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WAUKESHA COUNTY INTRODUCES 2010 ROAD SIGNALS AND SAFETY PLAN

Plans include updates to intersections in Lannon and Muskego

WAUKESHA, Wis. – County Executive Dan Vrakas announced today plans to improve the intersection at Racine Avenue and Woods Road in the City of Muskego and the intersection at Town Line Road and Good Hope Road in the Village of Lannon as part of his 2010 Executive Budget. These plans are part of Vrakas' 2010-2014 Five Year Capital Plans – a major part of the Executive Budget, which will be introduced to the County Board of Supervisors on September 1st.

“Public safety is my number one concern,” said Vrakas. “I think that these updates will improve overall safety and usability for residents using these intersections. These improvements are required to meet the needs of the growing number of vehicles and pedestrians using these roads.”

These updates will address specific needs for the intersections: upgrades of existing signals, addition of bypass lanes and general safety improvements. Due to new development and population increases, the Racine Avenue and Woods Road intersection now requires upgrades to the existing intersection and traffic signals with features such as turn arrows to reduce congestion and accidents and improve overall safety. The intersection located at Town Line Road and Good Hope requires improvements to address the site-line of drivers using the intersection.

Annually, the “Signals and Safety” program assesses intersections countywide based on traffic flow, crash rates, delays and congestion to determine which are in need of safety improvements. A wide range of improvements are considered to determine the unique needs of the intersection and the community served.

The County Board will review Vrakas' full 2010 budget in late September with final passage expected in November.

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