

## Traffic Engineering

Agency Number: **57**  
Budget Function: **Public Works and Transportation**

The mission of the Traffic Engineering Division is to use the tools available in transportation planning and operations to ensure safe, efficient, affordable, reliable and convenient movement of people and goods. These tools include a wide range of traffic study techniques and countermeasures. Examples include: traffic control devices, geometric design, safety studies, noise studies, pedestrian and bicycle safety and communications.

<u>Major Service</u>	<u>2002 Actual</u>	<u>2003 Budget</u>	<u>2003 Projected</u>	<u>2004 Request</u>	<u>2004 Executive</u>	<u>2004 Adopted</u>
Signs	\$ 661,668	\$ 1,172,868	\$ 1,172,868	\$ 989,626	\$ 927,626	\$ 939,934
Street Lighting	692,215	979,706	979,706	1,059,420	1,122,420	1,129,329
Pavement Markings	353,633	599,411	599,411	613,722	608,722	614,845
Communications	285,565	292,753	292,753	306,644	298,644	310,950
Traffic Signals	283,398	1,068,756	1,068,756	931,430	944,430	957,765
Special Services	1,413,523	341,214	341,214	464,772	485,772	492,974
<b>Agency Total</b>	<u>\$ 3,690,002</u>	<u>\$ 4,454,708</u>	<u>\$ 4,454,708</u>	<u>\$ 4,365,614</u>	<u>\$ 4,387,614</u>	<u>\$ 4,445,797</u>

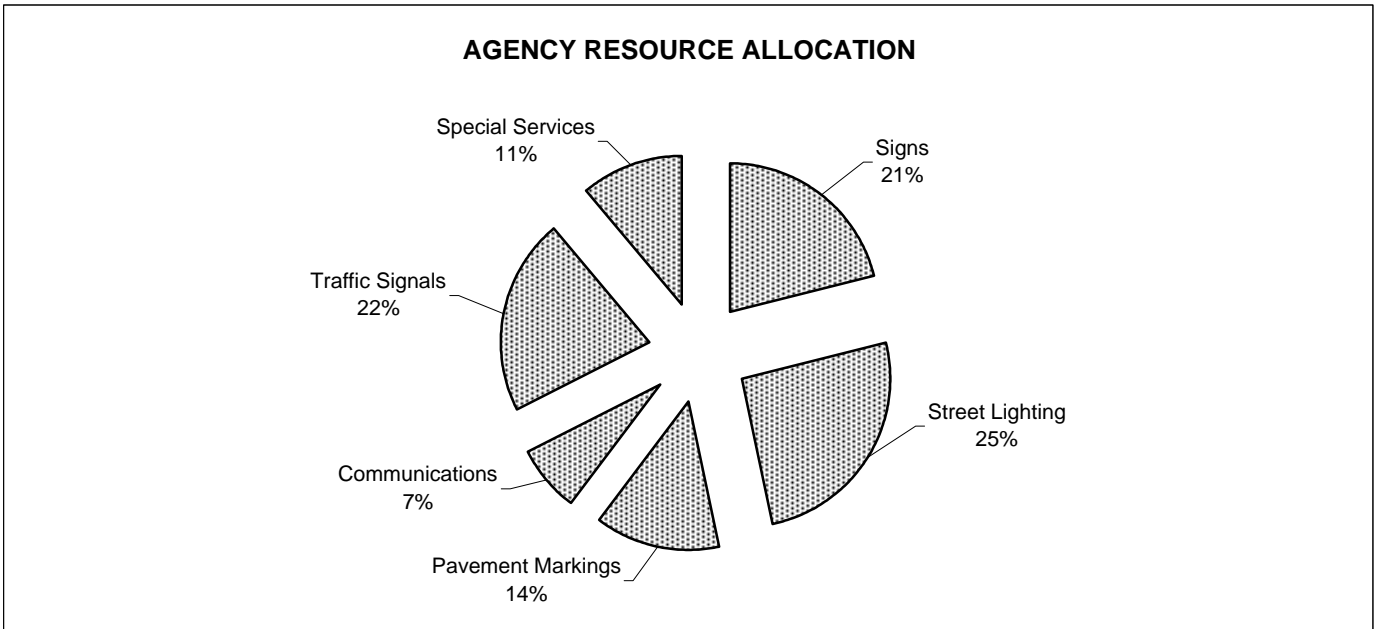
### Adopted Budget Highlights

The Budget includes:

1. \$98,000 in funding for incremental energy costs, principally for street lights and traffic signals. To ensure continued funding for increased electrical expenses, Traffic Engineering will pursue enhanced revenues through adjustments in its charges to other entities.
2. \$22,000 for an enhanced "Speeders Hotline" program, administered by the Madison Police Department with oversight by the Traffic Engineering Division. The funding will be offset by an increase in fines for parking violations.

