Chapter Trans 206

LOCAL ROADS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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Trans 206.01 Purpose and scope. The purpose of this chapter is to interpret and administer procedures for assisting in the improvement of deteriorating local highways, streets and roads under s. 86.31 (6), Stats.

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Trans 206.02 Definitions. The words and phrases defined in s. 86.31 (1), Stats., have the same meaning in this chapter unless a different definition is specifically provided. In this chapter:

(1) "Administrative cost" means the county highway commissioner's staff and material costs to perform the county highway commissioner's duties to the county MSI program for cities and villages with a population of 20,000 or less, and the county TRI program, including the cost of conducting bid lettings for MSI projects in cities and villages with a population of 20,000 or less and for TRI projects.

(1m) "Annual allocation" means the annual amount of state funds available under the TRID component of the local roads improvement program to a town to make improvements with total project costs of $100,000 or more to local town roads.

(2) "Annual entitlement" means the annual amount of state funds available under the local roads improvement program to a county, county town road improvement committee, county municipal street improvement committee, or city or village with a population of 20,000 or more to make improvements to the local roads.

(2m) "Biennial allocation" means the sum of the 2 annual allocations in a state biennium.

(3) "Biennial entitlement" means the sum of the 2 annual entitlements in a state biennium.

(4) "Chief executive" means the town board chairperson, village president, elected mayor or city manager.

(5) "Contract administration" means the preparing of or having plans prepared for the project, acquiring right of way, letting of bids and construction supervision of a local roads improvement program project.

(6) "Cost ceiling" means the maximum amount the state of Wisconsin will pay as its share of the local road improvement project under this chapter.

(7) "County board chairperson" has the meaning specified in s. 59.12, Stats.

(8) "County executive" has the meaning specified in s. 59.17, Stats.

(9) "County highway commissioner" has the meaning specified in s. 83.01, Stats.

(10) "County highway improvement" or "CHI" means the improvement projects on the county trunk system funded by the county highway improvement entitlement component of the local roads improvement program as authorized under s. 86.31 (3), Stats.

(11) "County highway improvement plan" means a county's 5–year plan of improvements to the county trunk system which is eligible to be funded from the county highway improvement component of the local roads improvement program.

(12) "County highway improvement program district" means a group of counties designated by the secretary of transportation under s. 86.31, Stats., to be a county highway improvement program district.

(13) "County highway improvement program district committee" means a committee consisting of not more than 5 county executives or designees or when there is no office of county executive, county board chairpersons or the chairperson's designee from counties within a county highway improvement district.

(14) "County municipal street improvement committee" or "CMSIC"means a committee of not more than 5 chief executives or designees of cities and villages with a population of less than 20,000 within the county responsible to select MSI projects within the county.

(15) "County town road improvement committee" or "CTRIC" means a committee of not more than 5 town chairpersons or designees from within the county responsible to select TRI projects within the county.

(16) "Department" means the department of transportation.

(17) "Eligible project" means one or more logical phases of a specific improvement including, but not limited to, a feasibility study, design engineering, grading, base, paving, and road finish materials such as hot mix asphalt.

(18) "Feasibility study" means the engineering and environmental studies for a specific section of a local road that will lead to a LRIP improvement project.

(19) "Local roads improvement program" or "LRIP" means the state entitlement program with county trunk highway, town road and municipal street entitlement components as established in s. 86.31, Stats., or the state allocation component separate from the entitlement program as established in s. 86.31 (3m), Stats.

(20) "LRIP project application" means a department of transportation form which describes the projects that may be funded with LRIP entitlements, or LRIP allocations under TRID, in the current state biennium.

(21) "Miles" means the number of miles of roads and streets as determined by the department of transportation under s. 86.302, Stats.

(22) "Municipal street improvement" or "MSI" means the improvement projects on the city and village street system funded by the municipal street improvement entitlement component of the local roads improvement program as authorized under s. 86.31 (3), Stats.

(23) "Municipal street improvement plan" means a city or village's 5–year plan of improvements to the municipal street system eligible to be funded from the municipal street improvement component of the local roads improvement program.

(24) "PASER" means the pavement surface evaluation and rating process developed and taught by the transportation information center at the university of Wisconsin extension, Madison, WI 53706.

(25) "Population" means the population of a political subdivision as determined in s. 86.33, Stats.

