**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING**

**ON THE (LOCATION) (DESIGN) ASPECTS**

**AND NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE**

**(ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT) (DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT)**

**FOR THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF**

**(COUNTY) (WIS) (US) (INTERSTATE) HIGHWAY (name or number)**

**BETWEEN (location) AND (location)**

**(name) COUNTY**

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are advised of an opportunity to request a public hearing by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to consider the (general location) (detailed design) aspects of the proposed improvement of (County) (WIS) (US) (Interstate) Highway (name or number) (including those aspects of the proposal that may require application to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers for placement of fill materials into waters of the United States)1

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| (brief project description including acquisition needs) |
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Further information concerning the proposed improvement is available at the Department's (name) Region Office in (city), Wisconsin at the address given below. (Information can also be viewed online at [link to WisDOT website page]).

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 (project manager’s name, title) at (telephone number) 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 (date).

If a hearing is held, it will consider (the general location) (as well as the detailed 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)1; 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.

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| ----(Relocation Language) 2It is anticipated that the relocation of (persons) (businesses) (farms) or (non-profit organizations) 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 at the Department's (Name) Region Real Estate Office, (telephone number).  |

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| ----(No Relocation Language):3 There will be no relocation of persons or businesses as a result of the proposed improvement. |

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are further notified of the availability of an (Environmental Assessment) (Draft Environmental Report) of the proposal's impacts and effects which has been prepared and filed according to the State and National Environmental Policy Acts.4 This document indicates that no significant environmental impacts are anticipated to occur as a result of this improvement. The (Environmental Assessment) (Draft Environmental Report) is available for inspection and copying at the following locations:

(Name) Region Office Bureau of Technical Services

Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 4822 Madison Yards Way, 5 South

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There may be a charge for copying service. An online copy can be viewed at the project website: (link to WisDOT website page).5

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

Persons with an interest in or knowledge about historical and archaeological resources in the project area are invited to include such information as part of any comments submitted or contact the (name) Region Office.6

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.

(Project Manager contact information)

 Wisconsin Department of Transportation

 Division of Transportation System Development

Project ID (number)

1. May be utilized to incorporate Section 404 aspects in the hearing.
2. Utilized when the possibility exists or there is relocation on the project.
3. Utilized when absolutely no relocations are anticipated.
4. Utilized to advertise the availability of an environmental assessment or draft environmental report. This document must be approved at the time of the first publication of the legal notice.
5. This sentence is used if there is a project website and the environmental document is available on the website.
6. This sentence is not required if comments about the historical and archaeological resources were publicly requested for previous meetings.