

Mayor Seng,
City Council Members,
Fellow Citizens:

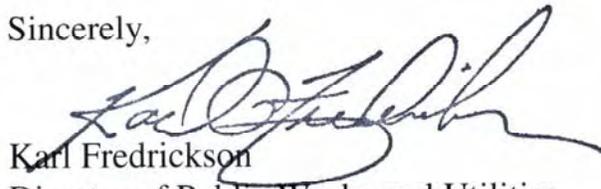
I am pleased to submit the annual report of the Public Works and Utilities Department for 2006. This report serves as a valuable reference for the community to understand the department's work.

Several Notable successes were achieved in 2006. The Big T project was completed, linking North 14th Street with the UNL campus and eliminating at grade crossings of the Burlington Northern Railroad. The widening of O Street to 6 lanes continued from 52nd Street to 46th Street. The Long Range Transportation Plan Component of the Comprehensive Plan was also successfully updated and approved by the City Council and County Board. StarTran carried over 1.8 million riders, nearly an 11% increase in rider ship over the previous year. Floodplain information was updated for more than 90 miles of streams, the Northeast Water Pump Station was upgraded to provide for future growth capacity, environmentally safe disposal of 285,445 tons of municipal solid waste was provided while minimizing the use of landfill space, and nearly \$30 million worth of sanitary sewer projects were built.

The greatest challenge faced in 2006 was maintaining productivity in the face of declining budget availability. While the City and the amount of infrastructure needing to be maintained continued to grow, we were challenged to do it with less resources. Repairing potholes, sweeping streets, plowing snow, approving plans for new developments, reducing flood hazards, designing and building new infrastructure are considered necessities by the residents of Lincoln, and by finding new efficiencies and improving technology, we were able to get done most of what was needed.

I continue to be immensely impressed not only by the dedication of the men and women of this department, but especially by the quality of work they perform every day. I take great pride in serving the residents of the City of Lincoln with them, and for the many contributions they make to this community.

Sincerely,



Karl Fredrickson
Director of Public Works and Utilities



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