



Wisconsin's Local Road Crisis

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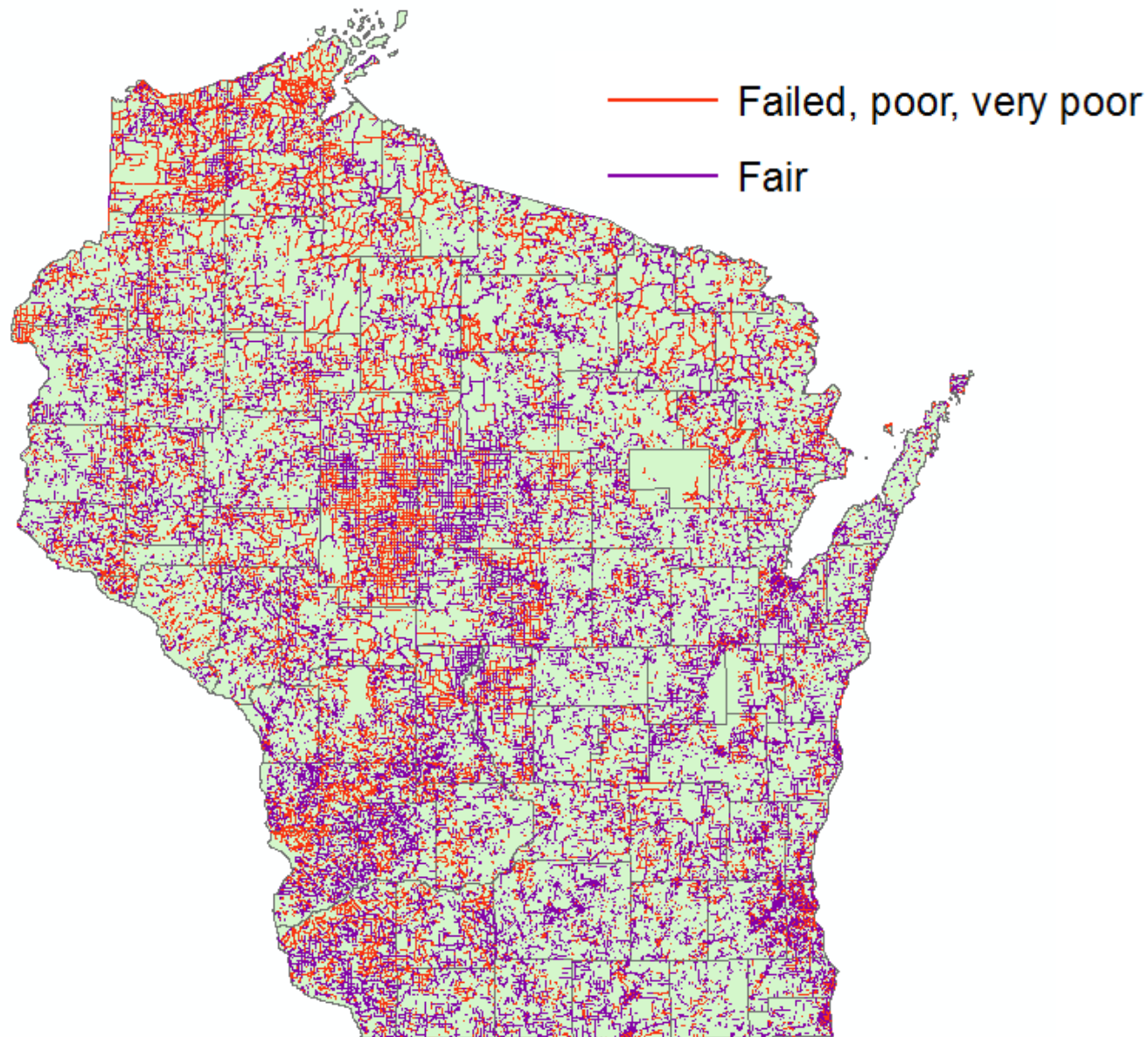
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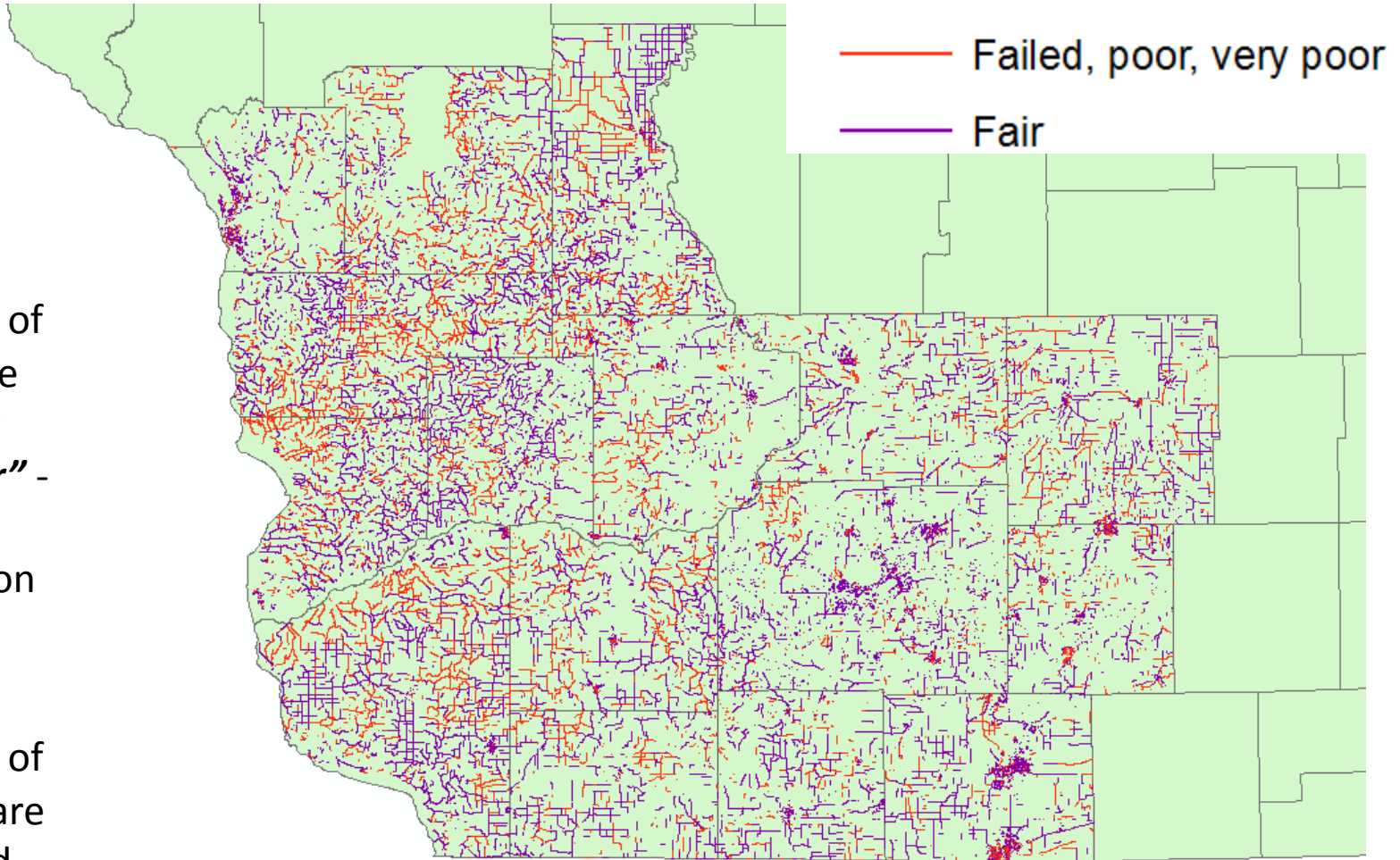


