operate and maintain a vehicle increases. These additional vehicle operating costs (VOC) include accelerated vehicle depreciation, additional vehicle repair costs, increased fuel consumption and increased tire wear. TRIP estimates that additional VOC borne by Wisconsin motorists as a result of deteriorated road conditions is \$3.1 billion annually, or an average of \$747 per driver.¹⁷ The chart below details additional VOC per motorist in the state’s largest urban areas and statewide.

Chart 3. Vehicle operating costs per motorist as a result of driving on deteriorated roads.

| Location | VOC |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Eau Claire | \$ 665 |
| Green Bay-Appleton-Oshkosh | \$ 816 |
| Madison | \$ 910 |
| Milwaukee | \$ 944 |
| Wausau | \$ 885 |
| Wisconsin Statewide | \$3.1 Billion |

Source: TRIP estimates.

Additional vehicle operating costs have been calculated in the Highway Development and Management Model (HDM), which is recognized by the U.S. Department of Transportation and more than 100 other countries as the definitive analysis of the impact of road conditions on vehicle

operating costs. The HDM report is based on numerous studies that have measured the impact of various factors, including road conditions, on vehicle operating costs.¹⁸ The HDM study found that road deterioration increases ownership, repair, fuel and tire costs. The report found that deteriorated roads accelerate the pace of depreciation of vehicles and the need for repairs because the stress on the vehicle increases in proportion to the level of roughness of the pavement surface. Similarly, tire wear and fuel consumption increase as roads deteriorate since there is less efficient transfer of power to the drive train and additional friction between the road and the tires.

TRIP's additional VOC estimate is based on taking the average number of miles driven annually by a motorist, calculating current VOC based on AAA's 2017 VOC and then using the HDM model to estimate the additional VOC paid by drivers as a result of substandard roads.¹⁹ Additional research on the impact of road conditions on fuel consumption by the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) is also factored in to TRIP's vehicle operating cost methodology.

BRIDGE CONDITIONS IN WISCONSIN

Wisconsin's bridges form key links in the state's highway system, providing communities and individuals access to employment, schools, shopping and medical facilities, and facilitating commerce and access for emergency vehicles.

Nine percent of Wisconsin's locally and state-maintained bridges are rated as structurally deficient.²⁰ This includes all bridges that are 20 feet or more in length. A bridge is structurally deficient if there is significant deterioration of the bridge deck, supports or other major components. Bridges that are structurally deficient may be posted for lower weight limits or closed if their condition warrants such action. Deteriorated bridges can have a significant impact on daily life. Restrictions on vehicle weight may cause many vehicles – especially emergency vehicles, commercial trucks, school buses and farm equipment – to use alternate routes to avoid posted bridges. Redirected trips also lengthen travel time, waste fuel and reduce the efficiency of the local economy.

The chart below details the number and share of bridges in the state's largest urban areas that are structurally deficient.

Chart 4. Number and share of structurally deficient bridges statewide and in Wisconsin's largest urban areas.

| Location | Number Structurally Deficient | Share Structurally Deficient | Total Bridges |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| Eau Claire | 51 | 9% | 599 |
| Green Bay-Appleton-Oshkosh | 54 | 6% | 928 |
| Madison | 49 | 9% | 562 |
| Milwaukee | 60 | 7% | 879 |
| Wausau | 55 | 10% | 530 |
| Wisconsin Statewide | 1,245 | 9% | 14,253 |

Source: TRIP analysis of Federal Highway Administration National Bridge Inventory (2017).

The service life of bridges can be extended by performing routine maintenance such as resurfacing decks, painting surfaces, insuring that a facility has good drainage and replacing deteriorating components. But, most bridges will eventually require more costly reconstruction or major rehabilitation to remain operable.

TRAFFIC SAFETY IN WISCONSIN

A total of 2,838 people were killed in Wisconsin traffic crashes from 2012 to 2016, an average of 568 fatalities per year.²¹

Chart 5. Traffic Fatalities in Wisconsin from 2012 – 2016.

| Year | Fatalities |
|--------------|--------------|
| 2012 | 615 |
| 2013 | 543 |
| 2014 | 507 |
| 2015 | 566 |
| 2016 | 607 |
| TOTAL | 2,838 |

Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Three major factors are associated with fatal vehicle crashes: driver behavior, vehicle characteristics and roadway features. It is estimated that roadway features are likely a contributing factor in approximately one-third of fatal traffic crashes. Roadway features that impact safety include the number of lanes, lane widths, lighting, lane markings, rumble strips, shoulders, guard rails, other shielding devices, median barriers and intersection design.

