



**WABASHA COUNTY
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Wabasha County Wheelage and Transportation Sales Tax at Work

Your money Wabasha County has received from the implementation of Wabasha County's Wheelage Tax in 2015 and 0.5% Transportation Sales Tax implemented in April 2016, has made it feasible for Wabasha County to:

- Sealcoat 156 miles of County Highways
- Perform wide crack repair at many locations
- Resurface 1.6 miles of County Road 86
- Repair and preserve a bridge on County Road 86
- Reconstruct parts of County Road 73 and 67 in and near Elgin
- Plan for earlier completion of projects such as reconstruction of County Highway 18 near Kellogg and County Highway 4 north of Theilman.

The Wheelage Tax and Transportation Sales Tax funds are required by State Statute to be dedicated for County Highway purposes only and in the case of transportation sales tax proceeds, towards specific County Highway projects.

The sealcoating mentioned above is important tool the County has utilized to preserve the taxpayers' investment and assist in maximizing the life of that pavement, which means a better driving condition for a longer time at a lower cost. The County plans to continue to sealcoat roads especially on recently paved roads where extensive research has shown sealcoating is most effective when applied early in the pavement's life. Sealcoating is considered preventive maintenance. You may not see the benefit immediately, but over the years these efforts are paid back many times over. For a typical rural County Highway, most recent contracted costs for a conventional sealcoat are \$15,500 per mile or for further aged pavements \$19,700 per mile. Typical blacktop resurfacing costs are \$300,000 per mile.

If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact:
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