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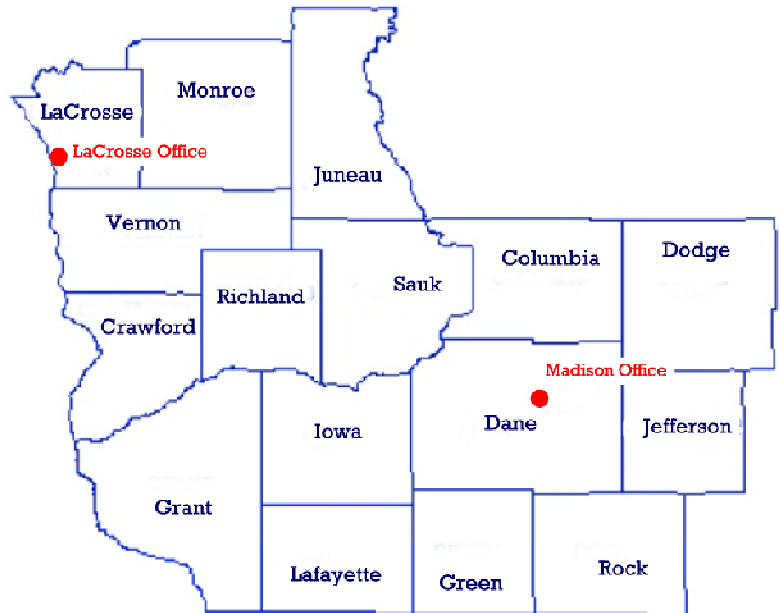
Southwest Region

“The Southwest Region of Wisconsin boasts two of **Kiplinger’s Personal Finance Magazine’s Top 50 Smart Places to Live** in the entire country. La Crosse and Madison ranked 16th and 20th, respectively, for overall quality of life and affordability. Our regional offices are committed to delivering safe and efficient transportation services to support this quality of life. In providing innovation and exceptional customer service, our staff consistently displays the following Department values: accountability, attitude, communication, excellence, improvement, integrity, respect, and teamwork.”

—Regional Director, Joseph Olson

Regional statistics

Area: 12,466 square miles
 Counties: 16
 Towns: 144
 Villages: 322
 Cities: 58
 Population: 1,204,163
 Registered Vehicles: 1,250,495
 2005 Vehicle Miles Traveled: 15,301,750,000
 Bridges: 4,205
 Roadway Miles: 25,516



Program levels (in millions)

	Fiscal Year 2008	Fiscal Year 2009	Fiscal Year 2010	Fiscal Year 2011-2013
Major projects	\$50.9	\$122.9	\$129.2	\$107.9
Backbone	\$35.0	\$54.9	\$79.2	\$140.7
3R & Low Cost Bridge Allocation	\$75.6	\$68.5	\$68.5	\$205.5
Safety (includes Local & R/R)	\$12.0	\$8.1	\$3.7	Not Programmed
Local	\$19.7	\$36.2	\$10.2	Not Programmed
Total*	\$213.1	\$315.2	\$294.1	\$469.1

*Total includes other programs not shown (High Cost Bridge, Scenic Byways, etc.)

Providing safe and efficient transportation in Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Juneau, La Crosse, Lafayette, Monroe, Richland, Rock, Sauk, and Vernon counties.

PROGRAM DEFINITIONS

Majors: By statute, a "Major highway project" means a project which has a total cost of more than \$5,000,000 and which involves any of the following:

1. Constructing a new highway 2.5 miles or more in length; or
2. Reconstructing or reconditioning an existing highway by either of the following:
 - ◆ Relocating 2.5 miles or more of the existing highway;
 - ◆ Adding one or more lanes 5 miles or more in length to the existing highway; or
 - ◆ Improving to freeway standards 10 miles or more of existing divided highway having two or more lanes in either direction.

Backbone: The Corridors 2020 Backbone System consists of 1,550 miles of freeways and expressways connecting major economic areas of the state. This includes Wisconsin's 743 miles of Interstate highways.

High Cost Bridges: High Cost bridges are those with a deck area of 40,000 square feet or more.

Existing Highways Program (3R): The Existing Highways Program deals with improvements to the non-Backbone portion of the state highway system. It funds "3R" improvements—resurfacing, reconditioning and reconstructing existing roadways—and the minor addition of lanes, traffic and safety improvements, and minor realignments of roadway.

Resurfacing: Rehabilitating the surface of a pavement to provide a smoother ride and to extend the pavement's structural life. Can also include pavement widening and/or shoulder paving to improve safety and reduce shoulder maintenance costs.

Reconditioning: Resurfacing and, in addition, improving an isolated grade, curve or intersection.

Pavement Replacement: The highest type of "resurfacing" whereby the existing pavement structure is replaced with a new one. Does not include widening of the roadway.

Reconstruction: Total rebuilding of the highway to provide a safer facility, to improve geometrics (i.e., longer passing and stopping sight distances, broader turning radii, additional lanes at intersections) and increased traffic-handling capabilities.