

### 3: Transportation

The Township of Deerfield roads does not intersect with any of the major state highways, 21, 22, 23, and 76, which serve Waushara County. That having been said the township realizes the importance and affect that these road systems have on the community. It will wish continued to be informed and have input in any changes in these systems.

**Goal 3.1: The Town will ensure that its local transportation system is will maintain and safe for its residents.**

**Objectives: The town will address current transportation safety issues.**

**All roads**

**RECOMMENDATION 3.1A: The Town will encourage resident living on existing private roads to maintain these roads for emergency vehicle accessibility.**

**RECOMMENDATION 3.1B: All new local roads within the Town of Deerfield will be built to town road standards (subdivisions only).** These roads should not be less than the width specified in Waushara County Ordinance Chapter 42-81-Streets, and shall be cleared of all branches or brush extending into the right of way to a height of 15 feet. The Town will review and approve all roads prior to acceptance. If a road does not meet the standards as specified in the above ordinance, corrections will be made on a timely basis.

**Goal 3.2: The Town should strive to keep pace with necessary repairs and maintenance on its local road system.**

**RECOMMENDATION 3.2A: The Town of Deerfield encourages its residents to report any specific areas within the town where safety or maintenance concerns or issues are evident.**

**RECOMMENDATION 3.2B; The Town will continue to rate local roads in order to plan ahead for future road improvements.** The PASERWARE pavement management system (PMS) has been developed and improved over the years by the Transportation Information Center (TIC) at the University of Wisconsin, Madison in cooperation with WisDOT and others. In general, PASER rates roadway surfaces on a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being a road that needs to be reconstructed and 10 being a brand new road. This inventory provides the basis for developing a planned maintenance and reconstruction program and helps the town to track improvements that are necessary. Prompt maintenance can significantly reduce long-term cost for road repair and improvement. As of 2003 local governments are required to submit their PASER ratings every two years to WisDOT.

**RECOMMENDATION 3.2C; The Town will maintain contact with Waushara County and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to ensure coordination on regional or statewide transportation issues which may effect the town.** The town recognizes the importance of maintaining communication with the county and WDOT and encourages them to continue to inform the town about any regional or statewide transportation issues that may affect the Town of Deerfield.

**RECOMMENDATION 3.2D: The Town of Deerfield encourages the county to continue to provide transportation for elderly and disabled resident in the town.**

The status of all recommendations of the 2004 Town of Deerfield Land Use Community Management Plan can be found in Table 5-1 of Element 9.