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## **Joint Resources and Transportation Committee Grants Largest Amount of Funds Yet**

SHEBOYGAN, Wisconsin (January 8, 2008) - At its January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting, the Joint Resources and Transportation Committee granted \$4,889,414.29 for twelve of the sixteen projects submitted in the most recent funding cycle associated with the Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program.

According to Joint Resources and Transportation Committee chairman Keith Abler, "This was a great round of projects that has the potential to make significant positive changes in the county's communities. I applaud the efforts of all those involved."

The most prominent project funded was \$2,641,617.00 for the City of Sheboygan Falls. When built out, the Sheboygan Falls project nearly completes the entire bicycle and pedestrian network in that city. \$366,648 and \$272,643 were funded for industry standard bicycle racks and bicycle lane striping projects respectively. Both projects provide the necessary basic infrastructure supplied in any successful bicycling network. \$673,050 provides bicycle lanes, sidewalks, and paved shoulders on CTH O from I-43 west to STH 32. The CTH O project is Phase II & III of an effort to update the stretch of road from Taylor Drive to STH 32. Phase I, from Taylor Drive to I43, is being completed with different federal funding sources. Phase I will also include facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists. Similar to the CTH O project, \$439,513 brings another section of rural roadway up to a complete streets standard. South Main Street in the Village of Cedar Grove will now have sidewalks and bicycle lanes.

The Village of Howards Grove will find enhanced pedestrian and bicycle connections to its high school. \$143,999 fixes sidewalk gaps and provides bicycle lanes along Audubon Road and Mill Street, and provides a non-motorized pathway to connect these facilities into the high school campus. The City of Plymouth will realize better connections to one of the county's largest employers, Sargento. \$217,120 provides bicycle and pedestrian facilities along Sunset Drive to better connect to the Old Plank Road Trail and the City's current trail network. The City of Plymouth was also granted \$18,875 to fix a sidewalk gap that exists along Highland Avenue. Elkhart Lake will now have paved shoulders along CTH A/J and bicycle striping along Lake Street providing a

network connection to the southern residences in the village to the resort areas as well as downtown.

Two non-infrastructure projects also received funding. The Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals partnering with the League of American Bicyclists will host Bicycle Friendly Community workshops in Sheboygan, Sheboygan Falls, Kohler, and Plymouth for \$10,400. \$35,256 was allocated for a law enforcement training program. WE Bike, etc., a firm ran by an ex-police officer, will provide the additional officer training.

To date, \$6,708,205.58 has been allocated for projects.

Specific information about the grant can be reviewed on the official website of Sheboygan County at [www.co.sheboygan.wi.us](http://www.co.sheboygan.wi.us).

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