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Mike Thompson
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Re: WisDOT Project #4995-02-00/71

Dear Mr. Thompson,

This letter is in regards to a highway reconstruction project in Sheboygan County, specifically County Highway C (CTH C) from Country Aire Drive north to Woodland Drive in the City of Plymouth. The project consists of reconstructing the roadway in this stretch and adding storm sewer to alleviate flooding and poor drainage issues. Other minor parts of the project include some curbing, shouldering and regrading ditches. The new storm sewer will run under the eastern shoulder/travel lane and will drain south into Jackson Creek which eventually flows into the Mullet River. This mimics the current drainage pattern of the area. All work will take place within the current right-of-way.

Current land use in the adjacent area is entirely industrial to the east of the roadway with about half the land to the west of the roadway being agricultural while the remainder being a residential mobile home park. According to the City of Plymouth Comprehensive Plan this area will see further industrial growth to the north and a small area of residential development south of the current mobile home park.

Sheboygan County is working with WisDOT on a Transportation Economic Assistance (TEA) Grant for this project. The project is important as Sargento Foods, Sheboygan County's fourth largest private employer (7th overall), maintains its primary access on CTH C which is directly north of State Highway 23. This access point filters nearly 1,000 employees and one million pounds of product daily. This access acts as the main entrance for all of their products, whether it is shipping or receiving. Sargento Foods, Inc. exports and imports one million pounds of product each day. It is unarguably one of the most critical sections of county trunk highway in the entire County and perhaps even the region in regards to the amount of people and product that traverse its cross-section each and every day.

In order for Sheboygan County to protect our current and future investment in this road as well as the investment Sargento Foods has made in Sheboygan County, the base and the drainage of the road need drastic improvement. The base is not up to current standards for even normal types of traffic load, and the drainage ditches are flat and provide little room for snow or water storage. In fact, because of the poor drainage during the spring freshets of 2012 and 2013 as well as prior years, the access to Sargento Foods' facility was nearly crippled by flooding. This would have been a devastating blow to a robust, growing business. Plain and simple, this roadway is in need of improvement.

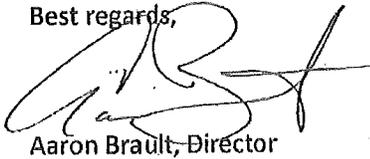
Part of the TEA Grant process is to obtain an approved Design Study Report which requires outreach to and concurrence from WDNR that the project has no environmental impact. Sheboygan County is requesting that concurrence so we can move forward with the grant application.

To help your review, I have included the typical cross section of the proposed roadway improvements, a copy of the pER document submitted to WisDOT in the grant application, and a site map.

If I can provide any additional information regarding the project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