15,714 miles of local road are *“failed, very poor or poor”* - need reconstruction **(14%)**

27,094 miles of local roads are *“fair”* – need repair. **(24%)**

Total miles of local road: 113,490

South West Region

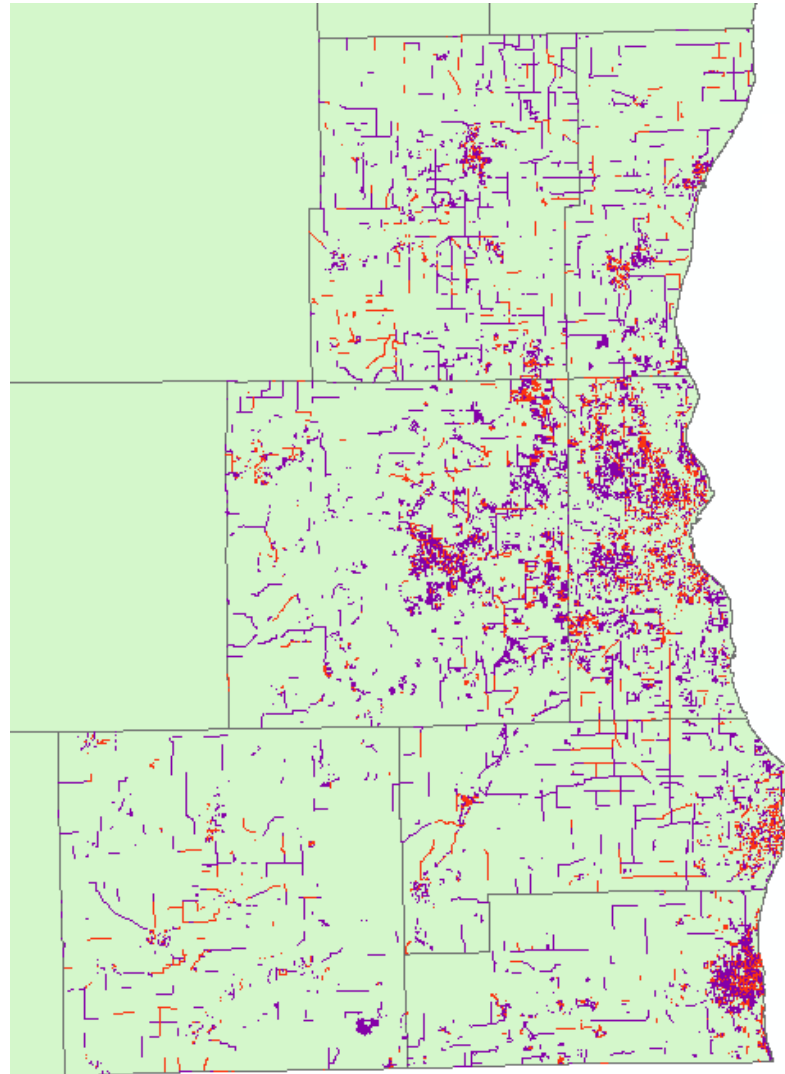


3,213 miles of local road are ***“failed, very poor or poor”*** - need reconstruction (**12%**)

6,962 miles of local roads are ***“fair”*** – need repair. (**26%**)

Counties of Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Juneau, La Crosse, Lafayette, Monroe, Richland, Rock, Sauk and Vernon. **Total miles of local road: 26,776**

South East Region



— Failed, poor, very poor
— Fair

1,274 miles of local road are ***“failed, very poor or poor”*** - need reconstruction **(10%)**

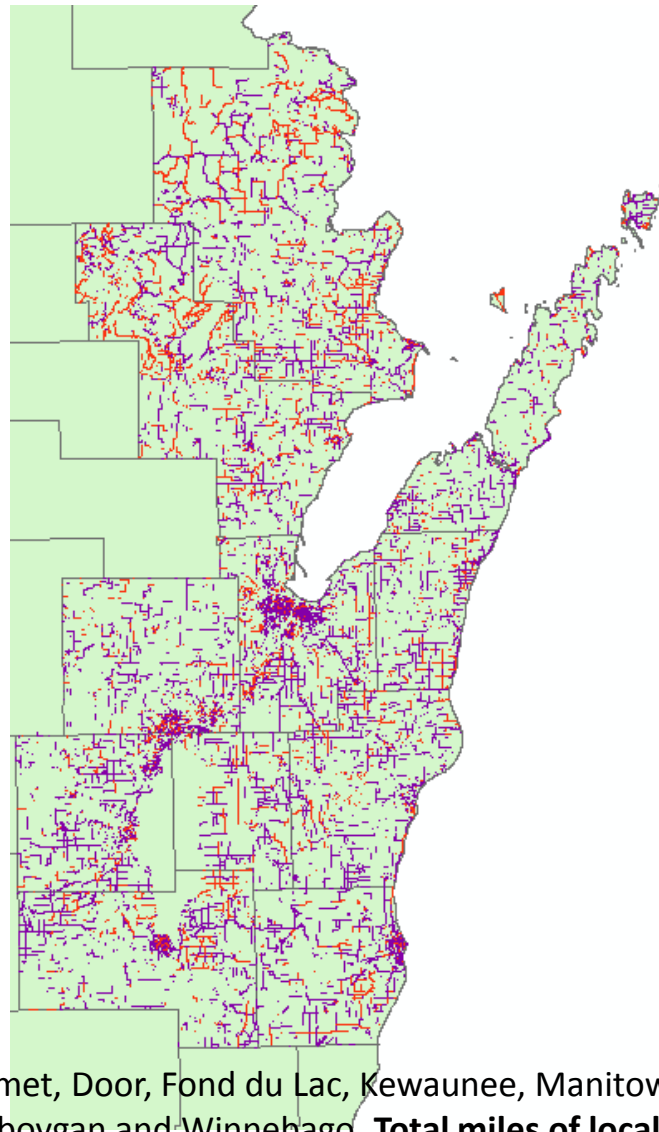
2,720 miles of local roads are ***“fair”*** – need repair. **(22%)**

