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LRIP 2010 – 2011 guidelines and training Webcast now available

Information to help local governments apply for the Local Roads Improvement Program (LRIP) is now available on the WisDOT Web site at: <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/highways/lrip.htm>. The 2010 – 2011 “Guidelines and Requirements” packets and informational Webcast (<http://media1.wi.gov/DOT/Viewer/?peid=6a9fe1d6-68e6-45ed-bc96-9fc7b777faa1>) can help local officials understand recent LRIP changes and application guidelines. The Webcast is approximately 30 minutes long. Please note that the first LRIP deadline is November 1st to have applications to county highway commissioners. Applications are due to WisDOT by January 15th. Established in 1991, LRIP assists local governments in improving seriously deteriorating county highways, town roads, and city and village streets.

Northern WI Economic Summit Nov. 11 – 12

Governor Jim Doyle will join state agency officials, private businesses and local leaders to discuss issues related to economic growth and quality of life at the third annual Governor’s Northern Wisconsin Economic Development Summit set for November 11 – 12 at Nicolet College in Rhinelander. Workshop sessions include worker training, accessing export markets, small business development, tourism diversification and clean energy funding. More information regarding the agenda and how to register can be found at: www.northwoodssummit.com.

This is Teen Driver Safety Week

Governor Jim Doyle has proclaimed Oct. 18 to 24 as “Teen Driver Safety Week “In Wisconsin. While teens account for only about 5 percent of licensed drivers in Wisconsin, they are more likely to be involved in a crash than any other age group. Research has shown the risk of a crash rises dramatically when teen drivers have multiple teen passengers in their vehicle. The chances of a fatal crash for a teen driver doubles with just one teen passenger and is four to five times higher with three or more teen passengers. To help young drivers gain important experience behind the wheel, Wisconsin has implemented a Graduated Driver Licensing law (<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/teens/gdlfaq.htm>).

The time of year to watch for deer

Motorists are being reminded to keep a sharp eye out for deer darting onto roadways over the next several weeks. During their mating season in October and November, deer are more active, especially at dusk and dawn. Wisconsin law enforcement agencies reported a total of nearly 16,000 deer-vehicle crashes last year. Those crashes killed 10 people and injured another 525. More information can be found at: www.dot.wisconsin.gov/opencms/export/nr/modules/news/news_1645.html_786229440.html.

A perfect time to take a “road less-traveled”

Wisconsin is home to 108 Rustic Roads and fall is one of the best times of year to enjoy them. Established in 1973, the Rustic Roads program represents one of Wisconsin’s oldest and most successful state/local partnerships. Candidate rustic roads are identified by local citizens and governments, and if accepted into the program, remain under local government jurisdiction. Rustic routes are marked by brown and yellow signs and provide bikers, hikers, and motorists a chance to enjoy some of the best scenery Wisconsin has to offer. More information including a list of Rustic Roads can be found on the WisDOT Web site (<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/scenic/rusticroads.htm>).

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