(26) "Project agreement" means a formal agreement between the state and a political subdivision which states the responsibilities of each of the parties to the agreement.

(27) "Recipient" means a county, county town road improvement committee, county municipal street improvement committee, or a city or village with a population of 20,000 or more, or a town under the TRID.

(28) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department of transportation.

(29) "State biennium" means a period from July 1 of every odd–numbered year through June 30 of the next odd–numbered year.

(30) "State fiscal year" means a period from July 1 through June 30.

(31) "Statewide town road improvement discretionary committee" or "STRIDC" means the committee appointed by the secretary responsible to recommend TRID projects for approval by the secretary.

(32) "Town road improvement" or "TRI" means the improvement projects on the town road system funded by the town road improvement entitlement component of the local roads improvement program as authorized under s. 86.31 (3), Stats.

(33) "Town road improvement discretionary" or "TRID" means the improvement projects on the statewide town road system funded by the town road improvement discretionary allocation component of the local roads improvement program as authorized under s. 86.31 (3m), Stats.

(34) "Town road improvement plan" means a town board's 2 or more year plan for improvements to the town road system eligible to be funded from the town road improvement component of the local roads improvement program.

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Trans 206.03 Uniform provisions. (1) ENTITLEMENT. The local roads improvement program is an annual entitlement program for improvements to local roads. Biennially, an entitlement shall be made to each county, each CMSIC and CTRIC and to each city or village whose population is 20,000 or more. Entitlements to the recipient shall be determined as follows:

(a) Municipal street improvement for each CMSIC and for each city or village with a population of 20,000 or more: 50% of each county's, city's or village's, with a population of 20,000 or more, proportionate share of total miles of all city or village streets in the state and 50% of each county's, city's or village's, with a population of 20,000 or more, proportionate share of the total population of all cities and villages in the state.

(b) County highway improvement shall be 60% of each county's proportionate share of the state population and 40% of each county's proportionate share of total county trunk miles of all county trunk miles in the state; except no county's entitlement shall be less than one half of one percent (0.5%) of the total funds allocated to the counties under this chapter.

(c) Town road improvement shall be on each county's proportionate share of town road miles to all town road miles in the state.

(2) OPTION TO ACCUMULATE ENTITLEMENT UNTIL THE SECOND YEAR OF THE BIENNIUM. To permit maximum flexibility in the use of entitlements and use all entitlements in the biennium appropriated, a recipient may:

(a) Use the entitlement in the state fiscal year it is available.

(b) Accrue the annual entitlement until the second year of the state biennium rather than using it in the year it is available.

(c) Request approval, on the LRIP project application form, from the department to use the entire biennial entitlement in the first year of the biennium.

(3) COMMITMENT OF ENTITLEMENT. (a) No later than November 1 of each odd–numbered year, each recipient shall complete the LRIP project application form and send it to the appropriate county highway commissioner.

(b) No later than January 15 of each even–numbered year, the appropriate county highway commissioner shall send the department a copy of each LRIP project application submitted by each recipient in the county.

(c) Upon the approval of each LRIP project application by the department, the estimated cost of the project listed on the LRIP project application form shall be considered committed, and entitlement funds shall be reserved for the political subdivision with an approved LRIP project. A project agreement for each LRIP project shall be executed and received by the department no later than April 1 of the next odd–numbered year. If an executed project agreement is not received by April 1 of the next odd–numbered year, the commitment of state funds shall be withdrawn.

(4) UNCOMMITTED LRIP ENTITLEMENTS. (a) Any entitlements not committed by the recipient by November 1 of each odd–numbered year shall be available for use by other recipients.

(b) The first priority for uncommitted entitlements shall be for use by other recipients within the same county. The county highway commissioner of that county is responsible for determining if the uncommitted entitlement can be used within the county and which recipient will receive it.

(c) The second priority for any uncommitted entitlement that cannot be used within the county shall be for use within the county highway improvement program district. The county highway improvement district committee shall be responsible for determining if uncommitted entitlement can be used within the district and which recipient will receive it.

(d) On July 1 of each odd–numbered year, all uncommitted entitlements from the previous biennium shall be added to the LRIP appropriation for the current biennium and redistributed according to the distribution formula in s. Trans 206.03 (1).

