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Welcome to Summer 2025! Let's do everything we can to have a safe and productive construction season. Please make sure that those of you that are actively working on our state's road projects have taken your safety training and are well prepared for this construction season. [Read more](#)

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Utility Worksheet & Pilot Projects

The initiative to revise and update the DT2236 Utility Worksheet is advancing towards implementation. The final two pilot projects are on track for submittal in May and August.

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Utility Relocation Claims

In 2023, Wisconsin Act 46 modified Wisconsin Statute 84.063 and Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter Trans. 220. The biggest impact concerned reimbursement of contractor losses resulting from utility relocation delays on state trunk highway improvement projects. [Read more](#)

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Bobbie Keck, the Southwest Regional Utility Unit Leadworker, provided a utility training session for the Real Estate Staff in her region on the updated Utility Property Interest Acquisition Process and the use of the New Utility Exhibit. Way to go on the informative presentation, Bobbie!

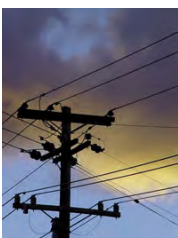
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Enhanced Utility Coordination Group

Enhanced Utility Coordination is a proactive approach to utility coordination assessed during the scoping and design phases for all projects on the state highway system. The benefits of successful enhanced utility coordination include avoiding unnecessary utility relocations, reducing unexpected conflicts with utilities and utility delays, and enhancing safety. [Read more](#)

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Acquisition of Utility Interests & Utility Exhibit

In February, a new process for acquiring both utility land interests and utility rights was implemented for on-system highway projects. WisDOT's policy has now shifted from the Region Utility Units acquiring utility land interests and/or rights to the Real Estate Units as a party of interest while acquiring the underlying fee.

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Welcome, New Hires!

Jordan Rynish
Utility Engineer - Construction

We are pleased to welcome Jordan Rynish to the BTS Utility Unit. Get to know Jordan a bit with the Q&A below:

Q: What is your role?

A: "I am a Construction Utility Engineer working on Utility Monitoring processes."

Q: What drew you to your current role and how did you get started in this field?

A: "I have wanted to work for WisDOT for a long time, since it is a great opportunity to make a positive impact to so many people using the transportation system. I have spent time doing WisDOT construction inspection and utility design work, which I thought made me a good fit for this role."

Q: What did you want to be when you grew up?

A: "I wanted to do something that involved problem-solving."

Q: What are some of your favorite hobbies?

A: "I enjoy being outdoors, hunt, fish, and have been getting into backpacking. I also enjoy spending time with my kids. One of my other hobbies is computer games."

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Amanda Weaver
Statewide Acquisition & Litigation Facilitator

We are pleased to welcome Amanda Weaver to the BTS Acquisition and Services Unit. Get to know Amanda bit with the Q&A below:

Q: What drew you to your current role and how did you get started in the field?

A: "I have been working as an Acquisition Specialist for WisDOT for just under six years. I enjoyed every part of that role, but the training and mentoring of my coworkers is what really gave me joy. I see this new role as an opportunity to take that training aspect and build on it to become a resource for our Acquisition and Litigation team."

Q: What did you want to be when you grew up?

A: "The only thing I knew that I wanted for myself and my future was to be a mother. I never had that dream job in my mind like others did. I always thought I'd be a stay-at-home mom with five kids. I got about halfway; I have three great kids!"

Q: Who is your biggest inspiration and why?

A: "My biggest inspiration was my grandmother. She was a small business owner in a small city in SW Wisconsin. She then went on to start another small business. She struggled with health issues, but she never let it have an impact on her businesses. She had a rule- she left her personal troubles at the door. I have always remembered that, and it's served me well in this position. I don't bring issues from work home, and vice versa."

Q: What are some of your favorite hobbies?

A: "My family and I love going boating on the Mississippi River; tubing and fishing are what we look forward to every summer. We are a football loving family (like many are), so we plan our fall around Packers and Badgers games."

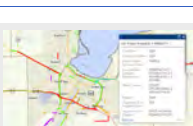
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WisDOT Six Year Highway Improvement Program

The WisDOT Six Year Program map is a great way to gather insight into projects happening around the state. This interactive map is updated weekly and available online at: [WisDOT Maps ArcGIS page](#) under the Projects section's Improvement Program link.

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all summer long.

No matter where your summer travel plans take you across the state, make [511wi.gov](#) and the **511 Wisconsin app** part of your travel checklist.

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