Wisconsin’s overall traffic fatality rate of .95 fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles of travel in 2016 is lower than the national average of 1.18.²² The traffic fatality rate on the state’s rural roads is disproportionately high. The fatality rate on Wisconsin’s non-interstate rural roads is nearly two and a half times higher than on all other roads in the state (1.43 fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles of travel vs. 0.61).²³

The chart below details the number of people killed in traffic crashes in the state’s largest urban areas between 2014 and 2016, as well as the cost of traffic crashes per driver.

Chart 6. Average fatalities between 2014 and 2016 and crash cost per driver.

| Location | Average Fatalities 2014-2016 | Safety Cost |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Eau Claire | 11 | \$ 257 |
| Green Bay-Appleton-Oshkosh | 38 | \$ 277 |
| Madison | 32 | \$ 244 |
| Milwaukee | 74 | \$ 311 |
| Wausau | 11 | \$ 325 |
| Wisconsin Statewide | 560 | \$1.8 Billion |

Source: TRIP analysis.

Traffic crashes in Wisconsin imposed a total of \$5.3 billion in economic costs in 2016.²⁴ TRIP estimates that traffic crashes in which roadway features were likely a contributing factor imposed \$1.8 billion in economic costs.²⁵

According to a 2015 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) report, the economic costs of traffic crashes includes work and household productivity losses, property damage, medical costs, rehabilitation costs, legal and court costs, congestion costs and emergency services.²⁶

Improving safety on Wisconsin’s roadways can be achieved through further improvements in vehicle safety; improvements in driver, pedestrian, and bicyclist behavior; and, a variety of improvements in roadway safety features.

The severity of serious traffic crashes could be reduced through roadway improvements, where appropriate, such as adding turn lanes, removing or shielding obstacles, adding or improving medians, widening lanes, widening and paving shoulders, improving intersection layout, and providing better road markings and upgrading or installing traffic signals. Roads with poor geometry, with insufficient

clear distances, without turn lanes, having inadequate shoulders for the posted speed limits, or poorly laid out intersections or interchanges, pose greater risks to motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists.

Investments in rural traffic safety have been found to result in significant reductions in serious traffic crashes. A [2012 report by TTI](#) found that improvements completed recently by TxDOT that widened lanes, improved shoulders and made other safety improvements on 1,159 miles of rural state roadways resulted in 133 fewer fatalities on these roads in the first three years after the improvements were completed (as compared to the three years prior).²⁷ TTI estimates that the improvements on these roads are likely to save 880 lives over 20 years.²⁸

TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN WISCONSIN

Increasing levels of traffic congestion cause significant delays in Wisconsin, particularly in its larger urban areas, choking commuting and commerce. Traffic congestion robs commuters of time and money and imposes increased costs on businesses, shippers and manufacturers, which are often passed along to the consumer. Increased levels of congestion can also reduce the attractiveness of a location to a company when considering expansion or where to locate a new facility.

Based on TTI methodology, TRIP estimates the value of lost time and wasted fuel in Wisconsin is approximately \$1.9 billion a year. The chart below details the number of hours lost annually for each driver in the state’s largest urban areas, as well as the per-driver cost of lost time and wasted fuel due to congestion.

Chart 7. Annual hours lost to congestion and congestion costs per driver.

| Location | Hours Lost to Congestion | Annual Cost Per Driver |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Eau Claire | 11 | \$ 297 |
| Green Bay-Appleton-Oshkosh | 14 | \$ 363 |
| Madison | 38 | \$ 985 |
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Source: TRIP estimates based on Texas Transportation Institute Urban Mobility Report.

TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Today's culture of business demands that an area have well-maintained and efficient roads, highways and bridges if it is to remain economically competitive. Global communications and the impact of free trade in North America and elsewhere have resulted in a significant increase in freight movement, making the quality of a region's transportation system a key component in a business's ability to compete locally, nationally and internationally.

Businesses have responded to improved communications and the need to cut costs with a variety of innovations including just-in-time delivery, increased small package delivery, demand-side inventory management and e-commerce. The result of these changes has been a significant improvement in logistics efficiency as firms move from a push-style distribution system, which relies on large-scale warehousing of materials, to a pull-style distribution system, which relies on smaller, more strategic movement of goods. These improvements have made mobile inventories the norm, resulting in the nation's trucks literally becoming rolling warehouses.

