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Subject: WIS 60 Corridor Study
US 45 to 11th Avenue
Washington and Ozaukee Counties
Project ID 2310-00-02

Dear Dave Valentine:

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has initiated a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) study to evaluate existing and potential future transportation deficiencies in the WIS 60 corridor from the Village of Jackson to the Village of Grafton (USH 45 to 11th Avenue). The WIS 60 corridor study location map is enclosed with this letter. A consultant team lead by CH2M HILL is assisting WisDOT with this study.

Study Overview

The study purpose is to analyze the capacity and operational needs on WIS 60 and develop and evaluate a range of alternatives that address the identified needs. The 36-month WIS 60 Corridor Study will conclude in summer 2014 with a recommended alternative that will address safety and congestions problems identified during the study. WisDOT will use the recommendations from the study on future projects in the program.

Growing traffic volumes and land development in and adjacent to the WIS 60 corridor are driving the need to consider long-range alternatives to ensure a safe and efficient roadway.

What the Study Includes

Major project activities in this NEPA study will include the following:

- *Data Gathering* – Conduct land use inventory; review local and regional land use and transportation plans; obtain floodplain, wetland and public use land mapping; and, inventory existing transportation facilities and utilities in the project area.
- *Develop/Refine/Evaluate Alternatives* – Develop/screen/refine the alternatives; and select a recommended alternative.
- *Environmental Studies*– Conduct a noise study, investigate the potential for archaeological and historical resources within the project's area of effect, and determine whether hazardous materials may be present within the proposed improvements.
- *Environmental Document* – Prepare an environmental document that identifies the need for the project, a range of alternatives that addresses the project need, and the impacts

(beneficial and adverse) of the project's recommended alternative. The environmental document will also document the agency coordination and public involvement activities conducted during the study.

- *Agency Coordination* – Obtain input from local, state and federal review agencies.
- *Public Involvement* – Prepare newsletters; conduct public information meetings; local officials/interest group contacts and meetings; and, a conduct project advisory committee meetings.
- *Functional Plans* – Prepare a functional level design plan that shows the design and location for the project's recommended alternative and impacts such as residential and commercial displacements. The functional plans will allow project-area communities to protect the right-of-way required for WIS 60 improvements.

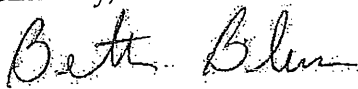
Identifying transportation deficiencies along WIS 60 and a range of alternatives to address the problems will require active participation of project-area officials and residents. As part of the study, we will create a Project Advisory Committee (PAC). The purpose of the PAC is to keep local officials and residents up to date on the study and identify and address local issues and concerns that should be considered during development and refinement of the project alternatives. PAC members will also provide a link between the study team and project-area residents. We would like the Town to identify three or four representatives that would be suitable PAC members. A local official, Department of Public Works employee, business person, emergency services provider, school district representative, or citizen representative are examples of the types of people that would make good candidates.

We plan to hold four PAC meetings during the 36-month study with the first meeting tentatively scheduled for this November. The meetings will be working sessions to exchange ideas, information and concerns, and to keep PAC members current on the project. We propose holding the meetings at a time and location that is convenient for the PAC members. Normally these meetings are held over the lunch hour, but we will adjust the time to meet the schedules of representatives from project-area communities.

Please be aware that as part of our data gathering activities, project team members will be collecting data at various locations in and around your community. If the study team needs to access any private property, a letter will be sent to the property owner informing them of the activities taking place and a study team member will contact the property owner before fieldwork begins.

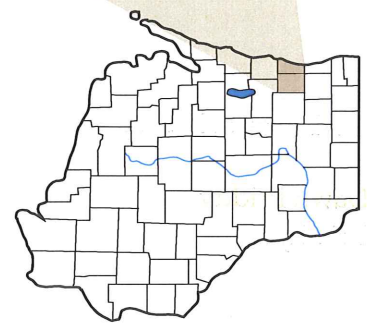
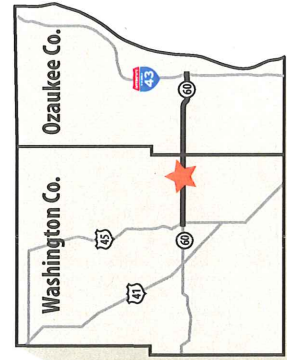
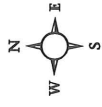
We look forward to your recommendations on PAC members and working with the Town as the study progresses. If you have any questions, please contact me at 262-548-8644 or by e-mail at beth.blum@dot.wi.gov. We look forward to your input on this important study.

Sincerely,



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