

Transportation

Major Findings

1. There are no findings related to transportation that stands out among the rest.

Recommendations

1. Utilize the results of the PASER program to schedule and fund the most critical Town-owned road and bridge reconstruction projects through a Capital Improvement Planning process.

Goals, Objectives, Policies, and Programs

Goals

1. Provide a safe, efficient and well-maintained system for motor vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic within the Town of Marshfield.

Objectives

1. **Road Maintenance:** Provide adequate public safety and road maintenance to all residents and businesses in the Town.
2. **Road Reconstruction:** The Town of Marshfield may consider a policy that requires the reconstruction of Town roads to meet higher standards with regard to adequate road base and width of pavement to facilitate heavier farm equipment and larger trucks associated with larger farm operations.
3. **County and State Communication:** Actively participate with the surrounding Towns, Villages of Mt. Calvary and St. Cloud, and Fond du Lac County Highway Department regarding road projects that may affect the Town of Marshfield.
4. **Natural Resources Impact:** Minimize the impact of any new transportation improvements on existing development and the community's natural resources.
5. **Elderly and Disabled Transportation:** Be aware of and support the County programs that provide transportation for the town's elderly and disabled residents.
6. **Minor Arterial Designations:** Analyze traffic counts and the number of existing access points to determine where minor arterial road designations should occur to create safer connectivity between other minor arterials.

Programs

1. A tool the Town of Marshfield uses to determine budget priorities for road construction and repair is PASER (pronounced pacer). PASER is a simplified pavement management program that communities use to evaluate pavement surface condition. The PASER rating reflects the physical condition of town roads. The highest possible rating is 10. The roads with a low rating are the focus of budget decisions made by the Town of Marshfield regarding road repair and maintenance.

Background Information

Transportation Modes

Table 7
Transportation Modes

Type	Provider(s)	Analysis
Freight /Trucking Firms	None in the Town	Nearest Trucking is in the City of Fond du Lac
Railroads	None in the Town	Nearest siding is in the City of Fond du Lac
Transit	None in the Town	Nearest Transit is in the City of Fond du Lac
Air	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ General Mitchell International Airport - Milwaukee www.mitchellairport.com ■ Fond du Lac County Airport, Fond du Lac www.fdlskyport.com <p>Sheboygan County Regional Airport www.co.sheboygan.wi.us/html/airport.html</p> <p>New Holstein Airport</p>	<p>Located an hour south of Fond du Lac, General Mitchell provides non-stop service to approximately ninety cities. Mitchell International is the largest airport in Wisconsin.</p> <p>The Fond du Lac County Airport has no regularly scheduled commercial passenger air service. FdL Skyport offers private charter service, aircraft maintenance and repair, flight instruction, and aircraft rentals.</p> <p>Sheboygan County Regional Airport, located at N6180 Resource Drive, Sheboygan Falls, encompasses 654 acres of land and serves the Sheboygan metropolitan area and the surrounding counties</p> <p>The New Holstein Airport, located at 3015 Wisconsin Avenue, is owned by the city of New Holstein. The airport has a paved runway of 3600 feet and a turf runway of 3000 feet.</p>
Water	<p>Port of Milwaukee http://www.port.mil.wi.us/</p> <p>Passenger Ferry http://www.ssbadger.com/index.html</p>	<p>Those in need of water transportation for commercial shipping purposes have access to the Port of Milwaukee. It is approximately fifty miles south of Sheboygan Falls. The Port of Milwaukee serves as a regional transportation and distribution center for Wisconsin, northern and western Illinois, and eastern Minnesota.</p> <p>Badger Express provides car and passenger ferry service mid-May through mid-October across Lake Michigan out of the Port of Manitowoc, 27 miles north of Sheboygan Falls. The ferry travels between Manitowoc and Ludington, Michigan</p>
Specialized Personal Transportation: Handicapped, Elderly, Frail, Medical, etc.	Fond du Lac County http://www.fdlco.wi.gov/index.aspx?page=79	<p>Elderly Service: Provides transportation to people 60 years of age and older.</p> <p>Escort Service: Provides car transportation to frail people of any age; medical only</p> <p>Handi-Van Service: Provide lift-equipped transportation to any person with mobility challenges.</p>
Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails Used for	None in the Town	

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Bridges	Town Bridges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Palm Tree Stone Bridge Fond du Lac County County Highways <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Red Bridge-CTH CCC ■ County Road G 	Of historical significance. Upgraded in 2003. this bridge crosses the Sheboygan River Crosses the Sheboygan River Near Wolf Lake

Source: Fond du Lac County and Martenson & Eisele, Inc.

Traffic Counts

(See Map 5)

- Table 8 shows the average annual daily traffic counts for the major roads in and around the town. The counts were made in 2000, and 2005.
- The volume of traffic shows a general decrease in almost all areas except the southeast corner of the Town, south of St. Cloud, where an increase in traffic is evident. This could be due to residents living in the St. Cloud area that have direct access to STH 23, just a few miles from the Town border.

Table 8

Traffic Counts in the Town of Marshfield

Roadway	2000	2005	Analysis
CTH W at Hemlock Road	700	590	Decrease in volume
CTH WH on western edge of Town	1,400	1,300	Decrease in volume
CTH W, west of Mt. Calvary	930	810	Decrease in volume
CTH WW, west of Elm Road	590	490	Decrease in volume
CTH WW, east of Walnut Road	640	700	Increase in volume
CTH G, at Wolf Lake	1,000	890	Decrease in volume
CTH G, west of Willow Road	630	540	Decrease in volume
CTH GG, south of CTH Q	640	600	Decrease in volume
CTH G, south of CTH CCC	1,100	1,200	Increase in volume
CTH CCC, west of CTH G	480	590	Increase in volume
CTH C, East of CTH G	670	720	Increase in volume

Source: Wisconsin Department of Transportation: Traffic counts are "Average Daily Traffic Counts"

Street and Highway Classifications

(See Map 5)

- The street and highway system in Marshfield consists of minor arterials, and local roads. These classifications are from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WDOT) and are based on which primary function the street or highway serves – the movement of vehicles through an area or to provide access to adjacent land. Arterials accommodate the movement of vehicles while local roads provide direct access to individual parcels of land.
- Minor arterials in the town include County Trunk Highways C, G, Q, W, WW, WH, and CCC.
- The remaining roads within the town are local, providing access to existing residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural uses.

Transportation Plans and Programs

Town of Marshfield

- ❑ The Town of Marshfield does not have a Transportation Plan.
- ❑ Town officials review and budget for road projects as part of the Town's annual budget process.

Fond du Lac County

- ❑ Fond du Lac County prioritizes and budgets for transportation improvements according to a Five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The current CIP covers the years 2009 to 2013. The CIP identifies one highway project planned for the Town of Marshfield involving CTH "WW" scheduled for 2012.
- ❑ The County's Capital Improvement Plan is reviewed and updated on an annual basis.

East Central Regional Planning Commission

- ❑ The Commission's transportation program does not specifically address any projects in the Town of Marshfield. More information on their programs can be found at:

www.eastcentralrpc.org/planning/transportation.htm

Wisconsin Department of Transportation – Northeast Region

- ❑ All of Fond du Lac County is part of the WDOT's Northeast Region.
- ❑ The Northeast Region has a Six-Year (2008-2013) Highway Improvement Program (HIP) but the Town of Marshfield has no state highways within its borders.