

Highway Maintenance Manual Chapter 02 Administration Section 05 Authority Subject 40 Public Utilities and Others

## 1.0 Authority

Section 84.04, "Roadside improvement", Wisconsin Statutes, provides the authority and framework for the department to arrange for the maintenance and betterment of roadside facilities. These facilities developed for the convenience, comfort, and enjoyment of the motoring public may need the services of public utilities (electricity, gas, water, waste water disposal, etc.) to accomplish this mission.

## 2.0 Program Management

When an agreement with a public utility or other agency is needed to maintain and operate roadside facilities on state highways, the needed work shall be requested and enumerated in an annual maintenance work program as a project. These agreements shall be charged to a project using object code 5532, Public utility and other agreements.

## 3.0 Agreements

The department shall prepare and enter into agreement for service documents for state highway maintenance work by a public utility enumerated in the approved annual work program. The approved annual work program shall be a summary of approved and funded agreements for that public utility. This document shall also include supporting reference material.

The maintenance work shall be performed in accordance with the terms of the agreement.