Counties of Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Walworth, Washington and Waukesha. Total miles of local road: **12,359**

North East Region

1,716 miles of local road are ***“failed, very poor or poor”*** - need reconstruction **(9%)**

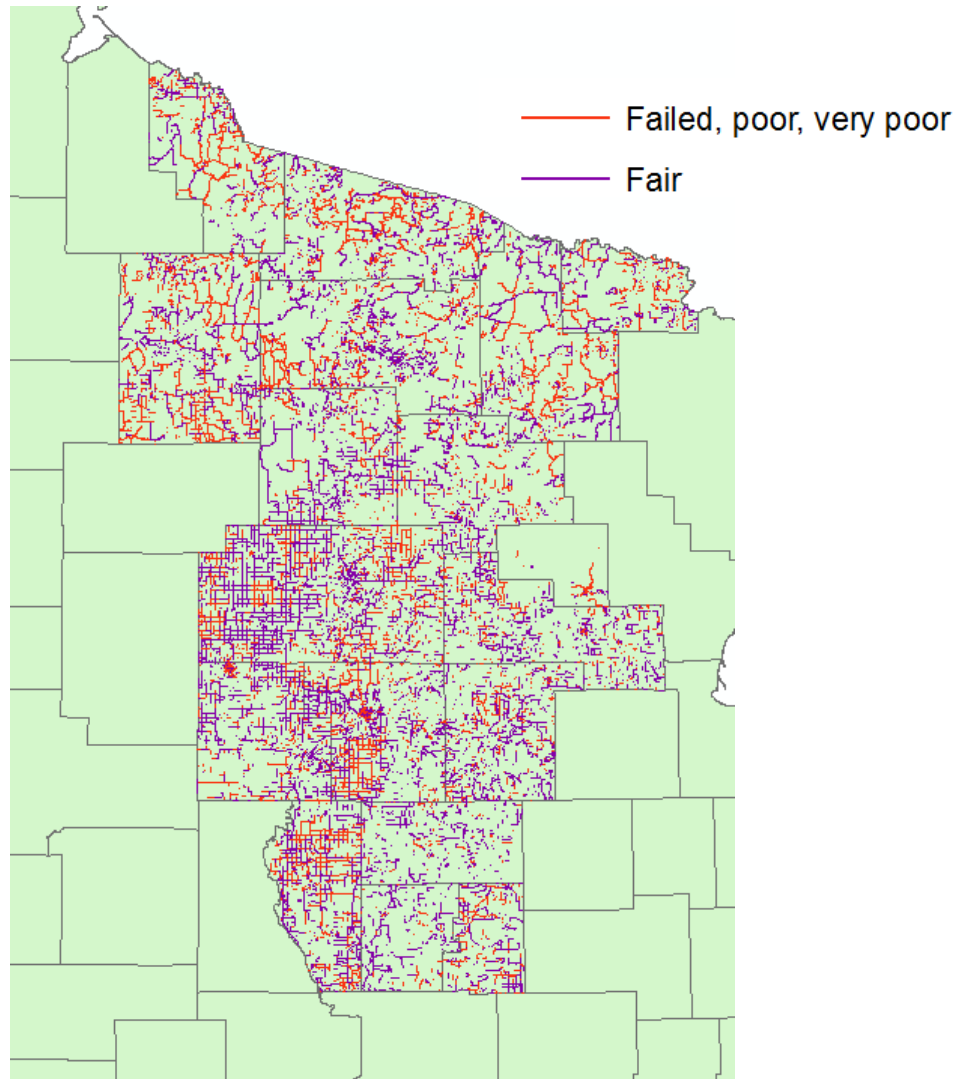
4,147 miles of local roads are ***“fair”*** – need repair. **(22%)**



- Failed, poor, very poor
- Fair

Counties of Brown, Calumet, Door, Fond du Lac, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Marinette, Oconto, Outagamie, Sheboygan and Winnebago. **Total miles of local road: 18,426**

North Central Region



3,744 miles of local road are ***“failed, very poor or poor”*** - need reconstruction **(15%)**

