

From the Desk of Administrator Patrick Vaile:



Highway 15 Bypass Project Update

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation's (WisDOT) plans to improve State Highway 15 from Lily of the Valley Road in Greenville to Highway 45 in New London, including the bypass of the Village of Hortonville, are progressing. The most recent tentative schedule shows engineering design beginning in 2012 closely followed by real estate work, environmental permitting, and utility approvals. Construction of the roadway may begin in the summer of 2016. Tentative completion of the entire project may occur in 2019.

Village of Hortonville board members and staff met with representatives from the Lake Michigan District office of WisDOT on August 30th. Bill Bertrand, the Project Manager for the Highway 15 improvements, Rebecca Rooyackers, and Doug Wiegand from WisDOT listened to concerns raised by the officials and answered questions. "This is an important first step in establishing an atmosphere of open communication", said Andrew Gitter, Village President. Bill Bertrand presented a website that has the latest corridor information:

www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/d3/wis15/index.htm.

He and Village Administrator Vaile will be the State and Village contact persons, respectively, regarding the project. Vaile explained, "We have a relatively new Village Board, a new Village President, and a new Administrator who have had little involvement with the planning for the project, but have a number of concerns and questions. This meeting is a beginning dialog that reinforces WisDOT's open communication for the project and sets the parameters for future Village involvement in the project".

The next public invited informational meeting will occur when the engineering design of the project is underway sometime in 2012. Very few details will be known until then. To find out more about the project, visit the website noted above. Bill Bertrand, as Project

Manager for the Highway 15 project, is the primary WisDOT contact at 920 492-5708.

A map of the entire corridor on an air photo base showing preliminary right-of-way lines, property lines and owners, structures to be acquired or relocated, driveways, intersections, roundabouts, and elevations is on display in the Village Administration office.



New Wastewater Treatment Plant Dedicated

On a beautiful Saturday in late August the newly upgraded wastewater treatment plant was dedicated in a public ceremony and ribbon-cutting at the plant. More than 50 Hortonville citizens participated in guided tours of the facility. Thank you to all those who took the time to see first-hand how our wastewater is treated (cleansed), laboratory tested, and eventually discharged to the Wolf River, and how the sludge settled during the process is removed for land application.

Particular thanks go to County Executive Thomas Nelson for being part of the dedication ceremony along with Village President Andrew Gitter, and to Camille Solberg, Regional Director for US Senator Ron Johnson and Mark Rahmlow, District Aide for US Representative Reid Ribble. Staff from the Department of Public Works and Utilities did an excellent job preparing for and advertising the dedication, and conducting the tours.

The previous wastewater treatment plant was constructed in 1982. By 2008, the Village Board began looking at treatment options, since many of the facility's components had become outdated or were at the end of their service life. That plant was also operating at its design capacity, with no room for community growth. Construction of the new plant began in the fall of 2009 and was completed in the summer of 2011. Total cost for the upgraded plant is a little over \$5 million, being paid by Village taxpayers through their utility bills. The new plant has room for community growth and should provide excellent wastewater treatment for many years to come.