



# SHEBOYGAN COUNTY

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## **Sheboygan County Announces 2017 Construction Projects**

The Sheboygan County Transportation Department has an aggressive paving schedule this year thanks to the new revenue generated by the one-half percent county sales tax. Last year the Sheboygan County Board was the 63<sup>rd</sup> county to enact the one-half percent sales tax, and the first to direct that all the money be used to help maintain a safe and reliable transportation system, and share some of the revenue with local municipalities.

Transportation Director Greg Schnell said that in order to maintain 450 miles of County roads to adequate standards, 30 miles of road will need to be paved each year. The County also is responsible for maintaining 73 bridges. A list of all construction projects including 30 miles of paving, 18 miles of seal coating, 2 miles of reconstruction, and one bridge replacement is available for review on the homepage of the County's website at [www.sheboygancounty.com](http://www.sheboygancounty.com).

In addition to construction work on County roads, there will also be more work done on City, Village, and Town roads due to the County's revenue sharing program with the local municipalities. Chairman Tom Wegner said he is very pleased to see the additional road work that will now be done going forward. "Maintaining our transportation system is a key community investment and essential for economic development, employment and our quality of life," Wegner said. "The County Board stepped up and provided the leadership needed to help address our transportation needs, and as a result, we are being fiscally responsible."

County Administrator Adam Payne is pleased with the plan going forward as well. "It is far more cost-effective to bite the bullet and maintain our roads today, than let them get really bad and pass the buck and higher costs on to future generations," Payne said.

Also, please don't forget it is illegal to talk on a handheld mobile device while driving in a Wisconsin work zone. Mobile devices continue to be a leading cause of distracted driving throughout the United States.

Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation when driving through work zones this summer.

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