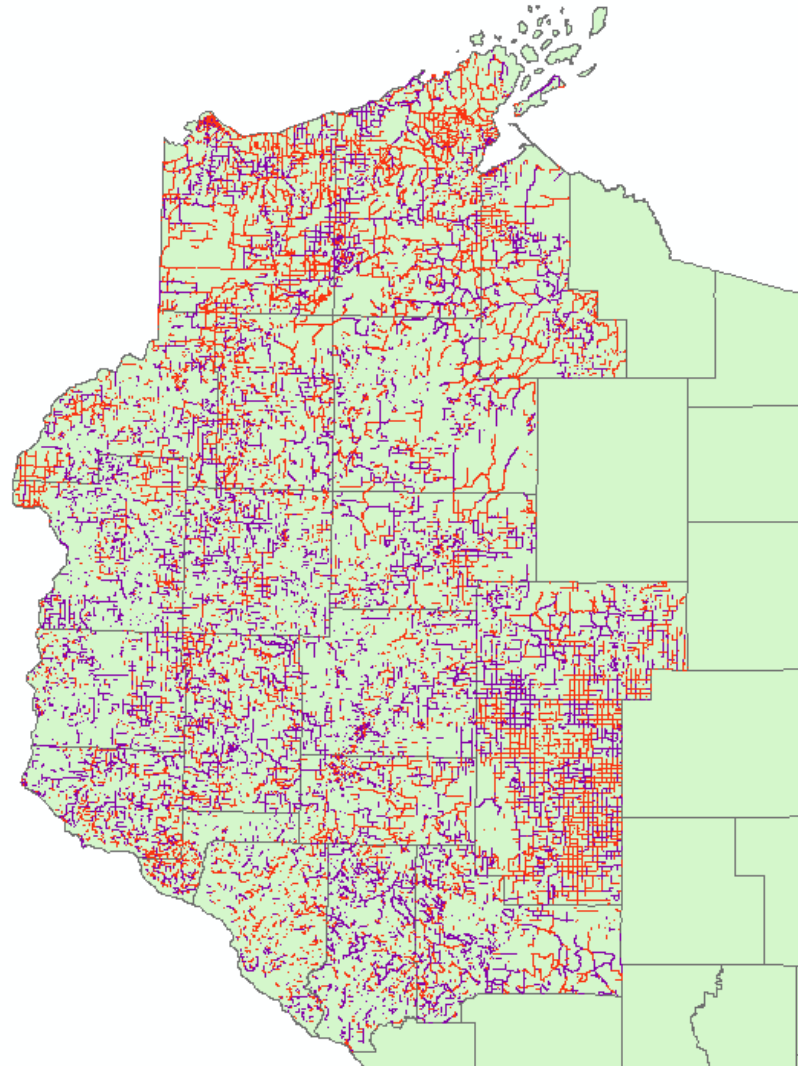
6,229 miles of local roads are ***“fair”*** – need repair. **(25%)**

Counties of Adams, Florence, Forest, Green Lake, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marquette, Menominee, Oneida, Portage, Price, Shawano, Vilas, Waupaca, Waushara and Wood. **Total miles of local road: 24,583**

North West Region

6,919 miles of local road are ***“failed, very poor or poor”*** - need reconstruction **(22%)**

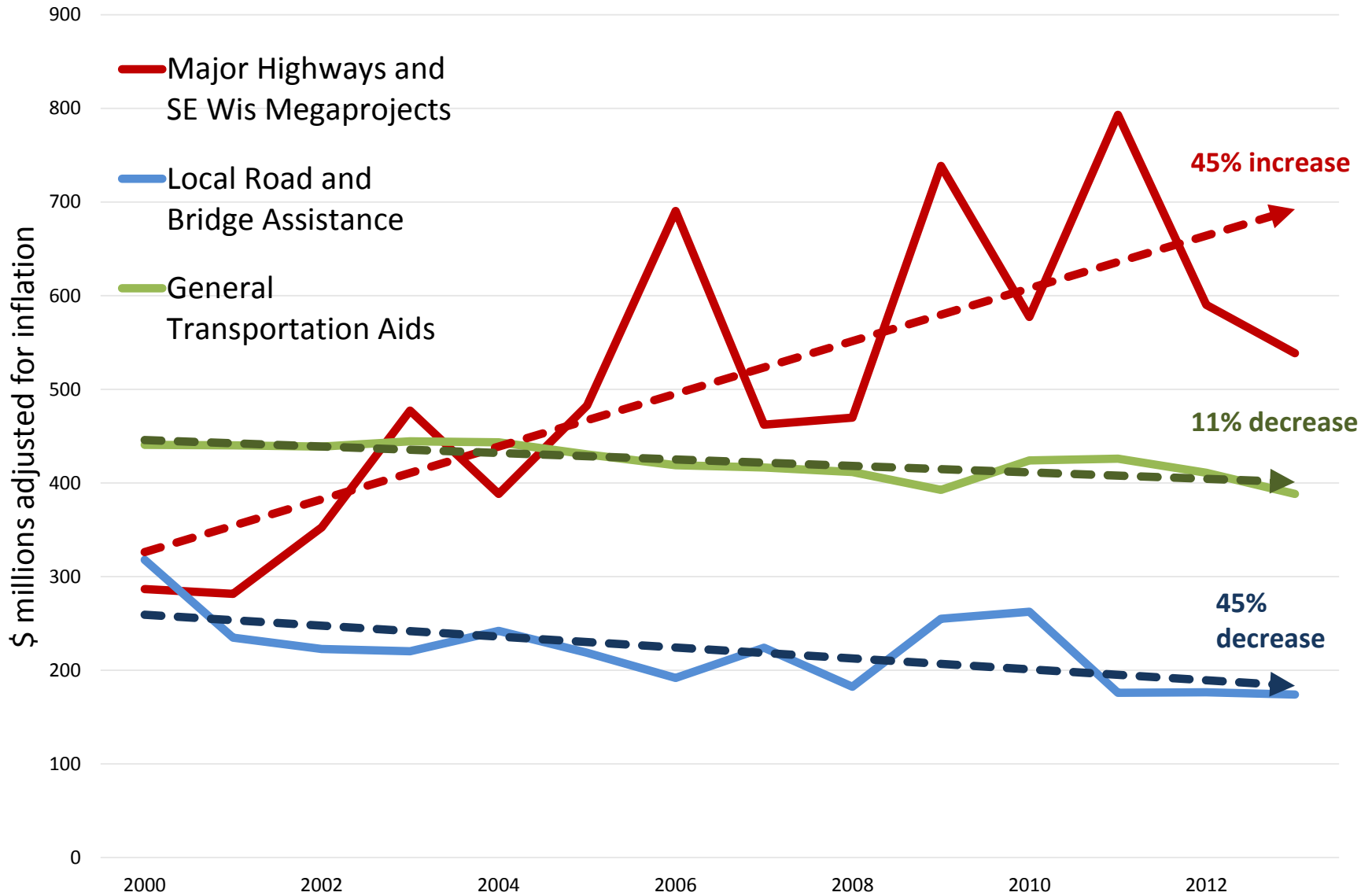
7,084 miles of local roads are ***“fair”*** – need repair. **(23%)**



