

TRANSPORTATION HIGHWAY



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The Highway Division's mission statement is: Creating Safe and Reliable Transportation – Today and Tomorrow. Communities depend on transportation. It directly affects their quality of life by connecting people to jobs, getting people to and from their activities, bringing tourists to the area and shipping products.

2,168
Lane Miles of
Maintenance
Responsibility

137,742
Tons of
Asphalt
Produced

50.1
Miles of Chip
Sealing

13
Miles of County
Roads
Repaved

The primary responsibilities of the Highway Division are the maintenance, design, and construction of the 450-mile system of County Trunk Highways. In addition, the Division functions as the maintenance agency for 170 miles of State Trunk and I43 within the County, along with 465 miles of local township roads. This equates to 2,168 lane miles of maintenance responsibility. Additional major operations include gravel crushing, blacktop production, grading and construction, bridge maintenance and inspection, and roadway marking and signing.

2025 Achievements



Fully reconstructed the CTH O corridor with upgraded drainage



Contributed funding towards CTH EE reconstruction



Re-engineered the CTH A/V intersection to maximize driver visibility



2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

In 2025, the Highway Department reconstructed or fully paved 13 miles of County roads, alongside 50.1 miles of chip sealing on County and town roads. While the annual goal is typically 30 miles, the department focused on several large-scale reconstruction projects that required a strategic reduction in overall paving mileage. Total asphalt production reached 137,742 tons as the department fulfilled all maintenance duties for the State of Wisconsin and local municipalities.

Key accomplishments included the full reconstruction and corridor completion of County Road O, and a federally funded project on County Road EE featuring new curbing, bike lanes, and pedestrian crossings. The department also redesigned the intersection of County Roads A and V to improve traveler visibility and safety. Meanwhile, reconstruction at the South Side Shed continued throughout the year and is slated for completion in 2026.

2025 BUDGET

Revenues	\$ 22,863,394
Expenses	\$ 30,801,102
Transfers In/Out	\$ 6,621,058
(Under)/Over Budget	\$ 1,316,650

2026 LOOK AHEAD

Since the enactment of the half-cent sales tax, the tremendous impact has extended far beyond the County road system. These funds have provided local municipalities of all sizes the opportunity to expand or establish road programs, fostering significant growth across the region. Within the County paving program, improvements have reached beyond asphalt surfaces to include critical infrastructure components such as culverts, ditches, bridges, and equipment. A key challenge moving forward will be maintaining these roads through pavement preservation programs to ensure they last 20-plus years.

In 2026, the Department will focus on several high-priority infrastructure projects supported by supplemental funding. Key objectives include the construction of a roundabout at County Roads C and TT and the reconstruction of County Road OO from the bridge to State Highway 32, both partially funded by grants. Additionally, the Department will replace two failing box culverts on County Road SS using funds and finalize the ongoing reconstruction at the Southside Shed.

