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RE: Madison – De Forest
Terminal Drive to STH 19
US 51 (Stoughton Road)
Dane County
Project ID 5410-05-00

Dear Ms. Stephens:

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Southwest Region in Madison is nearing publication of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the US 51 (Stoughton Road) corridor from Terminal Drive/Voges Road in the Village of McFarland to WIS 19 in the Village of DeForest in Dane County. Two public meetings have been held at Robert M. Lafollette High School since the Environmental Study began in 2012. At this time WisDOT is providing an opportunity for the study team to present the current alternatives and the study schedule to the neighborhood associations in the corridor and answer questions regarding the study

The three corridor alternatives – A (Low Build with Capacity Expansion and Transportation System Management), B (Enhanced Expressway) and C (Freeway) provide a range of improvements to address safety, congestion, and bicycle and pedestrian issues along the corridor. WisDOT is developing a proposed Recommended Alternative for the corridor which is a blend of Alternatives A, B, and C. The Recommended Alternative is based on traffic mobility and corridor impacts and may be revised based on public and agency input. The end result of the study will be the selection of a Preferred Alternative and an approved Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the corridor. You may be interested in the study website at the following link: <http://www.dot.state.wi.us/projects/swregion/51/>.

If your neighborhood association is interested in a presentation, or would like more information, please contact me by phone at (608) 245-2656 or by e-mail at jeff.berens@dot.wi.gov. Written correspondence regarding the project can be mailed to Jeff Berens, WisDOT Southwest Region Madison Office, 2101 Wright Street, Madison, WI 53704.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Berens".

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