— Failed, poor, very poor
— Fair

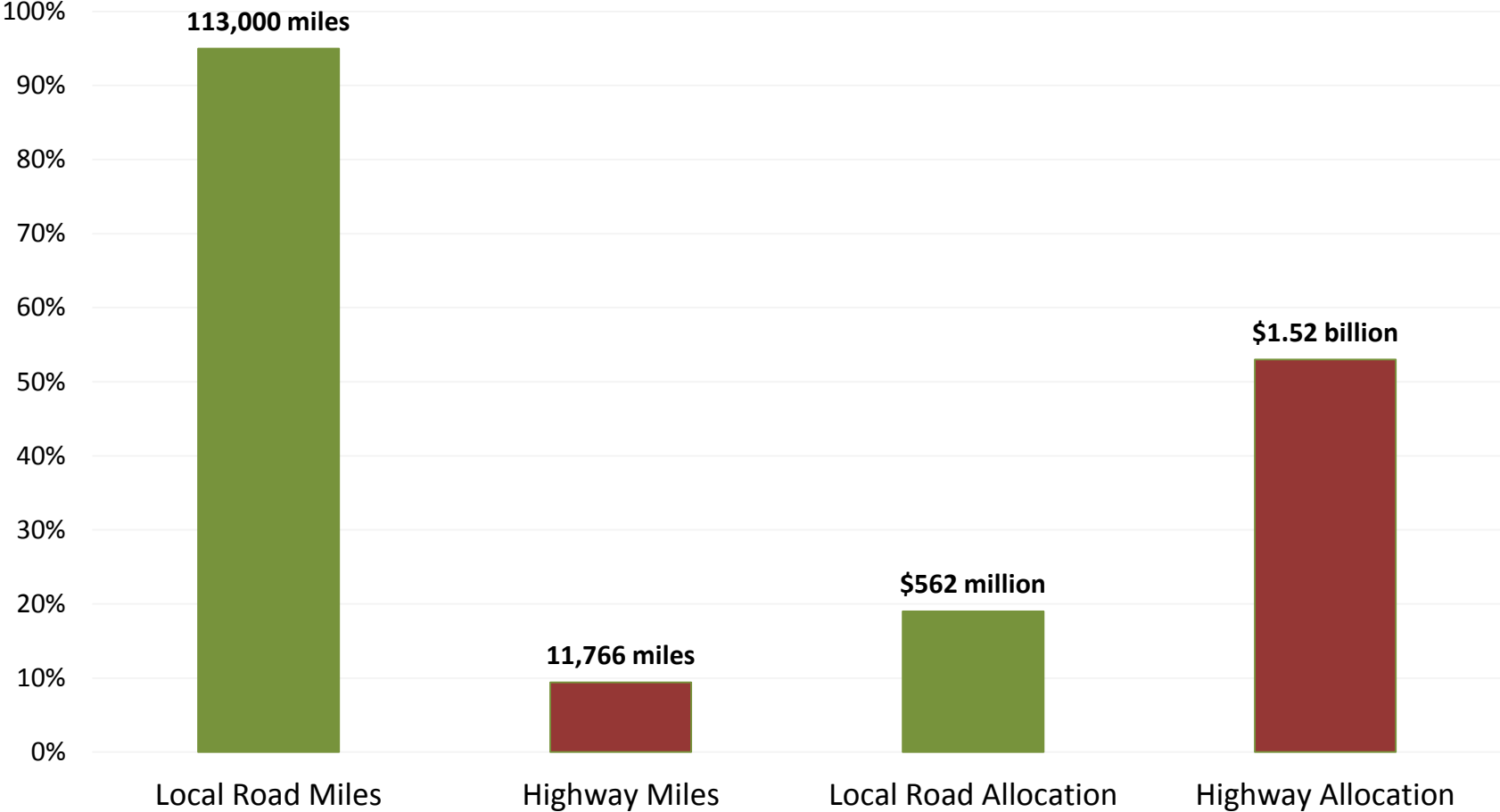
Counties of Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Buffalo, Burnett, Chippewa, Clark, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Jackson, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Rusk, Sawyer, St. Croix, Taylor, Trempealeau and Washburn. **Total miles of local road: 31,314**

