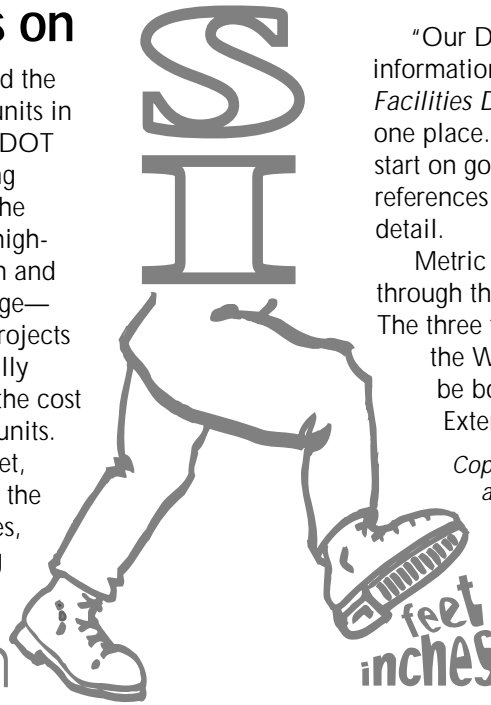


Metri-cation marches on

Wisconsin is still actively moving toward the International Standard by using metric units in all new road plans, says Ron Nohr, WisDOT metric coordinator. "We are still working toward the September 30, 1996, date," he says. According to Nohr probably 100 highway projects are in some stage of design and numerous others are in the planning stage—all using metric units. Over 300 other projects begun in English units have been officially excepted from using metric because of the cost and labor of converting them to metric units.

WisDOT has produced a new booklet, **Getting Started in Metrics**, to help with the process. It features conversion guidelines, tables of conversion factors and drafting standards, and summarizes writing conventions.

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"Our Design Office pulled together the information that is now in various places in the *Facilities Development Manual* and put it in one place. We wanted to give people a jump start on going metric," says Nohr. The booklet references sections of the *Manual* for further detail.

Metric training videotapes are available through the T.I.C.'s Videotape Lending Library. The three tapes (#17710-17712, SI Metric for the Workplace) total 49 minutes and can be borrowed through your County Extension office.

*Copies of **Getting Started in Metrics** and of a slide rule that converts length, area, force, volume, temperature and pressure are available free from the T.I.C. To get one, fax or mail the form on page 7, or call 800/442-4615.*


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