Highways are vitally important to continued economic development in Wisconsin. As the economy expands, creating more jobs and increasing consumer confidence, the demand for consumer and business products grows. In turn, manufacturers ship greater quantities of goods to market to meet this demand, a process that adds to truck traffic on the state's highways and major arterial roads.

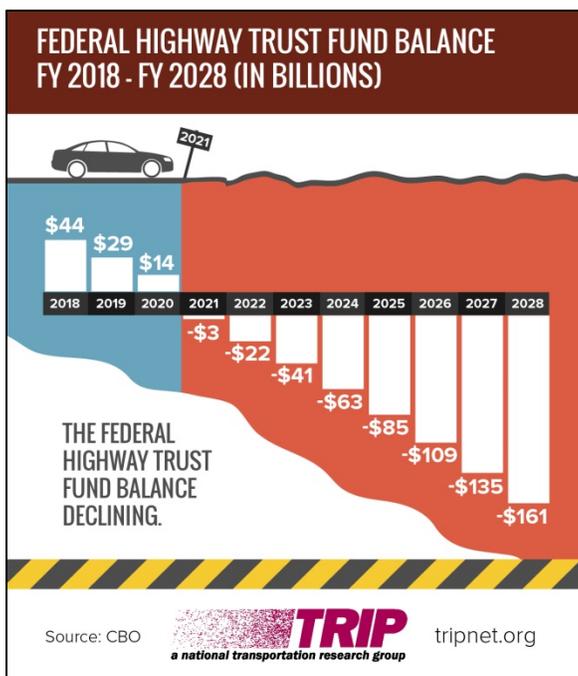
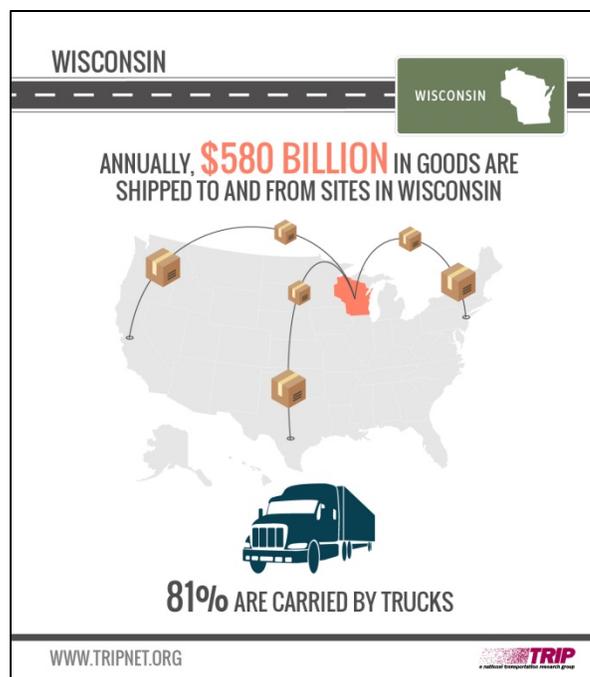
The design, construction and maintenance of transportation infrastructure in Wisconsin play a critical role in the state's economy, supporting the equivalent of 64,122 full-time jobs across all sectors of the state economy, earning these workers approximately \$2.8 billion annually.²⁹ These jobs include 31,943 full-time jobs directly involved in transportation infrastructure construction and related activities as well as 32,179 full-time jobs as a result of spending by employees and companies in the transportation design and construction industry.³⁰ Transportation construction in Wisconsin annually contributes an estimated \$506 million in state and local income, corporate and unemployment insurance taxes and the federal payroll tax.³¹

Approximately 1.4 million full-time jobs in Wisconsin in key industries like tourism, retail sales, agriculture and manufacturing are completely dependent on the state's transportation infrastructure network. These workers earn \$54.8 billion in wages and contribute an estimated \$10 billion in state and local income, corporate and unemployment insurance taxes and the federal payroll tax.³²

Every year, \$580 billion in goods are shipped to and from sites in Wisconsin, mostly by trucks.³³ Eighty-one percent of the goods shipped annually to and from sites in Wisconsin are carried by trucks and another 13 percent are carried by courier services or multiple-mode deliveries, which include trucking.³⁴

Local, regional and state economic performance is improved when a region’s surface transportation system is expanded or repaired. This improvement comes as a result of the initial job creation and increased employment created over the long-term because of improved access, reduced transport costs and improved safety.

