

## 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 2003, 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 2003, including County Highway Maintenance, Building Outlay, New Equipment and Highway Construction Projects. A complete inventory of equipment and materials and a detailed accounting of all expenditures is 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 2003 included several notable projects. Major State projects included the replacement of the CTH T bridge over Cedar Creek, the principal completion of the construction of STH 57 in the northern end of Ozaukee County including the intersection improvements at CTH A and STH 57 and an expanded park and ride facility. Other State projects to note include the reconstruction of STH 32, from I-43 to the Port Washington city limits.

County forces had another significant year in the production of hot mix bituminous concrete. In 2003, a total of over 47,000 tons was produced, second only to the record production year in 2002 of over 54,000 tons. In addition, the County was also able to acquire the 159 acre site, known as the Guenther parcel, to allow the continuation of gravel mining activities to provide a source of material for the hot mix operation for future needs. Notable County projects included the paving on CTH W from Lakefield Road (CTH T) to STH 60 and on CTH W from CTH V to Foster Road in the Town of Saukville, as well as paving projects on CTH B from CTH LL to Willow Road, CTH KK from Mink Ranch to Willow and an overlay on CTH Y from Riverpark to CTH A. County forces did a significant number of chip sealing projects, including CTH Q from I-43 to

CTH C, *CTH Y* from CTH C to CTH NN, and on *CTH C* from Falls Road to I-43. County Highway forces completed the paving of the Ozaukee County Interurban Trail in the City of Mequon and performed extensive reconstruction and paving work for the Port Washington-Saukville school district for their parking lots at the various schools, including the high school and administration building parking lots

Looking ahead to 2004, planned projects include the reconstruction of the intersection of CTH W and CTH T, as well as the R/W acquisition to facilitate construction of CTH W from Mequon Road from STH 167 to Glen Oaks. The recent award of Hazard Elimination grant monies will allow for the reconstruction of the intersection of CTH I and STH 33 to move forward to design completion and the R/W acquisition phase.

Respectfully submitted,

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