

# Raising the I-94 Rock River and Crawfish River Bridges

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is pursuing funding to complete the Raising the I-94 Rock River and Crawfish River Bridges Project. The Project will replace and elevate approximately 4 miles of roadway around the I-94 bridges crossing the Rock River and Crawfish River, significantly reducing the risk of I-94 being closed during flooding events.

## Request for Support

WisDOT requests your support for its application under the PROTECT Grant Program. Grant funding is being pursued to replace the bridges to allow for higher flood conveyance. Reviewers at the U.S. Department of Transportation consider letters of support when determining which projects receive grant funding. Please consider providing a letter of support and highlighting why this project is essential to your organization.

## Project Info

The Project will address safety, damage, and closure concerns of the Rock River and Crawfish River bridges. Replacement of the bridges and roadways will reduce the risk of future closings, a safety measure that will reduce traffic diversions onto less safe local roads and highways and cause fewer driver delays. Higher bridge and roadway elevations will allow I-94 to continue providing a lifeline for Southern Wisconsin and ensure people and goods can flow safely through the region.

For information on the project, please visit: <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/designbuild/i-94-crawfish-rock-river-bridge-replacements.aspx>

## Project Location



Flooding from the June 2008 storm closed the I-94 westbound roadways for two weeks. Since 2008, the bridges have been placed on a "watchlist" in 2013, 2016, 2018, and 2020.



**Crucial lifeline for Southern WI, connecting Milwaukee to Madison**



**Part of the Primary Highway Freight System (PHFS), or a critical highway portion of the national freight network<sup>1</sup>**



## Key Facts

**Milwaukee area ranked within the top 100 national list of major freight highway bottlenecks and congested corridors, with daily truck traffic averaging 7,000+<sup>2</sup>**



**I-94 in Southern Wisconsin contains one of the major truck freight bottlenecks in the state<sup>3</sup>**



**\$16B in freight commerce transported annually on this corridor**

<sup>1</sup> National Highway Freight Network Map, 2022. [https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/Freight/infrastructure/nfn/maps/nhfn\\_map.htm](https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/Freight/infrastructure/nfn/maps/nhfn_map.htm)

<sup>2</sup> Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Freight Mobility Trends: Truck Hours of Delay, 2021. [https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/freight\\_analysis/mobility\\_trends/national\\_list\\_2021.htm](https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/freight_analysis/mobility_trends/national_list_2021.htm)

<sup>3</sup> American Transportation Research Institute's Top Truck Bottlenecks – 2023. <https://truckingresearch.org/2023/02/top-100-truck-bottlenecks-2023/>