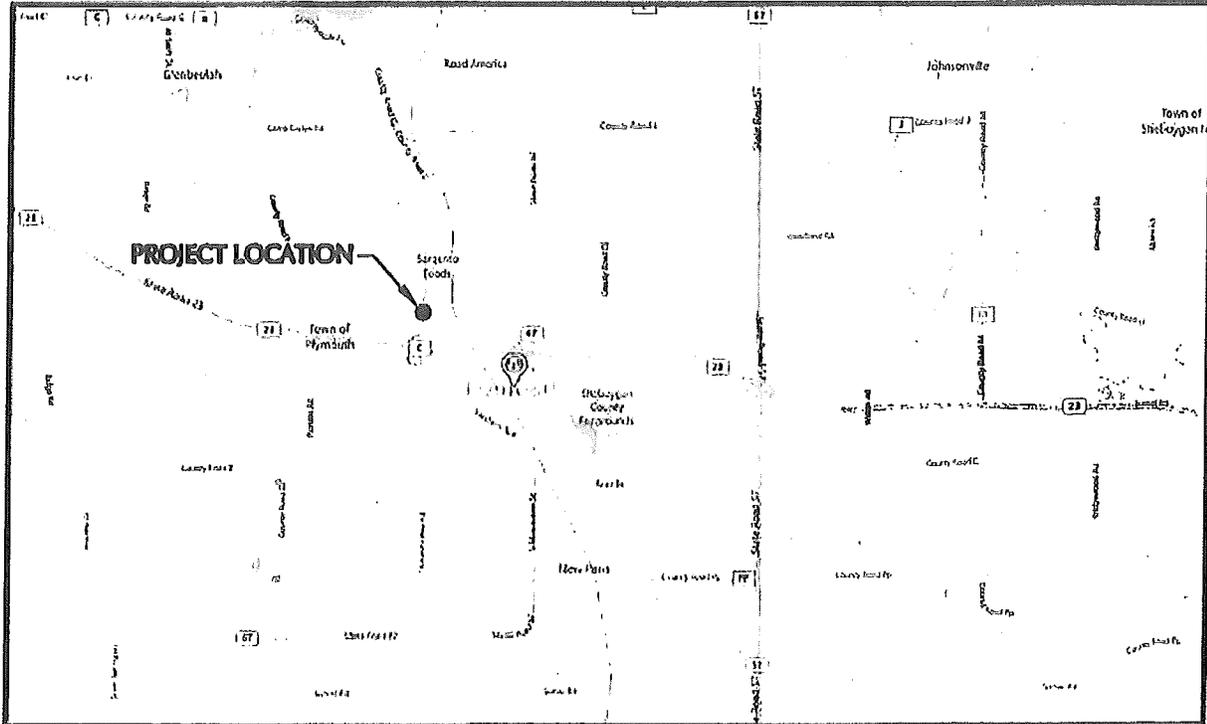
Best regards,

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Aaron Brault, Director

Cc: Greg Schnell, Sheboygan County Transportation Director
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Marty Auchter, Sargento Foods Project Lead

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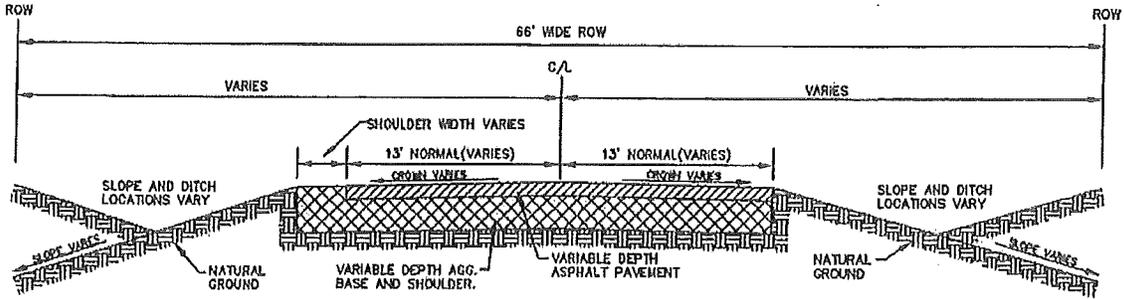


PROJECT LOCATION MAP
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PLYMOUTH, WI

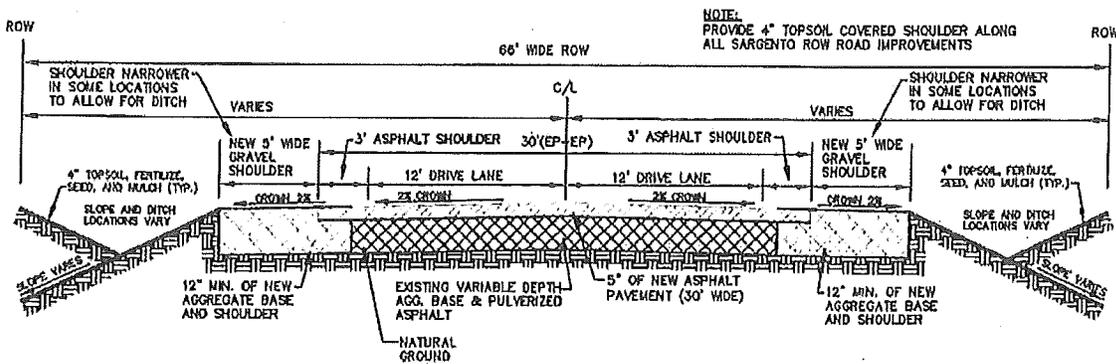


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ROADWAY SECTION EXHIBIT

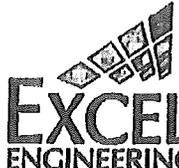


COUNTY TRUNK HIGHWAY 'C' EXISTING TYPICAL SECTION
NO SCALE



COUNTY TRUNK HIGHWAY 'C' PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTION WITH DITCH
NO SCALE

TYPICAL CROSS SECTIONS
COUNTY TRUNK HIGHWAY 'C'
PLYMOUTH, WI



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