

Dear Citizens and City Council Members:

As Mayor of Lincoln, it is my pleasure to present the 2006 Annual Report for the Public Works and Utilities Department. This report summarizes the efforts and accomplishments of the department over the course of the last year.

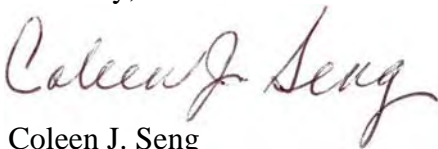
The Public Works and Utilities Department continues to do an excellent job of providing service to the citizens of Lincoln and those that live and work within the Capital City. Whether it be building new roads, providing drinking water, removing snow and ice, managing trash at the landfill, providing mass transportation or safely treating wastewater, the Department works year around to keep our City growing safely and efficiently.

Despite a year of budget cuts, the dedication of the Department's employees never wavered. To provide 14 billion gallons of water to customers, maintain over 2,450 lane miles of streets, 978 miles of sanitary sewers, 69 buses and the second largest landfill in the state, Public Works and Utilities continues to find ways to get the job done.

Public Works and Utilities continues to look to the future for ways in which their work can best be accomplished. Using Intelligent Transportation Systems technology and a central traffic signal control system, creating a Pavement Management System for street maintenance, using new databases to track signs, signals and pavement markings, adding automatic vehicle location to their fleet and the remote monitoring of pumping stations are just some of the ways that the Department is improving their efficiency. Adding to that is the initiative that individual employees take by belonging to professional societies and getting further training in their appropriate fields to stay abreast of the state of the art in public works.

This community can take great pride in the Public Works and Utilities Department. In many areas, it is one of the most advanced in the nation, and as you look through this annual report, I am sure you will agree. Please join me in thanking our Public Works and Utilities employees for their public service to Lincoln.

Sincerely,



Coleen J. Seng
Mayor of Lincoln



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