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2011-2015 McHenry County Highway Improvement Program

Woodstock, IL - On May 3, 2011, the McHenry County Board unanimously approved the 2011 to 2015 Highway Improvement Program. This program guides the activities of the McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) regarding projects and priorities to be undertaken over the next five years. It is updated annually to track revenues, review the status of projects, and discuss priorities. This year's program was developed in conjunction with past programs, the 2020 Long Range Transportation Plan, and with County Board members.

The FY2011 to 2015 Highway Improvement Program includes over \$224 million in expenditures; \$9 million more than last year's program but still \$23 million less than the 2009-2013 Highway Improvement Program. This fluctuation is due to changing revenues available to the MCDOT over the life of the program and the corresponding emphasis in project priorities. Of the \$224 million being spent, a quarter of the funding (approximately \$61 million) is coming from various federal transportation programs. These funds are an important component of the MCDOT's program and are made possible from the efforts of the County's Congressional delegation as well as leaders in the State legislature.

The program includes sufficient funding for 25 (12% of the program for \$27.5 million total dollars) bridge replacements, 6 (11% of the program for \$25 million total dollars) intersection improvements, 7 (35% of the program for \$77.6 million total dollars) add lanes projects, and 4 (11% for \$25.6 million total dollars) pavement management projects. Key projects include: improving Johnsburg Road with a bottleneck elimination project, widening Charles J. Miller Road by adding capacity with new through lanes and a new bridge over the Fox River, and completing the Rakow Road and Walkup Road expansion projects. The program is posted on the internet at www.MchenryCountyDOT.org.

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