

# Transportation & Infrastructure

The **Badger Bounceback** Live Session on Transportation & Infrastructure will cover topics such as investments in transportation and infrastructure, fixing our roads and bridges, investing in transit and transportation alternatives, expanding access to broadband, and supporting local communities and government.

This document provides a quick overview on how this agenda plans to address these topics.

## Expanding Broadband Access

Governor Evers was proud to declare 2021 the Year of Broadband Access during his State of the State address and is doubling down on his commitment to expanding broadband access in his 2021-23 budget. The Badger Bounceback agenda has the largest state investment in broadband access in state history—almost **\$200 million**—which includes nearly \$150 million toward expanding broadband infrastructure in underserved areas and \$40 million toward helping low-income Wisconsinites afford internet services.

## Modernizing & Maintaining Our Roads & Highways

Fixing Wisconsin's roads is vital to our economy's success. Gov. Evers' Badger Bounceback agenda invests a total of over **\$565 million** in federal and state funds for the major highway program to continue work on projects throughout the state. Also included in the 2021-23 budget is **\$162 million** for major highway projects and a **\$66.6 million** increase in funding for the State Highway Rehabilitation program. The governor's last budget provided an historic 10% increase in general transportation aids, which help support local road projects. The Badger Bounceback builds on this success and strengthens Governor Evers' commitment to fixing our roads and enhancing our transportation infrastructure by providing 2% increases in each year for the general transportation aids program. Also included in the budget \$5 million in bonding for electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

## Strengthening Public Transit

Governor Evers is continuing to advocate for transportation alternatives. The Badger Bounceback agenda makes multiple investments in programs that ensure all Wisconsinites can access transportation whether for work, school, health appointments, or simply for leisure. Some of these investments include increasing general transit operating assistance by **2.5%** in each year and increasing investment in programs that supplement public transit, like paratransit aids, tribal elderly transportation aids, and the specialized transit assistance program. State support of job access transit programs is higher than ever under this budget and will cover more parts of the state to further strengthen economic mobility and opportunity for those who do not drive.

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## Enhancing Flood Prevention

Governor Evers' 21-23 budget provides a **\$10 million** funding increase for the municipal flood control and riparian restoration program, which provides financial assistance to municipalities for the acquisition of at-

risk property, structure removal, floodproofing, and other prevention efforts. The Badger Bounceback agenda also creates a pilot program to support floodproofing and prevention efforts for local roads and critical infrastructure, investing **\$15 million** in proactively ensuring public safety and reducing the risk of catastrophic flood damage. The governor is also working to promote creative flood prevention efforts that help reduce runoff on farms and utilizes wetland restoration to reduce the risk of costly flooding.

By building resilience, Wisconsin can strengthen its ability to adapt, minimize the ongoing costs from a flooding event, and better combat the burdens of a flooding event. The governor's Badger Bounceback agenda proposes bolstering the Wisconsin disaster fund by expanding the eligibility of recovery projects and allowing mitigation efforts to be funded. Governor Evers also proposes providing additional relief to farmers whose crops have been damaged by flooding by allowing agricultural claimants of the manufacturing and agriculture tax credit to include crop insurance proceeds in the calculation of production gross receipts. This will allow farmers suffering a loss in crop sales stemming from a natural disaster to still claim the credit.

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**The Badger Bounceback Live Sessions** series provides Governor Evers with opportunities to hear directly from Wisconsinites on the topics within the Governor's budget that impact them and their communities. Topics covered in these sessions include pressing issues facing Wisconsin families, including affordable healthcare, bolstering our state's economy, improving education for all Wisconsin students, and more. Wisconsinites can also share their questions about the Governor's budget on social media by posting using the “#BadgerBounceback” hashtag.

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