SHEBOYGAN COUNTY



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Sheboygan County Transportation Complex Groundbreaking

The ground breaking for the new Sheboygan County Transportation Department Complex has occurred and work is underway. The new complex is located at the intersection of State Highway 67 and County Highway "J". The transportation complex will be 163,000 square feet and will be the future home to three of the County's current transportation facilities. The current Elkhart Lake Shed, Plymouth Shed, and Sheboygan Transportation Department Headquarters will all be consolidated into the new facility.

95% of the site earthwork is now complete. The earthwork includes stripping of topsoil, hauling pit run, digging retention/detention ponds, placing gravel, preparing the building site, spreading topsoil, seeding and landscaping. Greg Schnell, Sheboygan County Transportation Director said the County is fortunate to have the resources and staff capable of doing all the site work. "We have a skilled workforce, and two close by gravel pits that allowed us to prepare the site and save money," Schnell said.

The general contractor, Quasius Construction Inc., has begun the footing or foundation work for the placement of pre-cast wall panels. The erection of the pre-cast walls is scheduled to begin after Memorial Day and continue through the month of July. During that time, utility work will also be occurring, including the installation of the waterline that will connect to the Rocky Knoll Health Care Center water tower, as well as connecting the sewer lines to the force main from Rocky Knoll to the City of Plymouth Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The estimated cost of this project is \$24,880,739, which includes: design fees, permitting, civil engineering, site work, building construction, unheated storage facility, salt sheds, fueling system, and shop and office equipment. The new facility is scheduled to be completed in the

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summer of 2018. "The new transportation complex should serve our community for the next 75 to 100 years", said Transportation Committee Chairman Roger Te Stroete. "Today's snowplows are much larger than they were years ago, and they cost over \$250,000 each. It is important we take care of our equipment, which are essential to maintain our roads," Te Stroete said.

County Administrator Adam Payne said the Elkhart Lake shed facility already has an accepted offer to purchase, and the County is also considering offers on the Plymouth Shed and Sheboygan Headquarters sites, all of which will be available for economic development and returned to the tax roll.

Once the new facility is constructed, Administrator Payne said the County will have four locations based in the four corners of our county. "We are always seeking opportunities to improve, and the new transportation facility will allow us to provide efficient and cost-effective services that taxpayers expect," Payne said.

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Pictured from left to right: Bryan Olson, Edgar Harvey, Charles Conrardy, Joe Widmann (Quasius), Richard Bemis, Al Bosman, Roger Te Stroete, County Administrator Adam Payne, County Board Chair Thomas Wegner, Greg Schnell, Matt Quasius (Quasius), not pictured Jim Te Beest.

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