

⇒ Infrastructure

A. Support a reliable infrastructure system

Nearly 85% of all new jobs created in Wisconsin since 1990 have been located within 5 miles of a major highway. A high-quality infrastructure is critical to moving products to market, transporting workers to their jobs, bringing tourists to the state, and safely transporting families to their many destinations.

Wisconsin must have a reliable energy infrastructure to meet the future energy needs of businesses and citizens. Wisconsin has wisely chosen an energy portfolio that includes a reasonable level of renewable sources.

In addition, Wisconsin must have the most current and technologically advanced telecommunications network to grow and expand businesses and assist learning in all parts of the state.

Strategies:

- ☑ Complete the Southeast Wisconsin Highway reconstruction by 2020.
- ☑ Maintain a safe, reliable transportation system utilizing multi-modal transportation sources supported by a segregated revenue source.
- ☑ Expand highway capacity between Eau Claire and Minneapolis/St. Paul
- ☑ Create a high-speed link between Milwaukee and Chicago by 2015 and between Madison and Milwaukee by 2018.
- ☑ Raise the speed limit to 70 mph on appropriate Interstate Highways.
- ☑ Maintain and enhance a reliable, cost-efficient energy generation, distribution and transmission infrastructure to support present and future businesses.
- ☑ Support policies to enable Wisconsin's to generate 10 percent of its electricity and transportation fuels from renewable resources by 2015.
- ☑ Support legislation to lift the moratorium on nuclear plant construction in Wisconsin.
- ☑ Encourage private sector solutions to deploy fully broadband or other high-speed technology statewide by 2012. This will include rural and underserved areas.
- ☑ Encourage private sector solutions to create a "wireless" state by 2012.