

Corridor Study Update

Environmental Study Authorized

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Southwest Region and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have been authorized to conduct an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) study on the US 51 (Stoughton Road) corridor. The project limits begin at the Terminal Drive/Voges Road intersection and continue north for 11 miles to the Highway 19 interchange (see Project Location Map). The purpose of the study is to develop long-term improvements to address safety, congestion, and bicycle and pedestrian issues along the corridor and determine the associated impacts. The study will build off of alternatives that were developed as part of a Traffic, Safety and Needs Identification Analysis (TSNIA) study conducted from 2004 -2012. The end result will be the selection of a preferred alternative for the corridor and an approved EIS.

This is an approved capacity expansion study through the Wisconsin Transportation Projects Commission (TPC). This allows for the consideration of additional lanes on Stoughton Road. Previously WisDOT was not authorized to include expansion as an alternative. The TPC consists of the Governor, citizen members, five senators, five representatives, and the WisDOT Secretary.

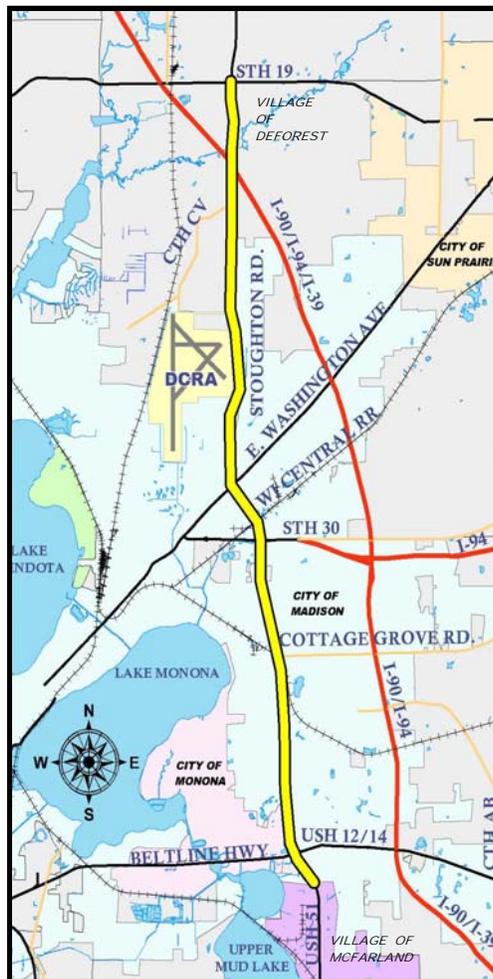
Public Information Meeting Scheduled

A Public Information Meeting (PIM) will be held **August 14, 2012** from 5 pm to 7:30 pm at the **Madison LaFollette High School cafeteria**. The PIM will be Open House with exhibits on display and the study team available to answer your questions. **A brief presentation will be given at 6 pm.**

Study History

- 2003 WisDOT and FHWA completed a Needs Assessment and determined existing conditions and how future traffic volumes would impact traffic flow and safety.
- 2004 – 2012 a TSNIA was conducted to further evaluate traffic, safety, and bicycle/pedestrian needs. Preliminary alternatives were developed to address those needs.
- 2011 TPC approved the corridor for an EIS capacity expansion study.

Several public meetings have been held in the past and the study team has continued coordination with the adjacent municipalities and public officials. In compliance with the Federal requirements for the EIS, a **Coordination Plan and Impact Analysis Methodology** have been developed. These are available on the project website.



Stoughton Road Study Location Map

Upcoming Meetings

Public Information Meeting
August 14, 2012 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Presentation at 6:00 pm
Madison LaFollette High School cafeteria
702 Pflaum Road, Madison, WI

Hearing-impaired citizens may request an interpreter by contacting Jeff Berens via the Wisconsin Telecommunications Relay System (dialing 711).

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Additional public meetings anticipated to be scheduled for **January 2013** and **Summer 2013**.

A Public Hearing on the draft EIS is planned for **Spring 2013**.

Notices announcing these meetings will be posted on the website.

Mission statement:
 To provide leadership in the development and operation of a safe and efficient transportation system.





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Corridor Study Schedule

- **August 14, 2012** – Public Information Meeting #1.
- **Fall 2012** – Finalize Alternatives for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- **January 2013** – Public Information Meeting #2.
- **April 2013** – Completion of Draft EIS.
- **May 2013** – Public Hearing on Draft EIS.
- **July 2013** – Select a preferred alternative.
- **Summer 2013** – Public Information Meeting #3.
- **December 2013** – Final EIS.

Newsletters announcing the upcoming Public Information Meetings will be sent and will be posted to the study web site:
<http://www.dot.wi.gov/projects/swregion/51/index.htm>

Related Projects/Studies

US 51, Reardon Road to County V (Grinde Road) – beginning north of the Highway 19 interchange, WisDOT plans to reconstruct this segment of US 51 into a 4-lane divided freeway starting in September 2012. See project website for more information:

<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/d1/us51/index.htm>

US 51 (I-39/90 - US 12/18), Stoughton to McFarland – beginning directly south of the Terminal Drive/Voges Road intersection, WisDOT is conducting a long term study to address safety, congestion and the lack of bicycle and pedestrian facilities in this 18.4 mile corridor. Alternatives include expansion to 4 lanes in some areas and a potential bypass of Stoughton. No construction activities are planned at this time. More information is available at the website: <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/d1/us51study/index.htm>

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 Jeff Berens.

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