

# The American Society of Civil Engineers - Wisconsin Section: Urges Lawmakers To Prioritize Infrastructure

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**MADISON** – The American Society of Civil Engineers – Wisconsin Section is urging Gov. Evers and the Wisconsin Legislature to prioritize infrastructure during the 2021 legislative session. Gov. Tony Evers will deliver his biennial budget address tonight outlining his agenda. Last month, Gov. Evers delivered his State of the State Address kicking off the budget season in Wisconsin.

ASCE Wisconsin Section hopes Republicans and Democrats will work in a bipartisan manner to fix infrastructure challenges facing our state. Wisconsin's infrastructure needs, especially roads and transportation, must be considered by lawmakers as essential investments.

Recently, the ASCE Wisconsin Section released the Wisconsin Infrastructure Report Card drafted by a committee of more than 50 civil engineers across Wisconsin. Wisconsin's cumulative grade point average for the 2020 report was a C.

The report analyzes specific infrastructure needs across the state of Wisconsin. Roads and transportation were cited as an area of significant concern. According to the report, Wisconsin roads received a D+ grade. More than one-third of Wisconsin's 115,000 miles of drivable roadways are considered in "fair" or "below" condition and will get worse in the next decade. Ignoring Wisconsin's roadway

improvements could lead to an estimated \$13 billion shortfall over the next decade.

“If the past 11 months have taught us anything, it is that we can never be too prepared for the future. Sound investment in infrastructure ensures that future generations have safe roads and clean drinking water, as well as create jobs and opportunities for Wisconsinites,” said Ken Mika, P.E. ASCE Wisconsin Section Past President.

For more information regarding the ASCE and the full detailed report card, please visit the ASCE website at: <http://sections.asce.org/wisconsin-section/home>.