

Corridor Study Update

Alternatives Revised

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) held Public Information Meetings for the Stoughton Road (US 51) project in March 2006. Based on comments received at the meetings, subsequent meetings with the Policy and Technical Advisory Committees, local businesses (November 2006), and a Value Engineering Study, Alternatives A, B, and C have been modified. Following is a summary of the Alternatives with some of the changes in **bold**:

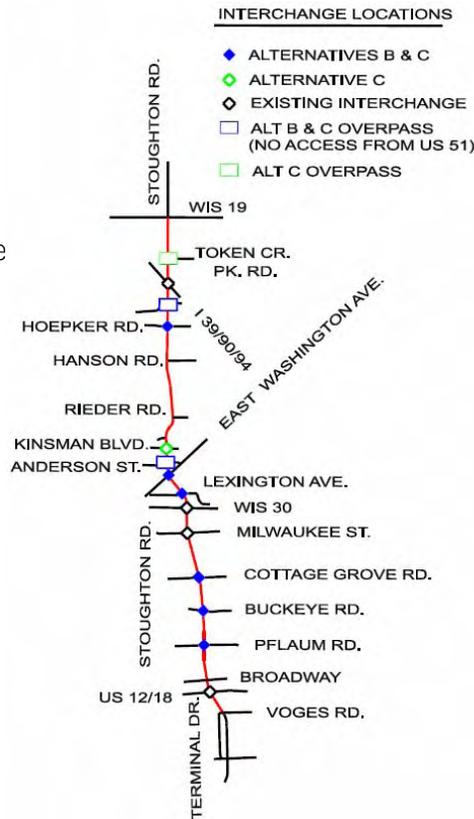
Alternative A – adds capacity to intersections and improves mobility without additional traffic lanes or interchanges. **Access roads from the relocated Broadway intersection area have been reconfigured. A roundabout at the Hoepker Road intersection has also been included.**

Alternative B – converts the intersections at Pflaum Road, Buckeye Road, **Lexington/Commercial Avenue**, East Washington Avenue and Hoepker Road to interchanges. It also provides free-flow ramps to and from the west side of the Beltline (US 12/18), **ramps to access Stoughton Road between Pflaum and Buckeye Roads** and an overpass at existing CTH CV.

Alternative C – provides a free flow movement for traffic through the corridor. It includes interchanges at the locations listed in Alternative B and at Kinsman Boulevard and Rieder Road/Amelia Earhart Drive. Alternative C also includes express lanes over the Beltline (US 12/18), express lanes over WIS 30/railroad crossing/Lexington Avenue, and overpasses at **CTH CV** and Token Creek Park Road.

All alternatives include opportunities for bicycle and pedestrian improvements. All side roads will propose bicycle lanes and sidewalk. New crossings of Stoughton Road will be considered at Femrite Drive, Tompkins Drive, and Larson Court. Parallel route connections from Broadway to Pflaum Road and from Pierstorff Street to Anderson Road/CTH CV are also proposed. Implementation of the bicycle and pedestrian improvements will be coordinated with the local municipalities.

Additional study information and the revised Alternatives can be seen on the Study Web site address shown at the right.



Stoughton Road Corridor Study Area

Upcoming Meetings

Public Information Meetings will be scheduled for **Fall 2007**.

A Public Hearing for the draft Environmental Impact Statement will be held in **Spring 2008**.

A notice announcing these meetings will be sent and posted on the Web site.

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Corridor Study Schedule

Impacts of the revised alternatives are currently being evaluated for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The schedule for the project includes:

- **Fall 2007** – 2nd set of Public Information Meetings.
- **February 2008** – Completion Draft EIS.
- **Spring 2008** – Public Hearing for Draft EIS
- **Mid to late 2008** – Final EIS.

Newsletters announcing the upcoming Public Information Meetings will be sent later this summer and will be posted to the study Web site.

Short Term Improvements

To improve safety until larger scale improvements can be made some projects are planned on Stoughton Road. In 2008, WisDOT will connect the southbound Cottage Grove Road on ramp with the southbound right-turn lane to Buckeye Road; anticipated work will address the increasing crashes at the Hoepker Road intersection; and additional turn lanes are being considered for the Beltline ramps

Related Study

The Stoughton Road Revitalization Project (SRRP) is a public interest group that is performing a land use and development study of the area between the Beltline and WIS 30 along Stoughton Road. The City of Madison is leading the study. To get information on that study go to the Web site <http://www.stoughtonroad.com/>

The study team is available and interested in working with civic, public, community, and municipal organizations. If you would like to schedule a brief presentation on the study please contact Adam Clayton or Kim Lobdell.

Look for another newsletter announcing the Public Information Meetings in the Fall of 2007!!

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