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Town of Cedarburg
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Subject: WIS 60 Corridor study

Dear Mr. Culotta,

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation, after careful consideration, has decided to suspend the WIS 60 corridor study. This allows the Department to continue to prioritize manpower and limited funds to best serve the constituents in Southeastern Wisconsin.

The purpose of the study, which began in July 2011, was to identify a long range vision for the WIS 60 corridor along with identifying deficiencies that could be addressed as monies became available. The decision to suspend the corridor study aligns with current budget realities and priorities. In addition, without a project in the department's construction program, we are unable to complete the environmental process and obtain Federal Highway Administration approval. Work completed during the investigative phase of the study has provided valuable insight into this corridor. Several milestones accomplished during this phase of the study are:

- Significant elected official and public stakeholder input was gathered during the public involvement process.
- Historical and archaeological sites have been identified within the corridor. This will enable better planning for future development.
- Bypass alternatives have been evaluated and eliminated based on stakeholder input and Federal Highway Administration concurrence.
- Short term improvement needs have been identified, such as the intersection with County Y.
- Long range needs for the corridor were identified.

The Department values and appreciates the participation of so many groups and individuals in this study. If you have questions or would like to discuss this issue in more detail, please contact me at 262-548-5922 or tony.barth@dot.wi.gov.

Sincerely,

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