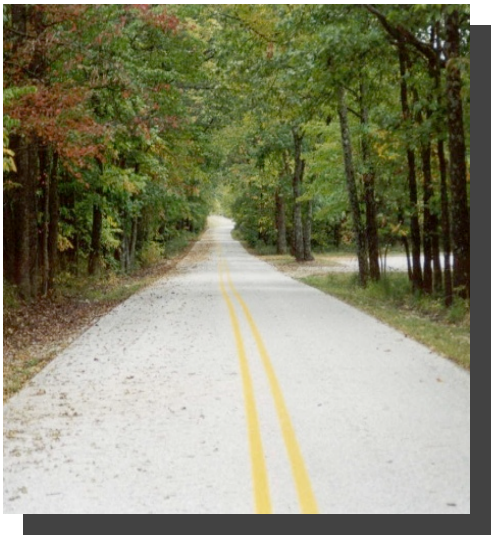
2009 Surface Transportation Reauthorization
National Park Service / Midwest Region (MWR)

The Midwest Region (MWR) includes 57 parks in 13 states, which welcomed nearly 19 million visitors in 2008. MWR is proud to offer visitors wilderness, history, and recreational experiences.

Transportation is a key part of the MWR experience, where visitors can ride to the top of the Gateway Arch at Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in St Louis, Missouri, canoe in the solitude of the Buffalo National River in the Ozarks and hike one of America's prime wilderness areas, Isle Royale National Park.

Visitor access to MWR parks is provided by a transportation system that includes 230 miles of paved roads, 35 miles of paved trails and 8 transportation systems. The condition of the MWR transportation system various widely by asset type:

- 19% paved roads in good-excellent condition
- 97% bridges structurally sound
- 15% paved parking lots in good-excellent condition
- 44% paved trails in good-excellent condition



From 2005-2009 (duration of SAFETEA-LU), MWR completed 17 projects in 9 parks in 7 states, while rehabilitating/reconstructing 27 miles of road and 6 bridges. To prepare for NPS' 100th Anniversary, MWR is focused on three transportation priorities:

- Improve Roads, Parking and Bridges
- Implement Pavement Management System
- Expand Alternative Transportation Systems

MWR PRIORITY PROJECTS: 2010 – 2015

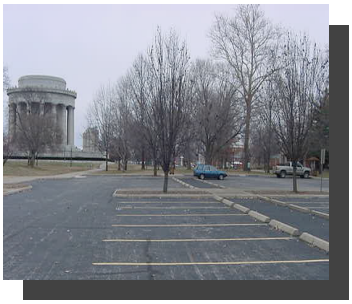
Replace Structurally Deficient Bridge
Fort Larned National Historic Site

Resurface 11 Miles of Road
Theodore Roosevelt National Park

Complete Tour Road Rehabilitation
Badlands National Park

Continue Improvement of Rail Facilities & Intermodal Connections
Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Rehabilitate Visitor Center Parking Areas
Small Parks



For more information, read the NPS Reauthorization Resource paper at
www.nps.gov/transportation/roads/library/NPS_reauthorize_120807.pdf