

PASERWARE for Windows available in Spring

This spring the WINDOWS-based version of PASERWARE will be demonstrated and distributed at a series of PASERWARE training workshops around the state in late March and early April. Additional information about the workshop is listed in Calendar on page 4. This workshop will be helpful to both new and current PASERWARE users.

PASERWARE 2.0 is written in Access 2000 and works in WINDOWS 95, 98, NT, ME, and 2000 Professional. At a minimum, PASERWARE 2.0 requires a Pentium-class PC with at least 64 megs of RAM. The WINDOWS version is nearly identical to the current MS-DOS version (PASERWARE 1.1). However, several new features and improvements make PASERWARE easier to use. These include:

- A run-time version of ACCESS 2000 so you don't need to have Access 2000 to use PASERWARE.
- Printers run through the WINDOWS operating system not PASERWARE.

- All menus and all features are mouse driven.
- In addition to the data entry screen for each road segment in the current version, there is a new datasheet screen that lists the most important data, such as condition rating and rating year, in a spreadsheet-type table. This datasheet screen makes it easier to update condition ratings.
- Because WisDOT will be changing the way segment locations are described, PASERWARE 2.0 has a pop-up screen for each segment to enter the new "ON/AT" location description system.
- The History File can now be sorted and printed by the year the work was done.
- Instead of a single five-year budget for the simulation, the new version allows three five-year budgets: one for preventive maintenance, one for rehabilitation, and one for recon-

struction projects. It also suggests trial budgets to begin the simulation process.

- A new report has been added that can be used to submit road condition data to WisDOT when it's required in December 2001.

In addition to PASERWARE, there are other ways to submit condition rating data to WisDOT next fall. WisDOT will provide a printed form that local governments can use and there will also be a way to submit condition ratings electronically by e-mail and over the Internet.

While you can use PASERWARE to submit data to the state, its primary benefits for local governments are: to manage pavements by keeping track of what has been done, to optimize budgets, and to communicate needs and performance to elected officials and the public.


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