

Gov. Evers: Acts on transportation-related legislation

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MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers today acted upon three pieces of legislation. Gov. Evers signed Assembly Bill 275, now 2019 Wisconsin Act 18, requiring the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) to maintain a set of highway projects as possible selections for design-build projects. The governor also vetoed Assembly Bill 273 relating to using subbase materials and Assembly Bill 284 requiring the DOT to develop a discretionary merit compensation award program.

Assembly Bill 275, now 2019 Wisconsin Act 18:

- 2019 Wisconsin Act 9, the biennial budget bill, created a new office in the DOT on innovative program delivery to streamline project delivery, promote efficiency, and facilitate design-build project delivery to ensure more cost- and schedule-efficient transportation projects across Wisconsin
- 2019 Wisconsin Act 9 as enacted allows the DOT to implement a design-build program but did not require the DOT to maintain an inventory of potentially qualifying projects
- AB 275, now 2019 Wisconsin Act 18, addresses the above concern and ensures the DOT maintains at least five design-build suitable projects

View Gov. Evers' veto message for AB 273 [here](#).

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