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

Dear Property Owner:

As you are aware, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has initiated a study to evaluate existing and potential future transportation deficiencies in the WIS 60 corridor from the Village of Jackson to the Village of Grafton. 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.

As required by national and state environmental laws, WisDOT must conduct engineering and environmental investigations on potential WIS 60 alternatives to determine their positive and negative impacts on the natural and man-made environment. Historical and archaeological investigations are included in the study's environmental analyses. The archaeologists are looking for soils that have been disturbed so little over the years that they may still contain prehistoric artifacts. In residential areas, the archaeologists will use a soil probe to determine whether a property has undisturbed soils. The probe removes a soil plug about the diameter of a quarter. If the soil plug reveals disturbed soils, no other work is needed. If undisturbed soils are found, a hand shovel hole will be dug. When holes are dug, they are immediately refilled and the sod (or other cover material) is replaced. Soil probes or shovel tests will not be done in landscaped areas. In agricultural fields, the archaeologists will walk through reviewing the ground surface. No soil probes or shovel testing should be necessary. No mechanized equipment will be used on residential properties or farm fields.

During the historical investigation, which is conducted to determine whether structures are eligible to the National Register of Historic Places, you may see team members photographing your residence or other buildings on your property and writing notes. Please know that the archaeological and historical investigations will be done in a timely and professional manner.

The archaeological and historical surveys will take place from mid-April to mid-May. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the archaeological or historical surveys, please contact Kathy Shillinglaw at 414-481-2093 or kshillinglaw@glarc.com. If you have questions about the project in general, you can contact me at 262-548-8644 or beth.blum@dot.wi.gov.

Thank you for your cooperation in advance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beth Blum".

Beth Blum, P.E.
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