

Local Roads and Streets Council formed

As part of WisDOT's *TransLinks21* long-range planning process, Department Secretary Charles Thompson formed the Local Roads and Streets Council last April. Members come from county, town, city, and village organizations as well as Regional Planning Commissions and Municipal Planning Organizations. WisDOT is represented by five non-voting members.

The Council and its committees are to study financing policies for local roads and streets, gather better data regarding their conditions, and identify the most cost-effective ways to provide local road and street services. The goal is to do a better job of directing local road funding to the highest-priority needs.

Local officials can talk to Council members to let WisDOT know about concerns, problems and policy issues that affect their communities. Its 23 members are drawn from Wisconsin Alliance of Cities, Wisconsin Towns Association, League of Wisconsin Municipalities, and Wisconsin Counties Association. A membership list with addresses and phone numbers is available from the T.I.C.

"We're addressing broad issues that include some knotty problems," says Douglas Duckert, head of WisDOT's Office of Local Highway Programs. "The Council has some very capable people working on these things, and we hope to have some useful recommendations to give to the Secretary by mid-summer."

For a Council membership list with phone numbers and addresses, use the form on page 7 or call 800/442-4615.

Clarifications

Must CDL drivers inspect their trucks?
Lt. Lyle Walheim, State Patrol Program Manager, Motor Safety Program, replies: *Privately employed* holders of the CDL must carry out daily pre- and post-trip inspections of their equipment and maintain those records according to part 396 of the Federal Code of Regulations (49CFR). *Municipal employees* are specifically exempted from this regula-

tion under part 390.3(f) of those regulations. This means that drivers who contract with a municipality for snow removal and other services operate under different rules and must fill out and keep appropriate inspection forms. Forms are available from commercial vendors.

What is the appropriate use of an arrow board on a two-lane two-way road?
Uses of the arrow panel are described in

Part VI F-3 of the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)*. Because it indicates that vehicle drivers have the right of way and can freely move to the other lane, it should never be used in the arrow mode on a two-lane road. It can be set up on the shoulder in the caution mode (all four corners blinking) when both lanes of the highway remain operational and all the work is on the shoulder.


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