

CHAPTER 3: TRANSPORTATION

Existing Transportation Network

- **Roadways: Arterials:** State Trunk Highway 92 runs generally north and south through the eastern half of the town and moves traffic northward to U.S. Highway 18 and toward Mount Horeb and Verona, and southward to State Trunk Highway 69 and Green County. **Collectors:** County Trunk Highway A runs generally east to west through the center of the town, providing linkages to U.S. Highway 78 in the Town of Perry and to County Trunk Highway PB in the Town of Montrose. County Trunk Highway G runs north to south, providing connections to State Trunk Highway 92 and to Green County.
- **Bicycles and Pedestrians:** The Town does not contain any specified bicycle trails, but roads on which bicycles are easily accommodated have been identified on the Bicycle Trails and Shoulder Elevations map.
- **Rail:** The Town is currently not served by rail transport.
- **Transit and Services for the Disabled:** Because of its low population density, there are no transit services in the Town. Madison Metro in the City of Madison provides the closest public transportation services. The Dane County Health & Human Services Department supports a number of specialized transit services that are available countywide.
- **Trucking and Water Transportation:** Truck traffic utilizes the many highways that run through the Town. Because no significant water bodies exist in the Town, water transportation is not available.
- **Airports:** There are no private or public airports within the Town. Three private airstrips, Torgerson Field in the Town of Montrose, Cardinal Ridge Airport in the Town of Perry and Sugar Ridge Airport in the Town of Verona, are all within 2 miles of the town line. The closest commercial air service is available at the Dane County Regional Airport, in the City of Madison.

Applicable State and Regional Plans

- **Regional Transportation Plan 2030 (2007):** Developed to provide an integrated all-mode approach to transportation in Dane County. A planning horizon until 2030 is considered in the plan. While the plan focuses on the more urbanized areas of the county, mention of plans and goals for neighboring areas may be useful when the Town considers transportation issues.
- **Dane County Bicycle Plan (2000):** Recommends bicycle facility improvements for Dane County.



- *Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (2005)*: Although the town of Primrose does not fall entirely within the metropolitan planning boundary, this 5-year transportation system improvement plan developed by the Madison Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), will indirectly impact the town as it includes improvements for the systems in the cities of Madison and Verona.
- *The Dane County Comprehensive Plan (2007)*: This plan contains goals, objectives and policies for transportation countywide.
- *Wisconsin State Highway Plan (currently being updated)*: This plan will include state highway facilities located in the town (State Highway 92).
- *Dane County Regional Airport Master Plan*: This plan shows planned changes to the airport and preservation of the surrounding area.
- *State Rail Plan*: The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is currently in the process of updating the State Rail Plan.

Transportation Goals, Objectives and Policies

Goals:

1. *Ensure safe and efficient transportation.*
2. *Accommodate multiple modes of transportation, as appropriate.*
3. *Plan for anticipated traffic demand.*

Objectives:

- a. Ensure adequate town road capacities and conditions to safely and efficiently accommodate automotive, trucking, agricultural equipment, bicycle and pedestrian traffic.
- b. Establish and sustain an ongoing road maintenance program with limited funding.
- c. When reconstructing roads the Town will consider multiple users and incorporate provisions to enhance the safety of these users. Multiple users may include bikers, farmers and snowmobiles. Such provisions may include, but is not limited to adding bike lanes, signage or increasing width to accommodate farming equipment.
- d. Work with Dane County and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to make sure improvements to County Trunk Highways and State Highways support the goals and objectives of this plan.
- e. Evaluate traffic impacts on all development projects and require road improvements where appropriate.
- f. Recognize all applicable state and regional transportation plans.
- g. Recognize all transportation policies and programs defined in the *Dane County Comprehensive Plan*.

Policies and Programs:

- 1) The Town shall create an inventory of historical road maintenance and a ten year plan for road maintenance including an assessment of increased usage by farm related equipment.
- 2) Address vehicular safety concerns on town roads and county and state highways.
 - i. Encourage safety by installing signs to alert drivers to stops and slower speeds.
 - ii. Work with WISDOT and County Highways to improve safety to accommodate wider farm equipment and heavy automobile traffic.
 - iii. Work with the Dane County Sheriff and the State Patrol to enforce traffic regulations and reduce automobile/farm equipment safety problems, and ask the Sheriff for written reports of specific kinds of accidents in the Town..
- 3) Improve bicycle, pedestrian and agricultural equipment safety on shoulders of town and county roads.
 - i. Work with the Dane County Public Works, Highways and Transportation Department to improve shoulders on State and County roads..
 - ii. Work with biking organizations to identify biking routes and where possible to expand notification to Town residents..