(5) PAYMENT OF PROJECT COSTS. (a) The local roads improvement program is a reimbursement program. The political subdivision where the work is performed shall be responsible for payment of project costs. At the completion of the project, the political subdivision may apply to the department of transportation for reimbursement of eligible costs in accordance with the project agreement. Application for reimbursement shall be on forms prescribed by the department.

(b) If a project is the result of an agreement among more than one recipient, the project agreement shall identify one political subdivision as responsible for initial funding of the project and to whom the state shall reimburse eligible costs.

(6) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS. (a) Any improvement to the county trunk, town road or city or village street system shall be eligible for funding under this chapter provided the political subdivision has complied with the provisions of this chapter.

(b) The county, CTRIC or CMSIC, cities or villages with populations of 20,000 or more, or towns under the TRID, may enter into agreements with counties, other county MSI or TRI committees, other cities or villages with populations of 20,000 or more or towns under the TRID to participate in projects that meet the standards of the local roads improvement program.

(7) DUTIES OF THE COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER. The county highway commissioner shall perform the following:

(a) Serve as the administrative contact between the department and all recipients in the county.

(b) No later than January 15 of each even–numbered year, report to the secretary or the secretary's designee, on the form in the manner prescribed by the department, the list of projects to be

developed or constructed under the CHI, TRI, TRID and MSI components of the LRIP in the current state biennium.

(c) Determine if uncommitted entitlements of a recipient in the county can be used by another recipient within the county.

(8) REIMBURSEMENT OF COUNTIES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS RELATED TO THE CMSIC AND THE CTRIC. (a) Counties shall be reimbursed for the costs of the administrative services provided by the county highway department to that CTRIC and CMSIC.

(b) For the years 1992 through 1995 of the local roads improvement program, 5% of each county's MSI entitlement for cities and villages with a population of less than 20,000 and 5% of each county's TRI entitlement shall be distributed to the county treasurer as reimbursement for the administrative costs of the MSI and TRI.

(c) Beginning with 1996, the percentage of each county's MSI entitlement for cities and villages with a population of less than 20,000 and county's TRI entitlement to be distributed to the county for administrative costs related to the MSI and TRI shall be reviewed with the county highway commissioner and the chairpersons of the county TRI and the MSI committees to determine an appropriate level of reimbursement. The county highway commissioner shall notify the department what percent level of reimbursement was selected as a result of the review. Until such notification is received, the level of reimbursement shall continue at 5%.

(9) ELIGIBLE LRIP PROJECT COSTS. Feasibility studies, design, right–of–way acquisition, any item which is an integral part of street and road construction, and related engineering costs are eligible costs. New installations or alterations of sanitary sewers and connections, water, gas, electric, telephone, police or fire alarm facilities, parking meters, street signs and similar utilities are not eligible costs. The cost to develop each county, municipality or town's improvement plan is not an eligible cost.

(10) CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION. (a) The political subdivision with the eligible project shall be responsible for contract administration of the project. If an eligible project is located in more than one political subdivision, the project agreement shall specify the political subdivision responsible for contract administration.

(b) The design and construction of all eligible projects with eligible costs totaling more than $50,000 under this chapter shall be certified by a registered professional engineer.

(11) FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION. (a) The state shall provide a maximum of 50% of the total eligible project cost up to the cost ceiling specified in the project agreement. The remainder of the cost shall be provided by the political subdivision where the work is performed.

(b) The political subdivision's share may be in the form of cash, engineering or right of way.

(c) No entitlement shall be used as the local match for federal aid projects.

(d) No federal aid funds shall be used as the local match for an eligible project.

(12) PROJECT AGREEMENT. (a) Each eligible project which is funded under this chapter shall be the subject of a formal agreement between the political subdivision and the department. The secretary or the secretary's designee shall sign the project agreement for the department. The secretary or the secretary designee's signature on the project agreement shall be the official acceptance of the terms of the agreement. When the project agreement is between the state and a county, the county executive or designee, or when there is no office of county executive, the county board chairperson or designee shall sign the project agreement for the county. When the project agreement is between the state and a town, village or city, the chief executive or designee of the political subdivision shall sign the project agreement for the political subdivision.

(b) Each project agreement must be signed by the department no later than April 1 of each odd–numbered year.

