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| Dotlogoblack | Division of Transportation System Development ***Use appropriate letterhead***  ***Note: this letter is sent to all potential interested parties and not just those tribes already actively engaged in consultation for this undertaking.*** | Tony Evers, GovernorCraig Thompson, Secretary Internet: www.dot.wisconsin.gov  Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Toll Free: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Facsimile (Fax): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

DATE

Tribal Contact

Tribal Address line 1

Tribal Address line 2

City, State Zip Code

Re: UPDATE: Design refinements and accompanying efforts to identify historic properties

I am writing to you to provide an update on the following project:

*insert* Project ID/Termini/Highway/County

Project design refinements have resulted in a change to the undertaking’s area of potential effect (APE). Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, will be conducting or has conducted additional efforts to identify historic properties in the amended APE [*insert* description of new APE-at/on/along highway, termini, length, etc.]. I have included maps showing the location of the new areas of potential effect in relation to the undertaking as originally designed.

*[insert information below as appropriate, based on information previously provided to consulting parties]*

In Month of Year; WisDOT (insert name from correspondence) provided the results of efforts made-to-date to identify historic properties. A total of [*insert* number] historic buildings/structures and [*insert* number] archaeological sites considered to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) were identified during the original survey. As a consulting party under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, your tribe was provided a copy of the survey reports and NHRP registration form(s) prepared by [*insert* names of architecture/history consulting firm and archaeological consulting firm] that outlined the results of the investigation.

WisDOT would be pleased to receive any comments your tribe wishes to share regarding this undertaking, the determination of the APE, and any potential impacts to historic properties and/or burials. Additional environmental studies may be conducted for this undertaking such as, archaeological site identification survey, architecture/history survey, endangered species survey, contaminated material investigations, soil testing and right-of-way surveys. Results of these studies and comments provided by you will assist the engineers in the design to avoid, minimize or mitigate effects upon cultural and natural resources. To ensure your comments are considered during this early phase of project development, WisDOT requests a response within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

If your tribe wishes to become a consulting party under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act or would like to receive additional information regarding this undertaking, please contact WisDOT Project Manager [*insert* name] at [*insert* address, phone number].

Sincerely,

Project Manager

CC: bees.cr@dot.wi.gov

Attachments: Project Location Map

[*Insert* other attachments]