WisDOT Funding Trends 2000 - 2013

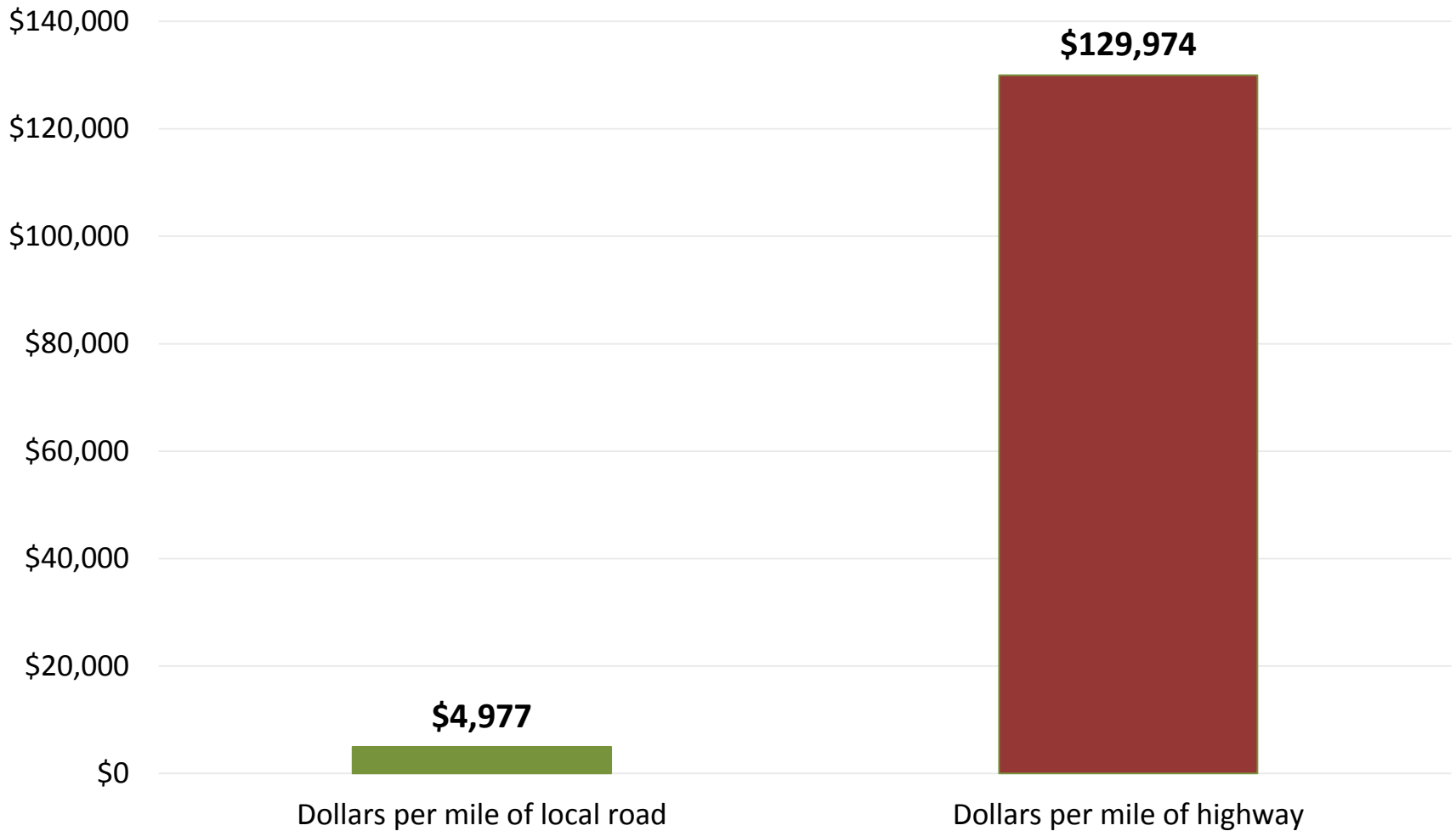


Source: Transportation Budget Trends, 2000 – 2013, Wisconsin DOT

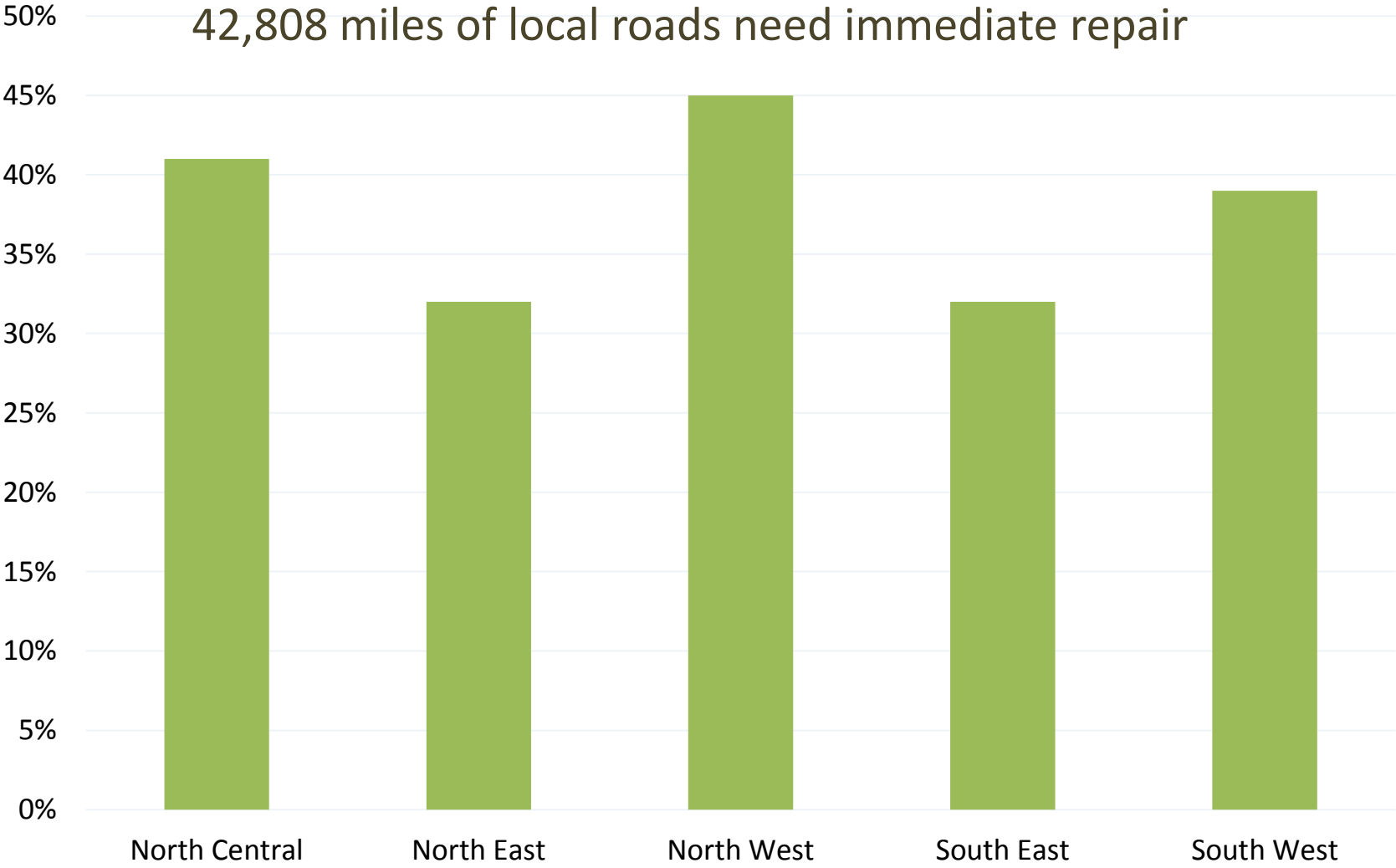
Local Road vs Highway Funding (2013)



Spending per mile of Wisconsin Roadway (2013)



Local Roads in Poor Condition



Proposed Executive Budget (2015-16)