(c) The project agreement shall include, but is not limited to, the following items of information:

1. Name of the signatory political subdivision or, in the case of a joint project, the project agreement shall include the names of all the political subdivisions and county MSI or TRI committees participating in the project.

2. Statement of need for the project.

3. Description of the proposed work as approved by the CTRIC, STRIDC or CMSIC where appropriate and the intended construction year.

4. Cost estimate of the work.

5. Description of the cost participation of each party to the agreement, including the amount of the cost ceiling for preliminary engineering, real estate acquisition and construction.

6. Description of all special provisions and considerations that apply to the proposed project.

7. Signed statement by the county executive or designee, or when there is no office of county executive, the county board chairperson or designee, town, city or village's chief executive or designee certifying that the work will be done in accordance with all federal, state and local laws, rules, ordinances and standards.

8. A statement that the department will only participate in eligible construction projects which are actually constructed to the appropriate standards described in this chapter. The entire cost of construction projects not constructed, or not constructed to standards, is the responsibility of the political subdivision.

9. A statement that the political subdivision with the eligible project assumes all responsibility for complying with all germane environmental requirements for the improvement, and certifies that an environmental analysis was completed and that all applicable environmental laws were followed.

(13) EXCEPTION TO STANDARDS. (a) The secretary or the secretary's designee may authorize deviation from the standards in special cases in which strict application of the standards is impractical and deviation is not contrary to the public interest and safety, and in the case of eligible county projects is not contrary to the intent of s. 84.01 (9) (b), Stats.

(b) Any deviation in the standards shall be approved in writing by the secretary or the secretary's designee before any reimbursement payments are made.

(14) PROJECT SUBSTITUTION. When a recipient informs the department that an eligible project for which a CHI, TRI or MSI project agreement has been executed cannot be built, that recipient shall have the option of substituting another eligible project that can be constructed in the same time period. The parties shall then void the original project agreement and execute a new project agreement for the substitute project. This subsection does not apply to recipients of TRID allocations.

(15) DUTIES OF DOT. The department shall perform the following:

(a) Compute the annual and biennial entitlement for each county, each CMSIC and CTRIC and for each city or village with a population of 20,000 or more.

(b) Inform, by September 1 of each odd–numbered year, each county, each CTRIC and CMSIC, and the chief executive of each city or village with a population of 20,000 or more of their biennial entitlement by state fiscal year for the current state biennium.

(c) Maintain a financial record of each project agreement and any other information the department deems necessary.

(d) Review a sufficient number of projects to ensure that the program is functioning according to applicable state laws and rules.

(e) Encumber state funds for all approved project agreements.

(f) Prepare, by June 30 of each odd–numbered year, a report listing all completed projects under the local roads improvement program.

(g) Determine if proposed projects meet the criteria of this chapter.

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Trans 206.035 Town road improvement discretionary provisions. (1) ALLOCATION. The TRID is an annual allocation for improvements to town roads in excess of $100,000 total project cost. Biennially, selected allocations shall be made to towns. Allocations to the recipient shall be recommended by the STRIDC and approved by the secretary.

(2) Option to accumulate allocation until the second year of the biennium. To permit maximum flexibility in the use of allocations and use all allocations in the biennium appropriated, a recipient may:

(a) Use the allocation in the state fiscal year it is available.

(b) Accrue the annual allocation until the second year of the state biennium rather than using it in the year it is available.

(c) Request approval, on the LRIP project application form, from the department to use the entire biennial allocation in the first year of the biennium.

(3) COMMITMENT OF ALLOCATION. (a) No later than November 1 of each odd–numbered year, each applicant shall complete the LRIP project application form and send it to the appropriate county highway commissioner.

(b) No later than January 15 of each even–numbered year, the appropriate county highway commissioner shall send the department a copy of each LRIP project application submitted by each applicant in the county.

(c) Upon the approval of each LRIP project application by the department, the estimated cost of the project listed on the LRIP project application form shall be committed, and allocated funds shall be reserved for the political subdivision with an approved LRIP project. A project agreement for each LRIP project shall be executed and received by the department no later than April 1 of the next odd–numbered year. If an executed project agreement is not received by April 1 of the next odd–numbered year, the commitment of state funds shall be withdrawn.

(4) UNCOMMITTED TRID ALLOCATIONS. On July 1 of each odd–numbered year, all uncommitted allocations from the previous biennium shall be added to the TRID appropriation for the current biennium.

