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RE: I-39/90/94 Study Madison to Portage Dane and Columbia Counties WisDOT Project ID 1010-10-00

Dear Agency Representative,

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have decided to officially end the I-39/90/94 (Madison – Portage) Tier 1 EIS National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) corridor study that began in 2014. Work on the Tier 1 EIS has ended as of date February 24, 2017. WisDOT and FHWA are currently working on a Notice of Intent (NOI) to rescind the original NOI. This letter is being sent to all involved Cooperating and Participating Agencies to ensure this action is uniformly understood.

The Tier 1 EIS is being canceled due to recent and on-going reprioritization of major transportation projects.

The Department will soon begin a new National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process to evaluate replacement for the existing Wisconsin River Bridges. Any future transportation improvements along I-39/90/94 corridor will progress under a separate environmental review process, in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

At this time, WisDOT is simply making sure all involved stakeholders are aware that the Tier 1 EIS has been ended. Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you for your past participation and assistance with this study.

Sincerely,

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