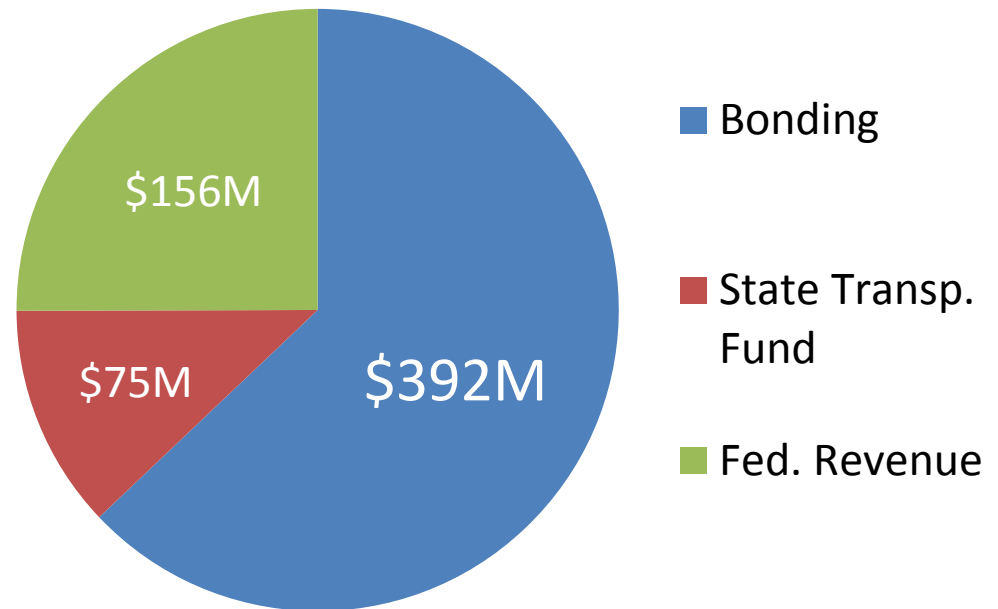
Local Transportation Assistance

- **\$720M over the biennium** (incl. local road assistance), or \$360M per year
- A decline from \$361M/year proposed by the Governor in 2013-14
- Local transportation aids have declined from \$441M in 2000 to \$388M in 2013

Proposed Executive Budget (2015-16)

Southeast Wisconsin Megaprojects Program

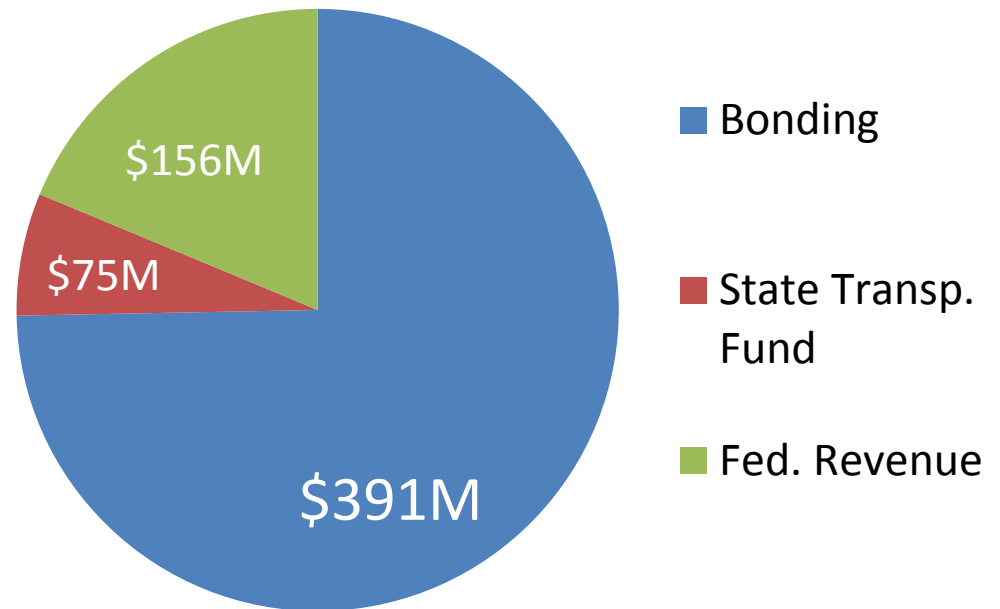
- **\$623M over the biennium**
- \$392M from bonding (*\$292M in FY16 and \$99M in FY17*)
- \$156M in federal funding
- \$75M from the state transportation fund
- I-94 expansion (Milwaukee) given the go-ahead



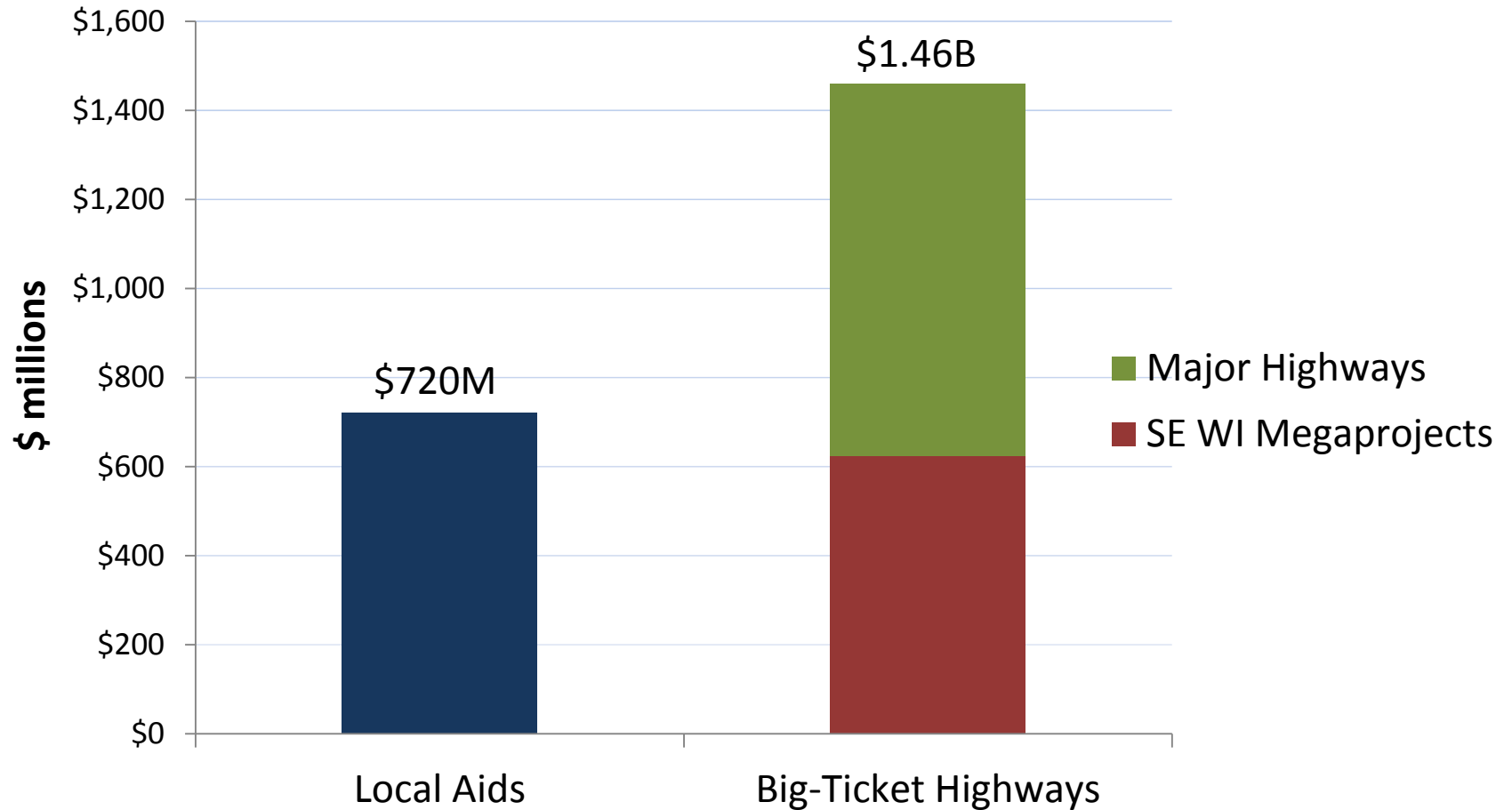
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Major Highway Projects Program