The agency submitted supplemental budgets requests totaling \$120,000.

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### Budget Service Descriptions:

#### Signs

The Signs section is responsible for installing, fabricating, cleaning, repainting, straightening, replacing and relocating street signs. There are approximately 70,000 signs in the City. The service includes: an annual inventory of all signs as to condition and proper location; studies to evaluate the need for new signs, or removal/alteration of existing signs; surveys and reports on sight distance problems and sign obstructions; and upkeep and maintenance of signs, guardrails and barricades. Signs have an average useful life of 7 - 10 years. All signs require continuous maintenance and eventual replacement. Many types of city signs are gradually being replaced with a higher quality reflective sheeting material. These signs have a higher impact value and a longer life, but have a higher initial cost. Painted signposts are being gradually replaced with galvanized posts. The division is developing a computerized sign inventory system.

<b>Service Summary</b>			
	<b>2002 Actual</b>	<b>2003 Budget</b>	<b>2004 Adopted</b>
Total Expenditures	\$ 935,951	\$ 1,399,332	\$ 1,255,177
Less Inter-Agency Billings	<u>274,283</u>	<u>226,464</u>	<u>315,243</u>
Net Total	<u>\$ 661,668</u>	<u>\$ 1,172,868</u>	<u>\$ 939,934</u>

## Street Lighting

The Street Light section provides City-wide street lights including relamping and repairing of City-owned street light units as needed. Staff repairs and maintains light poles, bases and luminaires, and repairs all damage resulting from crashes. This unit is responsible for the design of new lighting installations. This service also evaluates the need for changes in the existing systems and in isolated lighting units for specific neighborhood needs. There are over 12,400 street lights in the City, all of which need continuous maintenance and eventual replacement. New installations are generally the style that directs all of the light downward to reduce lighting the night sky. The energy charges for the division are now over \$970,000 annually with street lighting accounting for 75% of this total.

<b>Service Summary</b>			
	<b>2002 Actual</b>	<b>2003 Budget</b>	<b>2004 Adopted</b>
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,006,479	\$ 1,246,706	\$ 1,440,472
Less Inter-Agency Billings	314,264	267,000	311,143
Net Total	<u>\$ 692,215</u>	<u>\$ 979,706</u>	<u>\$ 1,129,329</u>

## Pavement Markings

The Pavement Marking section performs an annual pavement marking inventory, plans, designs, prepares layouts and installs street and curb-side markings, utilizing both paint and semi-permanent marking materials such as preformed thermoplastic and epoxy. This unit is responsible for the maintenance of the following: the centerline, lane line and edge line markings which divide streets and provide guidance for vehicular traffic; the crosswalk markings which identify crossing areas for pedestrians; the curb-side marking which emphasize parking prohibition along a particular stretch of curb; bike path and ramp markings, the pavement arrows and stop lines which provide additional regulatory information to motorists, and other similar markings. The section develops and administers the annual pavement marking contract. All pavement marking materials require maintenance on a continual basis.

<b>Service Summary</b>			
	<b>2002 Actual</b>	<b>2003 Budget</b>	<b>2004 Adopted</b>
Total Expenditures	\$ 353,633	\$ 600,411	\$ 615,845
Less Inter-Agency Billings	0	1,000	1,000
Net Total	<u>\$ 353,633</u>	<u>\$ 599,411</u>	<u>\$ 614,845</u>

**Communications**

The Communications section installs, repairs, calibrates, modifies and tests two-way radios and associated electronic equipment, and plans, designs and installs municipal communications systems. Services include: maintenance of the two-way radios used by all City agencies, Dane County and suburban police and fire agencies (radios are tested annually, and agencies and other entities are charged for this service); repair and servicing of intercom, public address and radar equipment for various public agencies; and filing of the necessary license applications and renewals, conducting scheduled frequency checks and compiling of reports required by the FCC. This section plans, designs, modifies and installs communications equipment for the City and other public entities. All communications equipment requires continuous maintenance and eventual replacement. A major upgrade of the Madison Metro Bus radio system is scheduled for completion in 2004. Mobile data equipment is continuing to increase in importance to many of our customers.

