# **Transportation**

# **Major Findings**

- 1. St. Cloud lacks trucking firms, railroads, and major state highways. This lack of transportation options limits the type of commercial and industrial land uses that will locate in St. Cloud.
- 2. Traffic flows through St. Cloud increased between 2000 and 2005.
- 3. Roadways in St. Cloud are generally in good repair.

# Goal, Objectives, Policy, and Program

#### Goal

☐ To provide a safe, well-maintained system for motorized and non-motorized forms of transportation.

### **Objectives**

- 1. Interact with Fond du Lac County on transportation projects that may affect St. Cloud.
- 2. Monitor the need to provide transportation for the elderly and disabled residents of St. Cloud.
- 3. Minimize the impact of new transportation improvements on existing development and the community's natural resources.

## **Policy**

☐ The Village should communicate as needed with the Town of Marshfield, Fond du Lac County, and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WDOT) on transportation issues.

## **Program**

□ A tool the Village of St. Cloud uses to determine budget priorities for road construction and repair is PASER (pronounced pacer). PASER is a simplified pavement management program that communities use to evaluate pavement surface condition. The PASER rating reflects the physical condition of streets in the village. The highest possible rating is 10. The roads with a low rating should be the focus of budget decisions made by the Village of St. Cloud regarding road repair and maintenance.

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# **Background Information**

### **Transportation Modes**

See Map 5, Street Classification and Traffic Counts

Table 6

**Transportation Modes** 

| Transportation                |  |   |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|
| Mode                          | Location/Provider                                    | Comments  |  |  |  |
| Trucking                      | None   |   |  |  |  |
| Railroads                     | None   |   |  |  |  |
| Transit                       | None   |   |  |  |  |
| Air                           | None in St. Cloud  Outagamie County Regional Airport | Located 35 miles northwest of St. Cloud, Outagamie County Regional Airport has regularly-scheduled commercial passenger air service. The airport is served by five commercial airlines, and provides 66 flights (arrivals and departures) daily, with connecting flights to Chicago, Cincinnati, Detroit, Milwaukee and Minneapolis-St. Paul. In addition to the commercial passenger service, air freight, chartered flight service, car rentals and aviation technological services are also provided at the airport. The major airport runways include a 7,000-foot northeast-southwest concrete runway and a 6,500-foot northwest-southeast concrete runway. More information regarding the Outagamie County Regional Airport can be viewed at: <a href="http://www.atwairport.com/">http://www.atwairport.com/</a> |  |  |  |
|                               | General Mitchell International Airport - Milwaukee   | Located an hour south of Fond du Lac, General Mitchell provides non-stop service to approximately ninety cities. Mitchell International is the largest airport in Wisconsin. More information can be found at <a href="https://www.mitchellairport.com">www.mitchellairport.com</a>   |  |  |  |
|                               | Fond du Lac County<br>Airport, Fond du Lac           | The Fond du Lac County Airport has no regularly scheduled commercial passenger air service. FdL Skyport offers private charter service, aircraft maintenance and repair, flight instruction, and aircraft rentals. More information can be found at <a href="https://www.fdlskyport.com">www.fdlskyport.com</a>   |  |  |  |
|                               | New Holstein Airport                                 | The City of New Holstein operates a municipal airport on the west side of the city, at 3015 Wisconsin Ave. It has a paved 3600 foot runway, and a turf 3000 foot runway. Data can be viewed at <a href="https://www.ci.new-holstein.wi.us">www.ci.new-holstein.wi.us</a>  |  |  |  |
| Water                         | Port of Green Bay                                    | Located 50 miles to the north. See www.co.brown.wi.us/port  |  |  |  |
|                               | Port of Sheboygan                                    | Located 25 miles to the east.   |  |  |  |
|                               | Port of Manitowoc                                    | Located 35 miles to the northeast.  |  |  |  |
| Specialized<br>Transportation | Fond du Lac County                                   | <ul> <li>□ Elderly Service: Provide transportation to people 60 years of age or older.</li> <li>□ Handi-van Service: Provide lift-equipped transportation to individuals of any age with mobility challenges.</li> <li>□ Escort Service: Provide car transportation to frail people of any age; medical only</li> </ul>   |  |  |  |
| Trails and Sidewalks          | Sidewalks are located in much of the village.        | No policy requires sidewalks on new streets.  |  |  |  |
| Bridges                       | None   | A bridge is located on CTH "G", just south of the village   |  |  |  |

Source: Martenson & Eisele, Inc.

# **Street and Highway Classification**

☐ The street and highway system in St. Cloud consists of a major collector and local roads (see Map 5). These classifications are from the WDOT, and are based on which primary

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- function the street or highway serves, the movement of vehicles through an area, or to provide access to adjacent land. Major collectors accommodate the movement of vehicles, while local streets provide direct access to individual parcels of land.
- □ The major collector within St. Cloud is CTH "G" (Main Street). This collector road funnels traffic to and from local streets in the village.
- ☐ The remaining streets within the village are local, and provide access to existing residential, commercial, and agricultural uses.

### **Traffic Counts**

☐ Traffic flows through and near St. Cloud increased between 2000 and 2003.

Table 7
Traffic Counts

| Roadway  | 2000  | 2003  | Comments         |
|--|-------|-------|------------------|
| CTH "G"  | 1,700 | 1800  | Slight increase  |
| CTH "G" south of St. Cloud                     | 1,100 | 1,200 | Slight increase. |
| CTH "C", south of St. Cloud, east of CTH "G"   | 670   | 720   | Slight increase  |
| CTH "CCC", south of St. Cloud, west of CTH "G" | 480   | 590   | 23% increase     |

Source: WDOT website

Traffic counts are Average Daily Traffic Counts

### **Transportation Plans**

### Village of St. Cloud

□ St. Cloud officials review and budget for transportation projects as part of the Village's annual budget process. As part of that review, the Village should communicate with the Fond du Lac County Highway Department to identify projects being planned for the village.

### Fond du Lac County

□ Fond du Lac County prioritizes and budgets for transportation improvements on an annual basis. The only project in St. Cloud for future years is the potential resurfacing of CTH "G". This is currently scheduled for 2012.

### Wisconsin Department of Transportation – Northeast Region

- ☐ St. Cloud, as is all of Fond du Lac County, is part of the WDOT's Northeast Region.
- □ The Northeast Region has established a Six-Year (2006-2011) Highway Improvement Program to make necessary maintenance and improvements to the state's road network. The six-year plan has no state-funded roadway projects scheduled in St. Cloud.
- □ The entire Northeast District Six-Year Highway Improvement Program can be viewed at the following website: <a href="http://www.dot.state.wi.us/projects/state/sixyear/docs/nerlisting.pdf">http://www.dot.state.wi.us/projects/state/sixyear/docs/nerlisting.pdf</a>

# **Transportation Programs**

#### **Wisconsin Department of Transportation**

□ The WDOT offers numerous federal and state programs to local units of government in need of financial aid for desired projects. The form of financial aid provided typically comes as a grant or reduced-rate loan to the applicant. Each program's general goal is to enhance the state's overall transportation network. The following WDOT web page has information on these programs: <a href="http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/">http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/</a>

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