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Trans 206.04 Municipal street improvement. (1) DUTIES OF ALL CITIES AND VILLAGES. Each city and village shall establish and maintain a 5–year municipal street improvement plan which identifies projects eligible to be funded under the MSI entitlement. The plan shall be based on sound traffic and pavement management principles. It shall include a priority list of needs and a 5–year schedule of improvements.

(2) COUNTY MUNICIPAL STREET IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEES (CITIES AND VILLAGES WITH POPULATIONS OF LESS THAN 20,000). (a) In each county there shall be a county municipal street improvement committee to select city and village street improvement projects for the municipal street improvement component of the local roads improvement program. The CMSIC shall consist of not more than 5 chief executives or designees of villages and cities in the county with populations of less than 20,000. The committee shall be selected by all the chief executives or designees of all the villages and cities in the county with a population of less than 20,000. The committee shall select a chairperson from its members.

(b) The selection of the CMSIC shall occur biennially, in the odd–numbered years, not later than October 1. The term of office for each county municipal street improvement committee member shall be 2 years, and shall be from October 1 of the current odd–numbered year to September 30 of the next odd–numbered year.

(c) In addition to the village or city chief executive committee members, each CMSIC may include as a non–voting member the county highway commissioner.

(3) DUTIES OF THE CMSIC. Each CMSIC committee shall perform the following:

(a) Send, no later than November 1 of each odd–numbered year, each LRIP project application form listing of all MSI projects planned for the current state biennium to the county highway commissioner.

(b) Determine, in a case where a proposed project under agreement cannot be built within the specified time frame, whether a substitute project should be put under agreement.

(c) Determine whether to enter into joint agreements with other recipients.

(4) SELECTION AND DUTIES OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE CMSIC. The chairperson of the CMSIC shall be selected by the members of the CMSIC no later than November 1 of each odd–numbered year. The duties of the chairperson shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) Inform, by November 1 of each odd–numbered year, the secretary, in writing, of the name of the chairperson of the CMSIC.

(b) Convene the CMSIC when necessary.

(c) Preside over meetings of the CMSIC and perform all administrative duties required of the chairperson.

(5) DUTIES OF A CITY OR VILLAGE WITH A POPULATION OF LESS THAN 20,000 WITH A MSI PROJECT. Each city or village with a population of less than 20,000 with a MSI project shall perform the following:

(a) Execute, no later than April 1 of each odd–numbered year, an approved project agreement for each MSI project awarded to the city or village.

(b) Prepare all documents necessary to letting the LRIP project to competitive bid.

(c) Certify through the city or village's chief executive, at the time the city or village requests reimbursement, that the work funded under the municipal street improvement program entitlement was performed in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, ordinances and standards.

(6) DUTIES OF CITIES OR VILLAGES WITH A POPULATION OF 20,000 OR MORE. Each city or village with a population of 20,000 or more shall perform the following:

(a) Administer the LRIP entitlement in accordance with this chapter.

(b) Send, no later than November 1 of each odd–numbered year, the LRIP project application form, listing all MSI projects planned for the current state biennium to the county highway commissioner.

(c) Prepare all documents necessary to letting the LRIP project to competitive bid.

(d) Execute, no later than April 1 of each odd–numbered year, an approved project agreement for each MSI project.

(e) Certify through the city or village's chief executive, at the time the city or village requests reimbursement, that the work funded under the municipal street improvement program entitlement was performed in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, ordinances and standards.

(7) CITIES OR VILLAGES IN MORE THAN ONE COUNTY. (a) 1. Each city or village with a population of less than 20,000 and whose corporate limits extend into more than one county, shall select by September 1, 1992, which CMSIC it wishes to join. By

September 1, 1992, the city or village shall notify, in writing, the secretary and all the affected CMSICs and county highway commissioners, which CMSIC it will join.

2. Any city or village with a population less than 20,000 not selecting a CMSIC by September 15, 1992, shall be assigned to a CMSIC by the secretary.

(b) 1. Each city and village with a population of 20,000 or more and whose corporate limits extend into more than one county shall select by September 1, 1992, which county it wishes any of its uncommitted entitlement to be assigned. By September 1, 1992, the city or village shall notify, in writing, the secretary and all the affected county highway commissioners, which county it wishes to assign its uncommitted entitlement.

