

WisDems: ICYMI - Wisconsin mayors endorse Biden's "transformational" build back better agenda

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Madison, Wis. — Yesterday, mayors from the cities of Racine, Madison, Wausau, and Sheboygan endorsed President Biden's Build Back Better agenda, citing how the Build Back Better Act and Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal will deliver millions of dollars in critical investments for their cities.

Read about the mayors' virtual roundtable below:

ABC Madison: [Wisconsin mayors discuss how President Biden's agenda could help local cities](#)

- The mayors of Madison, Wausau, Racine, and Sheboygan said federal investment in certain sectors could take the burden off local budgets.
- Madison's mayor, Satya Rhodes-Conway, says that after the devastating flooding that Madison experienced in 2018, the city embarked on a major project to upgrade the storm water system.
- Rhodes-Conway says they're only halfway done, but the price tag is still more than the city can bear.

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- "Municipalities here in Wisconsin have very few options left to us from the legislature for funding the work that's needed," she said. "Without outside

help, these projects are not going to get done.”

WPR: [Mayors from 4 Wisconsin cities urge Congress to pass Biden social safety net plan, emphasizing child care](#)

- More affordable child care is part of what the Biden administration has dubbed the Build Back Better Plan, but the bill is opposed by all Republicans in the U.S. Senate, who take issue with the price tag and the social spending it includes. The plan would cap child care expenses based on family income, extend the Child Tax Credit and provide universal free pre-school. It’s just one of many elements in the bill, which also addresses infrastructure and climate change.

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- In a virtual event Thursday, mayors from the cities of Racine, Madison, Wausau and Sheboygan pushed for federal lawmakers to come to an agreement on a plan they called “transformational” and what Racine Mayor Corey Mason described as “a once in a generation chance” to provide “real opportunities to get into the middle class and thrive.”

[...]

- The mayors who spoke Thursday in support of more spending on climate change, infrastructure and child care disagree, saying the pandemic exposed areas in which those who are lower income experience more hardship because these issues affect them more.

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- “Thinking about child care alone, in Marathon County, we lost 55 percent of our child care providers during the last recession. That was 10 years ago,” said Wausau Mayor Katie Rosenberg.