



The WisDOT Connector *Express*

April 16, 2009...Volume 10, Issue 6

Bright outlook for Adopt-a-Highway volunteers

Wisconsin's Adopt-a-Highway volunteers will have a new look beginning this spring. The traditional orange safety vests worn by workers are being replaced by brightly-colored lime-green vests with gray reflective strips that meet federal guidelines. While motorists are being asked to keep an eye out for Adopt-a-Highway volunteers, the workers should exchange their old vests for new ones at local county highway departments. Wisconsin has some 3,000 Adopt-a-Highway groups who agree to pick up litter along a segment of state highway at least three times per year between April 1 and November 1. New groups wishing to adopt-a-highway will find new interactive, Web-based forms to ease the process of applying at:

<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/aid/adopt-a-highway.htm>.

24 counties receiving County Forest Road Aids

Governor Jim Doyle has announced that 24 Wisconsin counties are sharing in more than \$300,000 dollars in state funds to help maintain and improve public roads in county forests. The funds are being distributed through WisDOT's County Forest Road Aids program and will help improve over 900 miles of public roads within county forests in Wisconsin. Marinette County, with over 224 miles of eligible county forest roads, is receiving the largest payment of just over \$75,000. More information is available at:

www.dot.wisconsin.gov/opencms/export/nr/modules/news/news_1231.html_786229440.html.

WisDOT/county highway crews replacing downed signs

Winter is tough on vehicles, roadways, and not surprisingly – roadway signs. WisDOT estimates that over 5,000 highway signs fell victim to vehicle strikes or snowplows over the past winter. WisDOT works with county highway departments to replace damaged signs. In all, the state oversees about 300,000 speed limit, directional, warning, and informational signs along state highways.

Advice when buying a used car

Buying a used car? WisDOT's Dealer and Agent Section offers a variety of information and other resources that can help people considering a used vehicle purchase. Dealerships are required to display a Wisconsin Buyers Guide window sticker that reviews how the vehicle was used (business vehicle, leased, privately driven), the condition of general and safety equipment items, and any title brands (flood damaged, rebuilt salvage, lemon law buy-back). The WisDOT Web site (www.dot.wisconsin.gov/safety/consumer/rights/dealerprob.htm) provides additional details on what information dealers are required to provide.

Upcoming events

May 21, Wisconsin Transpo Expo Conference for middle school students, Midwest Airlines Center, Milwaukee, www.dot.state.wi.us/news/events/expo.htm.

The WisDOT Connector Express is produced by:

Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Office of Public Affairs, PO Box 7910

Madison, WI 53707-7910

Phone: (608) 266-3581 E-mail: opa.exec@dot.wi.gov

Web site: www.dot.wisconsin.gov

Back issues available at www.dot.wisconsin.gov/library/publications/format/newsletters/connector.htm