

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>2003 Actual</u>	<u>2004 Budget</u>	<u>2004 Projected</u>	<u>2005 Request</u>	<u>2005 Executive</u>	<u>2005 Adopted</u>
Signs	\$ 623,021	\$ 939,934	\$ 939,934	\$ 926,855	\$ 926,855	\$ 0
Street Lighting	933,977	1,129,329	1,129,329	1,012,144	1,012,144	0
Pavement Markings	432,262	614,845	614,845	616,546	616,546	0
Communications	139,726	310,950	310,950	208,037	208,037	0
Traffic Signals	596,591	957,765	957,765	1,023,125	1,023,125	0
Special Services	1,386,640	492,974	492,974	614,632	614,632	0
Agency Total	<u>\$ 4,112,218</u>	<u>\$ 4,445,797</u>	<u>\$ 4,445,797</u>	<u>\$ 4,401,339</u>	<u>\$ 4,401,339</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

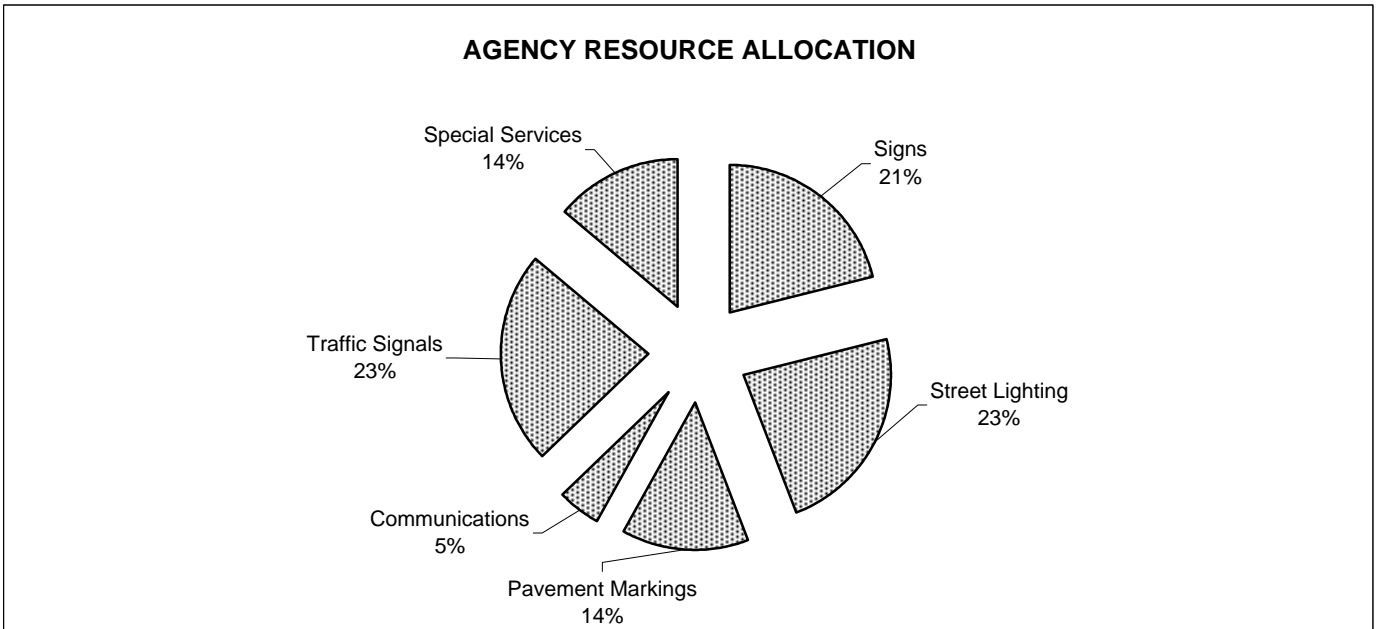
Executive Budget Highlights

The Budget includes:

1. Funding of \$5,000 for the additional incremental salary of the City Traffic Engineer for the assumption of oversight of the Parking Utility. The Traffic Engineer will oversee and supervise operations of the Parking Utility, with day-to-day operations directed by a Parking Utility Operations Supervisor. The management consolidation will retain the financial separation of the Parking Utility, but will improve the close working relationship that is necessary between the agencies.
2. \$22,815 for an enhanced "speeders hotline" program, administered by the Madison Police Department with oversight by the Traffic Engineering Division. The funding is offset by fines paid to the General Fund for parking violations.

