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## Sanfelippo says DOT financing options are outdated

MADISON, Wis. – State Rep. Joe Sanfelippo, R-New Berlin, is calling for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to modernize its project delivery and finance options.

"Wisconsin DOT's project delivery and financing options need as much updating as our roads. We can save money and complete projects faster with the same safety standards by utilizing design-build-finance and other delivery options," said Rep. Sanfelippo.

All project delivery methods should be on the table to make DOT as efficient and effective as possible. A <u>recent article</u> highlighted that last August, Virginia State DOT built a \$2.08 billion toll concession project which opened six months ahead of schedule. Using new and innovative ideas and designs led to significant life-cycle cost savings.

The federal government and many states, including <u>Minnesota</u> and Indiana have also seen significant savings. Wisconsin is mostly limited to what is called the design-build-bid process. This is the longest and most expensive process for completing construction projects.

Rep. Sanfelippo added, "Alternative project delivery and finance options need to be a part of the conversation as we look to find sustainable solutions for DOT."

Rep. Sanfelippo continues to work with colleagues to explore options for project delivery and finance options to make DOT more effective and efficient.

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