<b>Service Summary</b>			
	<b>2002 Actual</b>	<b>2003 Budget</b>	<b>2004 Adopted</b>
Total Expenditures	\$ 865,087	\$ 1,141,082	\$ 1,251,720
Less Inter-Agency Billings	<u>579,522</u>	<u>848,329</u>	<u>940,770</u>
Net Total	<u>\$ 285,565</u>	<u>\$ 292,753</u>	<u>\$ 310,950</u>

**Traffic Signals**

This section is responsible for the installation, operation and upkeep of traffic signals. We maintain, clean, relamp, paint, align and inspect signal units annually; check signal controllers and detectors bimonthly; and repair equipment damaged in crashes and storms. The electrical cost for each signalized intersection averages \$600/year when using Light Emitting Diode lamps and maintenance averages \$2,500/year. We perform studies, planning and design associated with new installations as well as the regular review, revision and modernization for 248 signalized intersections. Signalized intersections have increased by 36 (17%) in the past 4 years. Some of this growth is due to the maintenance in non-Madison areas, such as Fitchburg, Oregon, Verona and Dane County. Seventeen signals are outside the City limits but are maintained by Madison. The agreements allow us to recover all of our costs, including engineering and overhead. New work activity includes the installation and maintenance of fiber optics. The City's installed conduit backbone is essential for routing fiber, which allows lease revenue to continue to grow.

<b>Service Summary</b>			
	<b>2002 Actual</b>	<b>2003 Budget</b>	<b>2004 Adopted</b>
Total Expenditures	\$ 981,330	\$ 1,366,142	\$ 1,410,848
Less Inter-Agency Billings	<u>697,932</u>	<u>297,386</u>	<u>453,083</u>
Net Total	<u>\$ 283,398</u>	<u>\$ 1,068,756</u>	<u>\$ 957,765</u>

## Special Services

Special Services staff, in conjunction with the Pedestrian, Bike and Motor Vehicle Commission, provides overall leadership for traffic safety programs and assists on the overall transportation and traffic planning, design and transportation engineering for the City. In conjunction with City Engineering, the Department of Planning and Development and Dane County Regional Planning, staff develops land use plans and evaluates the impact of potential land uses upon the existing transportation patterns and facilities. Services include: transportation and traffic planning, transportation design, special projects, design studies and traffic counts; driveway and parking lot review; review of conditional use, plat and rezoning applications; and bicycle route and pedestrian plans and other related issues. Staff assists neighborhoods and other government entities in planning transportation improvements. The neighborhood traffic management program has become an increasingly important part of the section's work. This service also contains all pedestrian and bicycle programs.

<b>Service Summary</b>			
	<b>2002 Actual</b>	<b>2003 Budget</b>	<b>2004 Adopted</b>
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,707,769	\$ 571,789	\$ 654,520
Less Inter-Agency Billings	<u>294,246</u>	<u>230,575</u>	<u>161,546</u>
Net Total	<u>\$ 1,413,523</u>	<u>\$ 341,214</u>	<u>\$ 492,974</u>

### Traffic Engineering Summary by Major Object of Expenditure

	<b>2002 Actual</b>	<b>2003 Budget</b>	<b>2003 Projected</b>	<b>2004 Request</b>	<b>2004 Executive</b>	<b>2004 Adopted</b>
Permanent Salaries	\$ 2,861,263	\$ 3,107,913	\$ 3,107,913	\$ 3,232,348	\$ 3,232,348	\$ 3,264,668
Hourly Employee Pay	92,856	147,513	147,513	120,000	120,000	121,200
Overtime Pay	77,721	53,040	53,040	53,000	53,000	53,530
Fringe Benefits	973,714	1,089,807	1,089,807	1,129,111	1,129,111	1,153,244
Purchased Services	940,935	1,001,890	1,001,890	1,047,080	1,145,080	1,145,080
Supplies	423,428	433,900	433,900	427,900	408,400	408,400
Inter-Departmental Charges	469,192	475,399	475,399	455,460	477,460	477,460
Debt/Other Financing Uses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Assets	<u>11,139</u>	<u>16,000</u>	<u>16,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 5,850,249	\$ 6,325,462	\$ 6,325,462	\$ 6,469,899	\$ 6,570,399	\$ 6,628,582
Inter-Agency Billings	<u>2,160,247</u>	<u>1,870,754</u>	<u>1,870,754</u>	<u>2,104,285</u>	<u>2,182,785</u>	<u>2,182,785</u>
Net Budget	<u>\$ 3,690,002</u>	<u>\$ 4,454,708</u>	<u>\$ 4,454,708</u>	<u>\$ 4,365,614</u>	<u>\$ 4,387,614</u>	<u>\$ 4,445,797</u>