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2005 REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors
Ozaukee County, Wisconsin

The annual report of the County Highway Commissioner for the year 2005, as required by Section 83.01(7) of the Wisconsin Statutes, is presented for your consideration.

This report includes an itemized statement of expenditures for 2005, including County Highway Maintenance, Building Outlay, New Equipment and Highway Construction Projects. A complete inventory of equipment, materials and a detailed accounting of all expenditures are available as a separate document.

Highway Department Mission Statement

The Ozaukee County Highway Department seeks to provide and maintain the highest quality transportation system possible, one that balances the desires of County taxpayers for safety, speed and efficiency, and to provide for it in a fiscally responsible manner.

The Ozaukee County Highway Department is fully equipped to provide complete maintenance and construction services for the transportation system in Ozaukee County. Working under contract to the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation, services are provided to maintain 27 miles of Interstate Highway and 64 miles of State Trunk Highways running through the County. The Highway Department also is responsible for maintaining 152 miles of County Trunk Highways, and through intergovernmental agreements, provides service to Townships, maintaining 204 of the 266 total miles of Town Roads in the County.

Construction activities in 2005 included several notable projects. The significant State project principally completed in 2005 was the reconstruction of a portion of STH 33 in the Village of Saukville, including replacement of the Milwaukee River crossing with a new four-lane, post tensioned structure. The planning for future major projects continues. Planning for the balance of the STH 33 project, from I-43 east to Summit Drive in the city of Port Washington is underway, with

construction scheduled for 2009. DOT is planning a grinding and overlay repair to STH 167, from I-43 to Cedarburg Road in Mequon, currently re-scheduled to be done in 2007.

County forces completed a number of notable projects. Crews completed the first lift of bituminous material on CTH I from Shady Lane to the northern limits of the CTH I/STH 33 project. CTH B received an overlay in the segment from Dixie Road to CTH A and from Willow to CTH H. Chip seal with boiler slag projects included CTH LL for the section on the northern bypass of the City of Port Washington, and on CTH D from the Village of Belgium to CTH B.

Other projects to note that were done by Highway Department forces include work for the Parks Department, such the completion of the stairway and pedestrian bridge to provide Lake Michigan access at the Lions Den and the repaving of the tennis courts at Virmond and Waubedonia Parks. Highway forces also constructed paved walking paths for the Village of Thiensville in their park and for the City of Cedarburg in Georgetown Park. Highway Department crews also performed paving, chip sealing and reconstruction projects for the Townships, including Belgium, Port Washington, Saukville, Fredonia and Grafton.

County forces had another successful year in the production of hot mix bituminous concrete. In 2005, a total of about 30,200 tons was produced, down significantly from the 41,000 tons produced in 2004. In addition, the County crushed about 30,200 tons of gravel from material obtained from the recently acquired 159-acre site, known as the Guenther parcel. This amount of gravel was produced in order to supplement the County's stockpile of material and prepares us for our 2006 activities.

Looking ahead to 2006, planned projects include completing the needed R/W acquisition to allow for 2007 construction of Port Washington Road (CTH W) from Mequon Road (STH 167) to Glen Oaks. County forces will be constructing a 40' x 60' cold storage building at the Lakeland Pit. An addition to the Waubeka shop is also planned to include both rest rooms and lunchroom facilities. The recent award of Hazard Elimination grant monies will allow for the planning for the reconstruction of the CTH I from Cedar Sauk to STH 33 to be completed so that construction can be accomplished by 2008. In 2006, work on the design of the future I-43 bike/pedestrian bridge for the interurban trail will continue to allow for its construction to take place in 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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Highway Commissioner