

# Transportation Update Craig Thompson

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Southeast Wisconsin Transportation Symposium

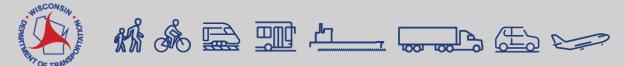
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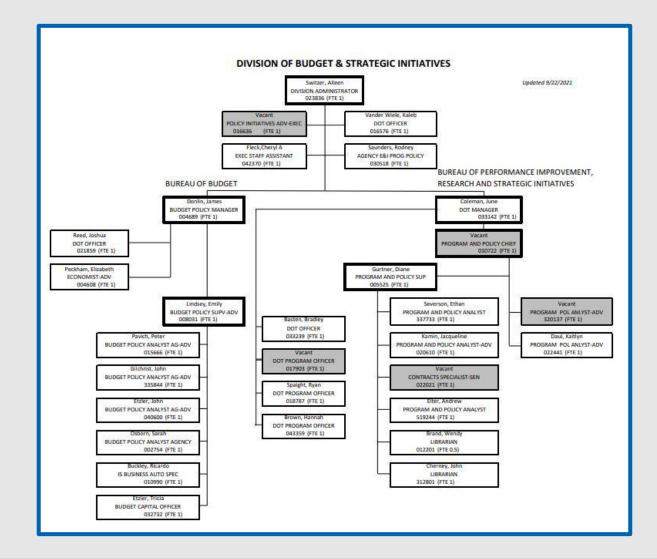
#### Institute for Physical Infrastructure and Transportation

- Evaluating programs
- Improving data collection
- Workforce development
- Testing materials





#### **Division of Budget and Strategic Initiatives**





### **Stakeholder Advisory Groups**

- Wisconsin Transportation
  Stakeholders Task Force
- Wisconsin Automated Vehicle External Advisory Committee
- Wisconsin Non-driver Advisory
  Committee

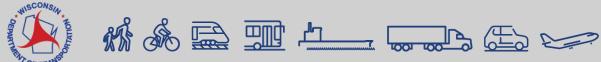




#### Mission: Stop the decline

- Years of underinvestment
- ASCE WI scorecard: D+





# **Delays before 2019**

- Stopped work/rescinded ROD on I-94 East-West
- Stopped work on STH-15 (enumerated for construction)
- I-43 not enumerated until SFY-2020

- Cancelled I-39/90 Major Highway Study (Madison – WI Dells)
- Slowed work on other Major Highway Study projects
  - US 51 Stoughton to McFarland
  - US 51 Beltline to STH 19



# Progress after 2019

- Enumerated I-43 and I-41
- ~ \$500 million planned for FY-22 and FY-23 (I-43)
- Restarted work to finish design and ready STH-15 construction
  - Successfully advanced letting start by 1-year; project is now under construction
  - Mainline open to traffic expected in November 2024
- Restarted work in earnest on other Major Highway Study projects
  - US 51 Stoughton to McFarland
  - US 51 Beltline to STH 19
- I-39/90/94 WI River Bridges Obtained TPC Approval to Construct (\$146 million estimate)
- US-51 Stoughton to McFarland Obtained TPC Approval to Construct (\$203 million estimate)
- I-39/90 Madison to Wisconsin Dells Restarted Major Highway Environmental Study Project
- I-94 East-West –Work Started to Reinstate the ROD



# 2020 Highlights Staying On Track

- Competed 375 construction projects statewide, most of which are new
- Innovative programs allowed WisDOT to finish many projects under budget and ahead of schedule





### 2021-2023 Budget

#### Continuing our Commitment to Fix What We Have

- Increases for local roads
  - \$72 million increase for SHR
  - GTA up two percent in both 2022 and 2023
  - \$100 M in LRIP Discretionary Funds





### **I-94 East West Corridor**

- Project enumerated
- Supplemental EIS started
- Focus on community engagement





### **Wisconsin Ports**

- Ports are vital
  - Over 40 million tons of cargo valued at over \$8 billion
  - Port of Milwaukee largest exporter of grain on the Great Lakes
- Harbor Assistance Grant
  Program





# **Continuous Improvement**

- New materials and techniques
- Flexible scheduling
- Low Risk Program
- Madison Flex Lane
- Connected vehicle pilots





### **Thank You!**

