

Gov. Walker: Announces additional \$38.6 million in local bridge projects for 70 bridges statewide

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Increasing total funding for the Local Bridge Program to \$115 million

MADISON – Governor Scott Walker announced an additional \$38.6 million will go to fund an additional 70 local bridge projects statewide for the 2018-2022 Local Bridge Improvement Program cycle. These bridges are in addition to 113 bridges that previously received funding in this program cycle. This additional \$38.6 million was approved by the Joint Finance Committee today. This brings the total funding for the Local Bridge Program to \$115 million.

“We are making sure our infrastructure is safely and efficiently connecting people and commerce in every corner of our state,” said Governor Walker. “With \$38.6 million in additional funding, we are helping improve 70 more bridges on top of the 113 we are already funding. This is part of the largest increase in local road and bridge aid in 20 years.”

The Local Bridge Program has adopted a replace-in-kind policy where emphasis is placed on a safe and effective bridge on the existing bridge footprint. The Local Bridge Program helps finance projects that replace the existing structure, with necessary adjustments made for current standards, safety, and other factors. Local funds may be used for enhancement beyond that scope based on local priorities.

This announcement comes following funding of \$76.4 million for 113 local bridges across Wisconsin, bringing the total to 183 which is the total number of applications

received. A full listing of the approved statewide local bridge projects is available on the WisDOT [website](#).