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### **WAUKESHA COUNTY INTRODUCES 2013 ROAD SIGNALS AND SAFETY PLAN**

*Plans include updates to intersections in Brookfield and New Berlin*

WAUKESHA, Wis. – County Executive Dan Vrakas announced today plans to improve the intersection at County Trunk Highway (CTH) M and Brookfield Road in the City of Brookfield and the intersection of CTH D (Cleveland Ave.) and Sunnyslope Road in the City of New Berlin as part of his 2013 Executive Budget. These plans are part of Vrakas' 2013-2017 Five Year Capital Plans – a major part of the Executive Budget, which will be introduced to the County Board of Supervisors on Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup>.

“Public safety is my number one concern,” said Vrakas. “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.”

The Brookfield intersection, which is currently a four-way stop, experiences heavy traffic delays in both the morning and afternoon rush hours. The intersection will be upgraded this fall, and construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2013.

The New Berlin intersection is currently monitored by a set of aging traffic signals. Due to the age of the signals, they will need to be replaced in the near future. Additionally, due to increased traffic volumes, turn lanes will be added to 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 2013 budget in late September with final passage expected in November.

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