

Kenosha expects savings with Roadware

For many years, the City of Kenosha has used a paper-based pavement management system for its nearly 300 miles of urban streets.

"We just have a huge amount of paper," says Alan Zumwalt, Kenosha's director of engineering. "In the past someone worked all winter long to update the old paper system, and it was very cumbersome to use."

This winter Kenosha Civil Engineer Charlie Hassel is spending his time entering pavement data into the newest version of Roadware, the T.I.C./WisDOT pavement management software program. With the street system divided up into nearly 6000 one-block segments, it's a big job, but no bigger than with the old paper system. The amount of data also put a strain on the older version of Roadware, so T.I.C. has created a new version that handles big files better. (See next story.)

"We figured we could use the same amount of time as usual to get Roadware going, and then next year's inventory update should take one-tenth the time," says Zumwalt. "Using Roadware's budget projections for our reconstruction and maintenance plans will help us spend our money as smart as we can spend it."

Zumwalt expects the system to help him get a handle on which streets can benefit from maintenance, and which should be let go and placed on the reconstruction plan.

Roadware Version 5.1.2 patch

All current users of Roadware should have received an updated version of Roadware 5.01 on a single disc labeled Roadware 5.1.2 Patch Disc 1. If you did not get that disc and have Roadware 5.01, we are missing you from our users data base. To request your update and to insure you get future updates, call 800/442-4615.

While there have been a number of small improvements in help messages and screen formats in this update, the three most important new features in Version 5.1.2 are listed below. All of these were suggested by users to improve the use of Roadware . If you experience problems or have any suggestions, call Randy Reinbrandt at 608/246-5454 or Steve Pudloski at 608/262-8707.


- Automatic re-indexing of the history records. This corrects a problem users found when they tried to recover new history files that they just entered.
- Addition of a complete description of each road segment on the history file printout.
- Separate Utilities Menu Items titled "SAVE Data" and "INSTALL Data" were added to clarify and simplify the way users can make backup copies of their data. The old version had both "Install" and "Save" in the same menu item. Some users reported that the instructions and menu questions were confusing. The new SAVE Data menu instructions should solve that problem.

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