



US 51 Environmental Impact Study

May 2006



Notice of Open House Meetings

WisDOT Seeking Public Input and Comments

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) invites you to attend Open House Meetings for the US 51 Environmental Impact Study on Tuesday, May 16 and Wednesday, May 17, 2006. The Open Houses are being held to present concepts for improvements to the US 51 corridor and potentially other routes — both meetings will present the same information. Detailed exhibits related to each concept will be available for review at the Open Houses.

Project Information

WisDOT is continuing its study of the US 51 corridor, from I-39/90 east of Stoughton to Terminal Drive in McFarland. This corridor is only one of many corridors in the greater Madison area that are being studied by WisDOT for potential safety and operations improvements. In 2004 WisDOT completed a Needs Assessment that showed that there are existing problems with safety, congestion, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities in the US 51 corridor. These conditions are expected to worsen as growth occurs in southeastern Dane County in the years ahead. In May 2005 an Alternatives Workshop was held, where participants reviewed the identified deficiencies in the corridor, and began to develop ideas for improvement. The project team has reviewed the input received at this Workshop and has developed concepts for major roadway improvements to address the needs of travelers in southeastern Dane County.

Meeting Dates and Locations

Both meetings are from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

May 16—Stoughton

Sandhill Middle School, 1920 Lincoln Avenue
(Cafetorium/Gym)

May 17—McFarland

Indian Mound Middle School, 6330 Exchange Street
(Cafetorium)

Contact Information

If you have questions or concerns about this project, you may contact the following representatives:

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WisDOT Project Web Site

<http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/5139901218/default.aspx>

For additional information about the communities involved in this study, you may visit their websites.

City of Stoughton: www.ci.stoughton.wi.us

Village of McFarland: www.mcfarland.wi.us

Town of Dunn: <http://town.dunn.wi.us>

Town of Rutland: www.town.rutland.wi.us

Town of Pleasant Springs: www.pleasant springs.org

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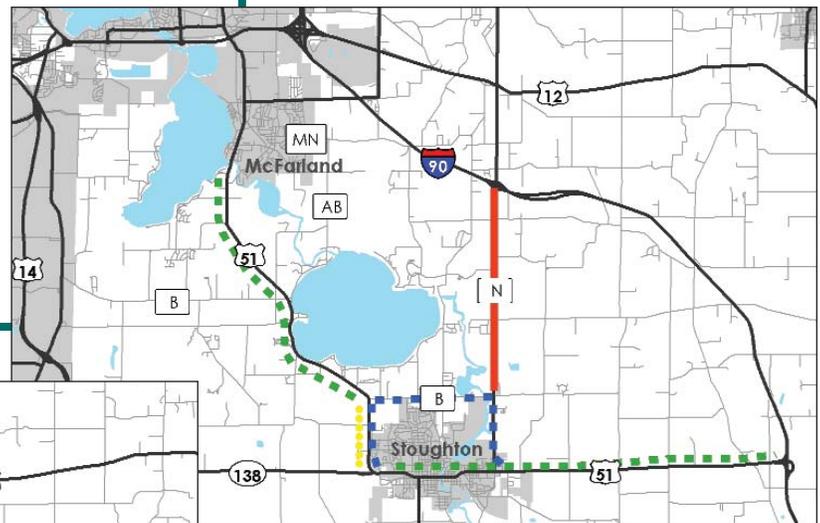
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Concept C



Concept D



Concept E



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Summary of Concepts

A range of five concepts has been developed to address the identified safety and capacity problems on the corridor. All of the concepts will be evaluated for environmental impacts, traffic impacts, neighborhood and business impacts, safety improvement potential, bicycle/pedestrian and transit enhancement opportunities, and compatibility with long-term plans for the area. Potential corridor improvements used in the concepts include:

- Safety Improvements:** Passing lanes and intersection changes or upgrades could be implemented along the entire corridor, both in rural areas and within the City of Stoughton.
- Access Changes/Local Road Expansion:** Several concepts limit access to local roads and/or expand the local road system to improve safety and better accommodate increased traffic volumes.
- US 51 Relocation:** This Sub-Concept would relocate US 51 to the west, for the segment between WIS 138 and County B, leaving the existing US 51 corridor to function as a local roadway.
- Four-Lane Expansion:** US 51, County N, and WIS 138 could be expanded to two-lanes in each direction to improve safety and better accommodate traffic.

Concept A



Concept B





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Each meeting location is wheelchair accessible. Hearing impaired persons needing assistance at the meetings may contact the Wisconsin Telecommunications Relay System at 800-947-3529.

Information Available at the Public Meetings:

- Project History
- Summary of Needs Assessment
- Results from Public Workshop – Suggested Solutions
- Historic Traffic Volumes
- Existing and Projected Traffic Volumes
- Crash Maps
- Potential Short-term Improvements
- Maps and Descriptions of Concepts
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Concepts

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