Increasingly, companies are looking at the quality of a region’s transportation system when deciding where to re-locate or expand. Regions with congested or poorly maintained roads and bridges may see businesses relocate to areas with a smoother, more efficient and more modern transportation system. Highway accessibility was ranked the number one site selection factor in a 2016 survey of corporate executives by [Area Development Magazine](#).³⁵ The availability of skilled labor, which is also impacted by a site’s level of accessibility, rated second.



TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

Investment in Wisconsin’s roads, highways and bridges is funded by local, state and federal governments. A lack of sufficient funding at all levels will make it difficult to adequately maintain and improve the state’s existing transportation system.

The federal government is a critical source of funding for Wisconsin’s roads, highways, bridges and transit systems and provides a significant return in road and bridge

funding based on the revenue generated in the state by the federal motor fuel tax.

Most federal funds for highway and transit improvements in Wisconsin are provided by federal highway user fees, largely an 18.4 cents-per-gallon tax on gasoline and a 24.4 cents-per-gallon tax on diesel fuel. Since 2008 revenue into the federal Highway Trust Fund has been inadequate to support legislatively set funding levels so Congress has transferred approximately \$53 billion in general funds and an additional \$2 billion from a related trust fund into the federal Highway Trust Fund.³⁶

Signed into law in December 2015, the [Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act \(FAST Act\)](#), provides modest increases in federal highway and transit spending. The five-year bill also provides states with greater funding certainty and streamlines the federal project approval process. But, the FAST Act does not provide adequate funding to meet the nation's need for highway and transit improvements and does not include a long-term and sustainable funding source.

The five-year, \$305 billion FAST Act will provide a boost of approximately 15 percent in highway funding and 18 percent in transit funding over the duration of the program, which expires in 2020.³⁷ In addition to federal motor fuel tax revenues, the FAST Act will also be funded by \$70 billion in U.S. general funds, which will rely on offsets from several unrelated federal programs including the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, the Federal Reserve and U.S. Customs.

According to the [2015 Status of the Nation's Highways, Bridges and Transit: Conditions and Performance](#) report submitted by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) to Congress, the nation faces an \$836 billion backlog in needed repairs and improvements to the nation's roads, highways and bridges.³⁸ The USDOT [report](#) found that the nation's current \$105 billion investment in roads, highways and bridges by all levels of government should be increased by 35 percent to \$142.5 billion annually to improve the conditions of roads, highways and bridges, relieve traffic congestion and improve traffic safety.

President Trump released an infrastructure investment plan in February 2018 that would provide \$200 billion in new federal grants and loans over 10 years to leverage \$1.5 trillion in total project spending nationwide on infrastructure, including surface transportation. The Trump administration's funding proposal would rely on state and local governments to raise the additional \$1.3 trillion to access the increased federal funding. Boosting federal surface transportation spending will require that Congress provide a long-term and sustainable source of funding to support the federal Highway Trust Fund.

CONCLUSION

As Wisconsin works to build and enhance a thriving, growing and dynamic state, it will be critical that it is able to address the state's most significant transportation issues by providing a 21st century network of roads, highways, bridges and transit that can accommodate the mobility demands of a modern society.

Wisconsin will need to modernize its surface transportation system by improving the physical condition of its transportation network and enhancing the system's ability to provide efficient, safe and reliable mobility for residents, visitors and businesses. Making needed improvements to the state's roads, highways, bridges and transit systems could provide a significant boost to the economy by creating jobs in the short term and stimulating long-term economic growth as a result of enhanced mobility and access.

Despite the modest funding increase provided by the FAST Act, numerous projects to improve the condition and expand the capacity of Wisconsin's roads, highways, bridges and transit systems will not be able to proceed without a substantial boost in state or local transportation funding. If Wisconsin is unable to complete needed transportation projects it will hamper the state's ability to improve the condition and efficiency of its transportation system or enhance economic development opportunities and quality of life.

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ENDNOTES

¹ Bridge condition data and safety data for each urban area includes the counties noted: Appleton-Oshkosh: Calumet and Outagamie Counties; Green Bay: Brown and Waupaca Counties; Eau Claire: Chippewa and Eau Claire Counties; Madison: Dane Counties; Milwaukee: Milwaukee County; Wausau: Marathon County .

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