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The wind-up of all Indian Bureau road maintenance responsibilities in Michigan has now been accomplished with the transfer of 18.3 miles serving the L'Anse Reservation and Potawatomie Indian lands to Barage and Menominee Counties, the Department of the Interior announced today.

The transfer, approved by the Indian Bureau September 20, is part of a nationwide program under which the Bureau brings the roads serving Indian lands up to county standards at Federal Government expense and the counties then take over maintenance responsibilities. Projects are now being turned over to the counties at the rate of over 400 miles each year.

Michigan is the second State where the Bureau has turned over all its road maintenance responsibilities. A similar transfer of final mileage was carried out in Iowa about five years ago,