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US 151 Fond du Lac Bypass
Corridor Preservation Plan
Public Information Meeting Comments, March 27, 2008

As of May 21, 2008, a total of 82 people submitted comments to WisDOT via the comment sheets provided at the public information meeting, letters, or email. Additional comments were collected by the study team and related are included below.

US 41/US 151 West Alternatives

- A total of 20 people commented on the west alternatives.
- Of these, two people were in favor of Alternative 1 (a new east-west road without an interchange).
- 16 people were in favor of Alternative 2 (a new east-west road with an interchange). Access to surrounding roads (Main Street, County V, and Hickory Street) was cited most often as the reason why this alternative was favored.
- One person was against the connecting road.
- A number of people mentioned the uselessness of a connecting road if an overpass or interchange at County V was not also constructed.
- Additional written comments about the west alternatives include:
 - Not in favor of extending “possible connecting road” to Hickory Street.
 - Urges the design of a system interchange that would access US 41, US 151, and WIS 175. Main Street access should be maintained.
 - WisDOT should consider the preservation of agricultural land when selecting a preferred alternative.
 - It is okay like it is now with an overpass on Lost Arrow Road.

US 151 Middle Alternatives

- A total of 56 people submitted comments on the middle segment alternatives.
- Alternative B1 was the most-favored, with 35 people supported this alternative. The main reasons for the selection were divided equally between improved access, lower cost, and fewer impacts. A common comment was that WisDOT already owns a lot of the land to be used for B1.
- Alternative A3 was the second-most favored, with 16 people indicating their preference for this alternative. Access was predominantly cited as the main reason. Two people indicated that they were against this alternative.
- Three people indicated their preference for Alternative D2. However, 22 people indicated that they were against this alternative. The majority of the people against D2 cited residential impacts as their main reason.
- Additionally, one person indicated they were against all of the alternatives proposed.
- Two people indicated they were in favor of the Martin Road overpass, while two people indicated they were against such an overpass.
- The majority of the people responding indicating they were in favor of a County V overpass or interchange. Only one person out of 31 indicating a preference was against either a County V overpass or interchange.
- Additional written comments about the middle alternatives include:
 - Don't realign Reinhardt; redesign A3 ramps instead; US 45 could become County V and vice versa.
 - Please make accommodations for bikers and walker both during and after construction.

- In addition to these written comments, the following were noted from conversations at the public meeting:
 - Frontage roads or connecting roads between WIS 175 and US 45 are necessary. People need to get to Main Street from the east and south of Fond du Lac.
 - US 45 needs to remain open.
 - People are more likely to take US 45 north from Germantown than get on bypass to go north.

US 151/WIS 23 East Alternatives

- A total of 34 people or businesses commented on the east alternatives.
- Alternative 23-7 generated the most interest, with 19 responses indicating the preference of this alternative. The main reasons for the selection were divided almost equally between improved access, lower cost, and fewer impacts. Five people indicated they were against this alternative.
- Alternative 23-2 was the second-most favored, with eight people indicating their preference for this alternative. This option was seen by some as having the fewest environmental impacts.
- Four people indicated their preference for Alternative 23-1. Two people cited access and one person cited cost as their main reason. Additionally, two people were against this alternative.
- Of all the written comments received, 23 people were in favor of access from County T to US 151, while four people were against it.
- Additional written comments about the east alternatives include:
 - If 23-7 is not chosen, one person wants Irene Drive extended to Whispering Springs Drive.
 - Two people indicated that County K needs access to/from WIS 23.
 - Reroute WIS 23 through the electrical highline R/W (south of proposed 23-7). This alternative would provide for the least amount of development interference.
 - Several people indicating opposition to the impacts 23-7 would have to the Niagara Escarpment.

Additional Comments

The following non-area-specific comments were received:

- Upgrading the roadway to a freeway is unnecessary.
- We are more than satisfied that the present bypass configuration is satisfactory until other drastic changes can be made. It is safe, convenient, speedy and otherwise accomplishing its role as a bypass and has not been turned into another city street as some would like it to be (with lights and crossroads).