

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE DESIGN AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS
AND NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
FOR THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF
US HIGHWAY 51
BETWEEN I-39/90 AND US 12/18 (MADISON SOUTH BELTLINE)
DANE COUNTY**

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are advised of an opportunity to request a public hearing by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to consider the design and environmental aspects of the proposed improvement of US Highway 51 including those aspects that may require application to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the placement of fill materials into waters of the United States.

The proposed improvement would include:

1. Reconstruction of 2-lane US 51 east of Stoughton.
2. Reconstruction of existing US 51 through Stoughton.
3. Urban 4-lane reconstruction and capacity expansion along the west side of Stoughton.
4. Reconstruction of rural 2-lane US 51 (Stoughton to McFarland) with intersection improvements.
5. Urban 4-lane reconstruction in McFarland.
6. Pavement replacement between Larson Beach Road and Terminal Drive/Voges Road in McFarland, Siggelkow Road interchange ramp improvements and addition of an auxiliary lane in each direction north of Siggelkow Road.

Further information concerning the proposed improvements can be viewed online at <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/5139901218/default.aspx>. Information is also available for viewing by appointment only at the Department's Southwest Region Office in Madison, Wisconsin at the address given below. Please call Jeff Berens, WisDOT Project Manager, to schedule an appointment.

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Southwest Region Office
2101 Wright Street
Madison, WI 53704

A public hearing may be requested by individuals to whom the proposed project is of significant concern. The hearing request should indicate the concerns and reasons why a hearing is requested.

Before making a request for a public hearing, persons are encouraged to contact Jeff Berens, WisDOT Project Manager, at (608) 245-2656 or jeff.berens@dot.wi.gov to express their views and discuss those aspects of the proposal that are of concern.

A request for a public hearing may be made by submitting a written request via U.S. mail to the WisDOT project manager contact listed below on or before February 4, 2021.

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If a hearing is held, it will consider the general location and design aspects of the proposed improvement; the social, economic, and environmental impacts and effects of the proposed improvement, including those aspects that may require permit application to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to Section 404 of the Federal Clean Water Act; and whether the improvement is or is not in the public interest and consistent with the goals and objectives of area planning.

If a hearing is held, notice of the time and place of the hearing will be published in area newspapers.

It is anticipated that the relocation of 2 residential households will occur as a result of the proposed improvement. Any person who feels that he or she may be thus affected by the proposed improvement may obtain relocation assistance information from Tracey Johnsrud, the Department's Statewide Relocation Program Coordinator, at (262) 521-5124 or tracey.johnsrud@dot.wi.gov.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are further notified of the availability of an Environmental Assessment of the proposal's impacts and effects which has been prepared and filed according to the State and National Environmental Policy Acts. This document indicates that no significant environmental impacts are anticipated to occur as a result of this improvement.

An electronic copy of the Environmental Assessment is available and can be viewed online at:
<https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/5139901218/reports.aspx>

Additionally, a paper copy of the Environmental Assessment is available for inspection and potential copying at the following locations (please note, a fee may be required for copying service):

Southwest Region Office (please schedule an appointment)
Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation
2101 Wright Street
Madison, WI 53704
(608) 245-2656
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Stoughton City Hall (please schedule an appointment)
207 S. Forrest Street
Stoughton, WI 53589
Holly Licht, (608) 873-6677
hlicht@ci.stoughton.wi.us
Appointments available Monday thru Friday from 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

McFarland Municipal Center (document can be reviewed in the entry way)
5915 Milwaukee Street
McFarland, WI 53558
Entry way is open every day of the week

Dunn Town Hall (please schedule an appointment)
4156 County Rd B
McFarland, WI 53558
Cathy Hasslinger, (608) 838-1081, ext. 208
chasslinger@town.dunn.wi.us
Appointments available Monday thru Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Note: The Southwest Region Office is wheelchair accessible. Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing and who require an interpreter may request one by contacting Jeff Berens at least three working days prior to coming to the region office via the Wisconsin Telecommunications Relay System (dial 711).

Comments regarding the environmental impacts and effects of the proposed improvement are invited to be submitted via U.S. mail or e-mail to the WisDOT contact person listed below.

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