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## **WAUKESHA COUNTY ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR JANESVILLE ROAD EXPANSION**

*County will seek Federal Aid to support planned expansion*

WAUKESHA, Wis. – Waukesha County Executive Dan Vrakas announced plans today to expand County Trunk Highway L (Janesville Road) in the City of Muskego from CTH Y (Racine Avenue) to Moorland Road from two lanes to four. The project, which was originally proposed in 2001, will be included as part of Vrakas’ 2010-2014 Capital Plans.

This project represents the largest financial investment for a highway project ever made by Waukesha County. To help cover the costs of the project, the County has decided to seek federal aid to help fund the expansion.

“The move to seek federal dollars for the project will save taxpayers approximately \$6 million,” Vrakas said. “By using the Federal dollars, the project is able to move forward without compromising the County budget.”

Vrakas said the decision to seek Federal funding for the project was “a mixed blessing.” He added that while the County could not pass up the opportunity to utilize federal aid on the project, he is concerned with the delay to the project, which has been on the books for eight years.

“In response to the current economy, the County has become more aggressive in utilizing funding sources other than County tax levy in an effort to hold the line on property taxes and continue to provide high quality services,” he said.

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By using federal money for the project, the County will be required to enhance their Environmental Assessment to meet federal standards causing a potential delay in the project from as little as six months up-to one year.

“The County Department of Public Works team will work diligently with local and federal officials to expedite this federal approval process,” Vrakas said.

The Capital Plan portion of the 2010 budget will be introduced to the County Board of Supervisors on September 1<sup>st</sup>. The County Board will review Vrakas’ full 2010 Budget in late September with final passage expected in November.

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