The agency submitted a supplemental budget request of \$50,000, of which \$0 is included in the Executive Budget.

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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.

Service Summary			
	2003	2004	2005
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Executive</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 915,563	\$ 1,255,177	\$ 1,365,686
Less Inter-Agency Billings	<u>292,542</u>	<u>315,243</u>	<u>438,831</u>
Net Total	<u>\$ 623,021</u>	<u>\$ 939,934</u>	<u>\$ 926,855</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. Street light energy efficiency has been improved by the virtual elimination of incandescent and mercury vapor lighting. Instead, high pressure sodium vapor and metal halide lamp types now account for 96% of street lighting.

Service Summary			
	2003	2004	2005
	Actual	Budget	Executive
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,049,479	\$ 1,440,472	\$ 1,311,332
Less Inter-Agency Billings	115,502	311,143	299,188
Net Total	\$ 933,977	\$ 1,129,329	\$ 1,012,144

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.

Service Summary			
	2003	2004	2005
	Actual	Budget	Executive
Total Expenditures	\$ 432,262	\$ 615,845	\$ 616,546
Less Inter-Agency Billings	0	1,000	0
Net Total	\$ 432,262	\$ 614,845	\$ 616,546

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.

Service Summary			
	2003 Actual	2004 Budget	2005 Executive
Total Expenditures	\$ 964,480	\$ 1,251,720	\$ 1,169,917
Less Inter-Agency Billings	824,754	940,770	961,880
Net Total	<u>\$ 139,726</u>	<u>\$ 310,950</u>	<u>\$ 208,037</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.

Service Summary			
	2003 Actual	2004 Budget	2005 Executive
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,055,804	\$ 1,410,848	\$ 1,468,216
Less Inter-Agency Billings	459,212	453,083	445,091
Net Total	<u>\$ 596,591</u>	<u>\$ 957,765</u>	<u>\$ 1,023,125</u>

Special Services

Special Services staff, in conjunction with the Pedestrian Bicycle 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.

	<u>2003 Actual</u>	<u>2004 Budget</u>	<u>2005 Executive</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,650,468	\$ 654,520	\$ 707,632
Less Inter-Agency Billings	<u>263,828</u>	<u>161,546</u>	<u>93,000</u>
Net Total	<u>\$ 1,386,640</u>	<u>\$ 492,974</u>	<u>\$ 614,632</u>

Traffic Engineering Summary by Major Object of Expenditure

	<u>2003 Actual</u>	<u>2004 Budget</u>	<u>2004 Projected</u>	<u>2005 Request</u>	<u>2005 Executive</u>	<u>2005 Adopted</u>
Permanent Salaries	\$ 2,898,282	\$ 3,264,668	\$ 3,264,668	\$ 3,210,245	\$ 3,210,245	\$ 0
Hourly Employee Pay	101,420	121,200	121,200	120,000	120,000	0
Overtime Pay	68,701	53,530	53,530	70,000	70,000	0
Fringe Benefits	990,255	1,153,244	1,153,244	1,137,157	1,137,157	0
Purchased Services	1,011,283	1,145,080	1,145,080	1,112,000	1,112,000	0
Supplies	430,510	408,400	408,400	469,900	469,900	0
Inter-Departmental Charges	559,560	477,460	477,460	498,327	498,327	0
Debt/Other Financing Uses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Assets	<u>8,046</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>21,700</u>	<u>21,700</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 6,068,057	\$ 6,628,582	\$ 6,628,582	\$ 6,639,329	\$ 6,639,329	\$ 0
Inter-Agency Billings	<u>1,955,839</u>	<u>2,182,785</u>	<u>2,182,785</u>	<u>2,237,990</u>	<u>2,237,990</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Budget	<u>\$ 4,112,218</u>	<u>\$ 4,445,797</u>	<u>\$ 4,445,797</u>	<u>\$ 4,401,339</u>	<u>\$ 4,401,339</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>