

TRUCKING FACILITIES

Truck Routes

Truck routes or heavy vehicle routes are those routes that are by design capable of handling both commercial and automobile traffic safely and efficiently. By federal law all roadways in the National Highway System (NHS) are open to truck traffic. The National Highway System (NHS) includes the Interstate Highway System as well as other roads important to the nation's economy, defense, and mobility. The NHS was developed by the Department of Transportation in cooperation with the states, local officials, and MPO's. Local municipalities may prohibit truck traffic by ordinance, but only on local roads and functionally classified facilities that are not part of the NHS. Figure V - 2 identifies both the truck routes and the major industrial centers within the planning area.

The NHS routes, shown in yellow in Figure V - 2, include Interstate 39/90, Highway 51, U.S. Highway 14, and State Highways 11 and 26. The NHS routes serve the planning area's primary industrial areas, such as Beloit Avenue, Wright Road, Delavan Drive, Kennedy Road and the General Motors Plant.

In Janesville, local truck routes consist primarily of principal and minor arterials that serve the City's major commercial and industrial centers. The distribution of truck routes throughout the community coincides with areas zoned for commercial and industrial land uses and allows for sufficient access to all major heavy vehicle destinations within the urbanized area.

In Rock County, heavy vehicle routes consist of federal, state trunk, and county trunk highways. County trunk highways in the five township area are categorized as "Class B" highways and have vehicle weight limits.

FIGURE V - 2 TRUCK ROUTES

