

WisDems: Democratic legislators and WisDems Chair Wikler highlight local impact of infrastructure investments ahead of holiday travel

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MADISON, Wis. — Earlier today, Rep. Greta Neubauer and state Senators LaTonya Johnson and Jeff Smith joined WisDems Chair Ben Wikler to discuss how President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Governor Evers' investments in infrastructure will benefit their local communities, including repairing bridges and roads, improving public transit, and bridging the digital divide by increasing access to high-speed internet.

"As families reunite during the holiday season, Americans will be traveling our roads and using the internet more than ever to connect to their loved ones. Just in time for the holidays, Democrats have ensured Wisconsinites will have the tools to celebrate together, whether they're trekking across the country, just driving up the street, or connecting virtually," said Democratic Party of Wisconsin Chair Ben Wikler.

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Senate Democratic Caucus Chair, State Senator Jeff Smith (D-Brunswick): "Governor Evers promised to fix Wisconsin's aging infrastructure when he was elected, and he's made historic investments to meet that promise... Between 2019 and 2020 alone there were repairs made to over 1,000 miles of highway and more than 800 bridges have repairs completed or underway. Repairs have been made in virtually every corner of the state and Wisconsin's roads are ranked 8th in the nation."

State Senator LaTonya Johnson (D-Milwaukee): "Just this week, we heard that Wisconsin will receive \$142 million in 2022 from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to remove lead pipes across the state. And as someone who lives in the City of Milwaukee and is part of that 77,000 homes with lead pipes, I know just how important this is to our community and to the children who live in those communities... Clean drinking water is a right that every Wisconsinite deserves — to walk to their tap, to turn on that faucet, and get a glass of drinking water that will be safe and healthy for their family."

State Representative Greta Neubauer (D-Racine): "Here in Wisconsin, Governor Evers knows that connecting our communities and small businesses with high-speed broadband is critical for creating opportunities across Wisconsin. Evers has expanded broadband access to 300,000 homes and businesses... The infrastructure law will build upon those investments by helping to deliver broadband to every Wisconsinite and lower prices for internet service, helping people to do their jobs, to equally participate in school, to have access to health care, and simply stay connected with their communities."