2. Any city or village with a population of 20,000 or more not selecting a county by September 15, 1992, shall be assigned to a county by the secretary.

(8) DUTIES OF THE COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER. Each county highway commissioner shall perform the following:

(a) Convene and preside over the initial meeting of all the chief executives of villages and cities with populations of less than 20,000, to select the membership and chairperson of the CMSIC.

(b) Conduct contract lettings for the city or village with municipal street improvement projects upon the request of the city or village.

(9) STANDARDS. All municipal street improvement projects funded under this chapter shall be designed and constructed using the state standards as described in the department's facility development manual procedure 11–20–1 except as provided in s. Trans 206.03 (13).

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Trans 206.05 County highway improvement. (1) DUTIES OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE. Each county executive or designee, or where there is no office of county executive, the county board chairperson or the chairperson's designee shall perform the following:

(a) Establish and maintain a 5–year program of county trunk improvement projects eligible to be funded from the county highway improvement entitlement of the local roads improvement program. It shall include a priority list of needs and a 5–year schedule of improvements.

(b) Send, no later than January 15 of each even–numbered year, to the department the LRIP project application form listing the CHI projects planned in the current state biennium.

(c) Execute, no later than April 1 of each odd–numbered year, an approved project agreement for each project that will be constructed in the current state biennium as a county highway improvement project.

(d) Certify that the county trunk improvement projects selected meet the eligibility requirements of this chapter.

(e) Determine in a case where a proposed project under agreement cannot be built in the specified time frame, whether a substitute project should be put under agreement.

(f) Determine whether to enter into agreements with other recipients of the local roads improvements to jointly fund eligible local road improvement projects.

(2) STANDARDS. All county trunk improvement projects funded under this chapter shall be designed and constructed according to standards in ch. Trans 205 except as provided in s. Trans 206.03 (13).

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Trans 206.06 Town road improvement. (1) COUNTY TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEES. (a) In each county, there shall be a town road improvement committee that shall select improvement projects for the town road improvement component of local roads improvement program in the county.

(b) The CTRIC shall consist of no more than 5 town chairpersons or designees selected by all the town chairpersons or designees in the county, one of whom shall be designated as chairperson by the committee. The selection of each CTRIC shall occur biennially, in the odd–numbered years, not later than October 1. The term of office for each CTRIC member shall be 2 years, and shall be from October 1 of the current odd–numbered year to September 30 of the next odd–numbered year.

(c) In addition to the town chairperson members, each CTRIC may include as a non–voting member the county highway commissioner.

(2) DUTIES OF THE COUNTY TRI COMMITTEE. Each CTRIC shall perform the following:

(a) Submit, no later than November 1 of each odd–numbered year, to the county highway commissioner the LRIP project application form listing of TRI projects planned, and TRID project applications prioritized for the current state biennium.

(b) Determine in the case where a proposed TRI project under agreement cannot be built within the specified time frame whether a substitute TRI project should be put under agreement.

(c) Determine whether to enter into agreements with other recipients of the local roads improvement for the joint funding of eligible local roads improvement projects.

(3) SELECTION AND DUTIES OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE CTRIC. The chairperson of the CTRIC shall be selected by the members of the CTRIC no later than November 1 of each odd–numbered year. The duties of the chairperson shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) Notify, no later than November 1 of each odd–numbered year, the secretary of the name of the chairperson of the CTRIC.

(b) Convene the CTRIC when necessary.

(c) Preside over the CTRIC and perform all administrative duties required of the chairperson.

(4) DUTIES OF THE TOWNS. Each town participating in TRI and TRID shall establish and maintain as a minimum, a 2–year plan of improvements to the town roads eligible to be funded under the TRI and TRID components. The plan shall be based on sound engineering and management principles and life cycle cost criteria such as, but not limited to, the PASER program model. It shall include a priority list of needs and a 2–year schedule of improvements.

(5) DUTIES OF TOWNS WITH A TRI OR TRID PROJECT. Towns with a TRI or TRID project shall perform the following:

(a) Execute, no later than April 1 of each odd–numbered year, an approved project agreement for each TRI project awarded to the town by the CTRIC or TRID project awarded to the town by the department.

(b) Prepare all necessary documents to let the LRIP project to competitive bid.