- **\$836M over the biennium**
- \$624.5M from bonding
(\$312M in FY16 and FY17)
- \$156.5M in federal funding
- \$55M from the state transportation fund



Local Roads/Big-Ticket Highways Imbalance (2015-16)



Examples of Unjustified Expansion Projects

I-94 Expansion, Milwaukee

- Cost of expansion beyond repair: \$480M
- Traffic trends:
 - WISDOT projection: **+23%** (2012-2040)
 - Actual: **-8%** (2000-2012)

I-90 Widening, South of Madison

- Cost of expansion beyond repair: \$836M
- Traffic trends:
 - WISDOT projection: **+29%** (2000-2010)
 - Actual: **+1%** (2000-2012)

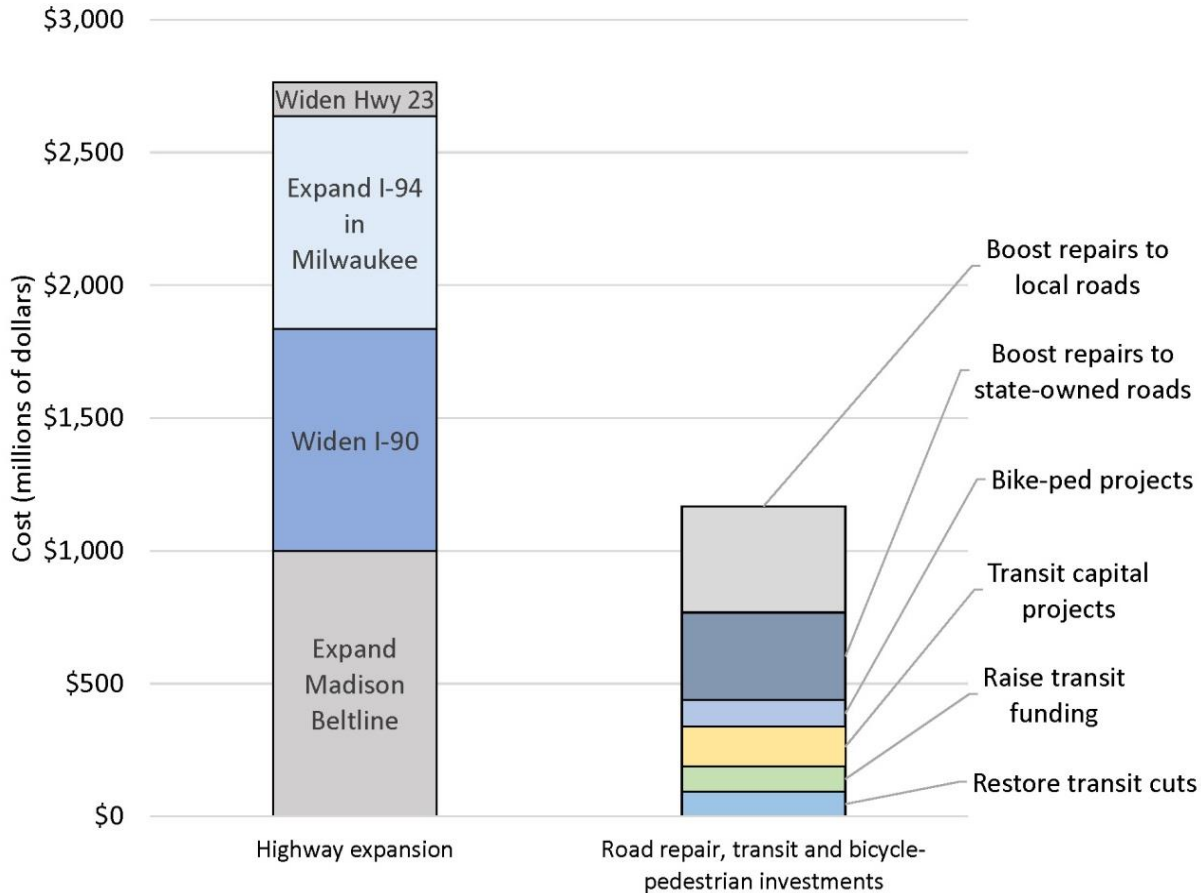
Hwy 23, Fond Du Lac/Plymouth

- Cost of expansion beyond repair: \$128M
- Traffic trends:
 - WISDOT projection: **+54.5%** (2014-2040)
 - Actual: **-4.9%** (2000-2014)

Beltline Expansion, Madison

- Cost of expansion beyond repair: \$1B
- Traffic trends:
 - WISDOT projection relies on data from 2005; **predicts across-the board volume increase.**
 - Actual: **slower-than-predicted growth at most locations along the Beltline** (2005-2012)

Getting Wisconsin's Spending Priorities Straight



For just over \$1B,
Wisconsin could
implement **all**
recommendations of the
bi-partisan
Transportation Policy
and Finance Commission,
including an increase to
local road repair funding,
transit, bicycle and
pedestrian infrastructure
investments, and the
rehabilitation of state-
owned roads, **for the**
next 10 years.