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EXPANSION PLANS ANNOUNCED FOR COUNTY TRUNK HIGHWAY O

Plans include expanding New Berlin corridor to four lanes

WAUKESHA, Wis. – Plans were announced today to expand CTH O between CTH HH (College Avenue) and Grange Avenue to four lanes. The plans will be included in Waukesha County Executive Dan Vrakas’ 2010 – 2014 Five Year Capital Plan, a significant portion of the Executive’s proposed 2010 budget.

The existing corridor is a two-lane roadway; however, significant traffic increases in the last ten years require the road to be expanded to four lanes. In 2007, traffic volumes were measured at approximately 16,500 vehicles per day. Highways are considered for widening from two to four lanes when traffic volumes exceed 13,000 vehicles per day. Additionally, land owners adjacent to the roadway have suggested that when economic conditions improve there will be additional development along the project route signifying an additional increase to traffic volumes in the coming years.

“This project is a great priority for the County,” Vrakas said. “The traffic volume along this roadway, combined with rapid population growth in this area, makes roadway expansion necessary.”

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

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