(c) Certify, by the town chairperson, at the time reimbursement is requested that the work was performed in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, ordinances and standards.

(6) DUTIES OF THE COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER. The county highway commissioner shall perform the following:

(a) Convene and preside over the initial meeting of all town chairpersons to select the membership and chairperson of the town road improvement program committee.

(b) Conduct contract lettings for a town with a TRI or TRID project upon the request of the town.

(7) STANDARDS. All town road improvement projects funded under this chapter shall be designed and constructed using the state town road standards as described in ch. Trans 204, except as provided in s. Trans 206.03 (13).

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Trans 206.07 County highway improvement program districts and committees. (1) COUNTY HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM DISTRICT COMMITTEES. In each county highway improvement program district, there shall be a county highway improvement program district committee. The committee shall consist of no more than 5 county executives or the county executive's designee or when there is no office of county executive, county board chairpersons or the chairperson's designee from counties in the district. The committee shall be chosen by all the county executives or the executive's designee or when there is no office of county executive, the county board chairperson or the chairperson's designee in the district. The committee members shall serve 2–year terms beginning October 1 of the odd–numbered years and ending September 30 of the next odd–numbered year. The secretary or designee shall serve as a non–voting member of each county highway improvement program district committee.

(2) DUTIES OF THE COUNTY HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT COMMITTEE. The county highway improvement district committee shall perform the following:

(a) Establish criteria for the selection of CHI projects to be funded from uncommitted entitlements of member counties.

(b) Select, no later than January 15 of each even–numbered year, CHI projects to be funded from uncommitted entitlements from within the district from the member counties CHI project lists.

(c) Select, no later than October 1 of the odd–numbered years, the committee chairperson for the next 2 years.

(3) SELECTION AND DUTIES OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COUNTY HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM DISTRICT. (a) The chairperson of the county highway improvement program district committee shall be selected from the district committee members.

(b) Selection shall occur by October 1 of each odd–numbered year.

(c) The chairperson shall perform the following:

1. Preside over the meetings of the committee.

2. Convene a meeting of the committee as needed.

3. Convene and preside over a meeting of all county executives or county executives' designees or when there is no office of county executive county board chairpersons or the chairpersons' designees in the district, no later than October 1 of each odd–numbered year, for the purpose of selecting committee members and a chairperson for the next 2–year period.

(d) Inform in writing, no later than November 1 of each odd–numbered year, the secretary and all county executives or the county executives' designees or when there is no office of county executive, county board chairpersons or the chairpersons' designees in the district of the committee membership.

(e) Inform the secretary and all county executives or county executives' designees or when there is no office of county executive, county board chairpersons or the chairpersons' designees in the district, no later than January 15 of each even–numbered year, of the committee's selection of projects in the district to be funded with the uncommitted entitlements of counties CMSIC, CTRIC, and municipalities with a population of less than 20,000 in the district.

(4) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS. Any improvement to the county trunk system in any of the counties within the county highway improvement program district is an eligible project, provided the county has complied with the provisions of the chapter pertaining to the county highway improvement component.

(5) SELECTED PROJECTS. A county trunk improvement project selected for funding under this chapter shall be constructed under the provisions of s. Trans 206.05. The county executive or county executive's designee or when there is no office of county executive the county board chairperson or county board chairperson's designee from the county of the selected project shall be responsible for the development and construction of the project and the certification that the project constructed complies with the provisions of the county highway improvement component.

Note: Forms can be obtained from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, P.O. Box 7916, Madison, WI 53707–7916.

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Trans 206.08 Statewide town road improvement discretionary committee. (1) There shall be one STRIDC. The committee shall consist of members appointed by the secretary and have geographically balanced representation. The committee members shall serve 2–year terms beginning October 1 of the odd–numbered years and ending September 30 of the next odd–numbered year. The secretary or designee shall serve as a non–voting member of each statewide town road improvement discretionary committee.

(2) The statewide town road improvement discretionary committee shall perform the following duties:

(a) Establish criteria for the selection of TRID projects. These criteria shall include, but are not limited to, safety, reconstruction, traffic volume and type, and multi–jurisdictional projects.

(b) Select, no later than March 1 of each even–numbered year, TRID projects to be funded statewide.

(c) Select, no later than December 1 of the odd–numbered years, the committee chairperson for the next 2 years.

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