

agreement. Improvements to the terminal building and hangars were recently completed, and additional expansion is planned for the future. The airport is equipped with paved and lighted runways suitable for recreational and small business aircraft. It also offers privately owned hangars on site, hangar lots for lease, outdoor airplane parking and airplane maintenance facilities.

The Dane County Regional Airport, located on the east side of the City of Madison, provides larger air carrier and passenger service and is approximately 1.5 hours from the Town.

7.3 Elderly, Disabled and Veteran Transportation

Sauk County offers several specialized transportation assistance programs for persons who are elderly, disabled or veterans within the Town of Excelsior.

Persons who are elderly and disabled that are unable to transport themselves and who do not have family members or friends to drive them can take advantage of the Volunteer Driver Program by contacting the Sauk County Commission on Aging. This service is provided for medical, nutritional and personal business reasons. Individuals available for driving are encouraged to call.

Veterans in need of transportation assistance to a Veteran's Hospital or Clinic should contact the Veterans Service Office.

7.4 Other Transportation Options

➤ Trucking

Trucking service is accommodated by the region's transportation network. There are several privately owned trucking operations within this area that meet the needs of the residents. Area freight services include LBS Expediting Services, QTI, Skinner Transfer Company, Sheba Transport, and Fever River Trucking, all located in the Reedsburg area. AARCO Equipment and Dells Best Transportation are located in the Wisconsin Dells area. Deppe Enterprises, Fly Trucking, M&E Trucking, and Morath Trucking are located in the Baraboo area.

➤ Rail

The Wisconsin and Southern rail line, a contractor of the Union Pacific Railway, serves the Town of Excelsior. It runs through the Village of Rock Springs and the southwest corner of the Town. The rail line travels through the Cities of Reedsburg and Baraboo, crosses the Wisconsin River in the Village of Merrimac then travels to the City of Madison. This is a Class 2 line rated for 25 mph service. Amtrak in Wisconsin Dells on the Canadian Pacific Railway provides passenger rail service to the area.

➤ Bicycle and Recreational Trails (not in Excelsior)

The 400 Recreational Trail, which begins in downtown Reedsburg, stretches for 22 miles along the Baraboo River between Reedsburg and Elroy. The trail is part of a 117-mile trail system that includes the Elroy-Sparta Trail, the La Crosse River Trail, and the Great River Trail in west-central Wisconsin. The 400 Trail was built on an abandoned railroad grade with packed limestone screenings and planked surface bridges. The trail is maintained by the Wisconsin Department

