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Subject: **Selection of Preferred Alternative for  
US 41  
Memorial Drive to County M  
Brown County  
Project I.D. 1133-10-01**

Greetings:

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have identified *Alternative E—US 41 Expansion with Full Reconfiguration of I-43/US 41 Interchange* as the preferred alternative for addressing long-term mobility needs and safety concerns in the US 41 Memorial Drive to County M project corridor, and for presentation in the Final EIS.

This letter is to coordinate the preferred alternative with cooperating and participating agencies as part of the project's SAFETEA-LU Section 6002 environmental process. The SAFETEA-LU Coordination Plan includes the following concurrence points in the environmental process:

1. Project purpose and need
2. Alternatives carried forward for detailed study in the EIS
3. Selection of the preferred alternative for addressing project purpose and need

Agencies have previously concurred in project purpose and need and alternatives to be carried forward for detailed study. The enclosed *Preferred Alternative Technical Memorandum* explains the basis for selecting Alternative E as the preferred alternative. It also summarizes other alternatives considered, environmental impacts, and measures to minimize adverse impacts.

Because some issues and concerns raised in agency comments on the Draft EIS could be a factor in concurring in preferred Alternative E, we have also enclosed our preliminary responses to those comments, as formatted for inclusion in the Final EIS.

In accordance with the 30-day time frame established in the Coordination Plan for the preferred alternative concurrence point, we would appreciate hearing from you on or before **May 23, 2011**. If you have any questions or concerns about the preferred alternative please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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Due to the large file size, the referenced attachments can be accessed on the WisDOT public ftp site:

[ftp://ftp.dot.state.wi.us/pub/11331001\\_US\\_41/](ftp://ftp.dot.state.wi.us/pub/11331001_US_41/)

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