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Well, it's that time of year again where our roads are being torn up and repaired after another Wisconsin winter. Even though we may see the road construction as a hassle, having strong infrastructure is important for our local economy.

As we live in rural Wisconsin, the majority of us drive many miles going grocery shopping, taking our children to their various activities, or even driving to work. The drive will be much easier if the roads are not in disrepair and will save us money on vehicle maintenance. These projects may delay our schedules, but the end product is worth the wait.

Through the last budget cycle we were able to increase road funding to further improve local roads and infrastructure. Additionally, our communities were able to secure a federal grant to help us build up our bridges.

A few of the larger road projects underway include an approximate 17.8 mile stretch on WIS 93 from Independence to the north Trempealeau County line, US 53 from the west junction of WIS 95 to Richter Road in Trempealeau County, removing and replacing bridges on I-94 over County Highway NN and the Buffalo River, and two culverts in Black River along US 12 and WIS 27.

Please keep in mind that there are many smaller local projects underway across Buffalo, Trempealeau, and Jackson Counties. As you travel, make sure to leave enough time to account for the delays that may occur due to the road construction. Most importantly, drive cautiously and respectfully with the working crews alongside the road.

For more information on road construction projects across the 92nd Assembly District, please visit the Department of Transportation's official page at <u>https://projects.511wi.gov/</u> as well as <u>https://projects.511wi.gov/weeklyupdates-nw/</u> to find weekly updates. You will be able to find more information about specific projects and as well as other projects across the state if you plan to be traveling anytime soon.

As always, feel free to contact my office with questions, comments, or concerns.

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