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## **CROW WING COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 2018 CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM SUMMARY**

Each year the County Highway Department updates a running five-year Highway Improvement Plan (HIP) to ensure residents and local agencies are aware of proposed projects. This document is also utilized to identify long term budgetary needs to ensure that proposed projects have an adequate funding source.

The original construction program for 2018 identified approximately 20 projects totaling an estimated \$10.2 million investment. Actual final costs are anticipated to be \$9.7 million. In 2018, eight local townships and cities partnered with the County to create joint construction contracts, resulting in lower overall costs. These local agencies provided more than \$600,000 in improvements for their residents through these partnerships.

Improvements in 2018 included 47 miles of bituminous surfacing, 246 miles of pavement markings, 37 miles of preventative maintenance seal coats and various isolated improvements. Due to the ability to bid projects early in the year, all projects were substantially complete by the middle of September.

There are numerous funding sources relied upon to deliver these improvements. A summary follows:

\$636,000	Levy (property taxes)
\$2,117,000	Federal (acquired through competitive process)
\$3,460,000	State Aid (gas tax, vehicle registration, etc.)
\$2,466,000	Sales Tax (generated by visitors and residents)
\$426,000	First Assessment District (property taxes)
<u>\$630,000</u>	Local partners – townships and cities
<b>\$9,735,000</b>	<b>Total Investment</b>

All projects identified in the five-year HIP for 2018 were delivered.

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