**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE**

**(LOCATION) (DESIGN) (ENVIRONMENTAL) (STATE TRUNK HIGHWAY SYSTEM CHANGE) ASPECTS AND**

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT**

**FOR THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF**

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

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

**(name) COUNTY**

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are advised that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing as provided by law to consider the (location) (design) (environmental) (State Trunk Highway System change) (Section 84.11 intrastate bridge) (Section 84.12 interstate bridge) (Section 84.25 access control) [Section 84.295(10) future (freeway) (expressway) (establishment)] aspects of the proposed improvement of (County) (WIS) (US) (Interstate) Highway (name or number) (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)1

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| (brief project description including acquisition needs) |
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Further information concerning the proposed improvement is available for inspection and copying 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]).

The public hearing will be held on (weekday), (date), at (description of hearing location). The public hearing will be conducted from (times). Interested persons may attend anytime between (times) to review displays and other hearing materials, ask questions, and provide testimony.

The traditional-style portion of the public hearing will begin at (time) and will end when all interested persons have provided testimony or (time), whichever occurs first. The traditional-style portion of the public hearing will begin with an informational project presentation prior to accepting traditional-style testimony from the public.

To allow for arranging assistance for special accommodations needed to participate, please contact the project manager no later than three working days prior to the public hearing. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. Deaf or hard of hearing persons needing assistance should contact (project contact name here) via the Wisconsin Telecommunications Relay System (dial 711).

WisDOT project staff will be available for informal discussion to explain the proposed improvements and answer questions. Exhibits of the proposal will be on display and a statement about the proposed improvement will be available for review.

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and to present relevant verbal and/or written testimony concerning the (general location) (detailed design) aspects of the proposed improvement; (the proposed change in the State Trunk Highway System in accordance with the provisions of Section 84.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes) (the necessity of and the eligibility for construction of the proposed intrastate bridge in accordance with the provisions of Section 84.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes) (the necessity of and the eligibility for construction of the proposed interstate bridge in accordance with the provisions of Section 84.12 of the Wisconsin Statutes) (the designation of portions of the State Trunk Highway System as controlled access highways in accordance with the provisions of Section 84.25 of the Wisconsin Statutes) [the establishment of approximate locations and widths of rights-of-way necessary for the proposed future (freeway) (expressway) in accordance with the provisions of Section 84.295(10) of the Wisconsin Statutes]; the social, economic, and environmental impacts and effects of the proposed improvement (including those impacts and effects for which permit application to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers may be required 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.

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| --- (84.295 Designation Language):2  This segment of highway shall have freeway status relative to Statute 84.30 related to outdoor advertising upon the conclusion of the public hearing. |

Land acquisition and schedules for construction will be discussed at the public hearing.

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| ----(Relocation Language):3  Relocation assistance will also be discussed. It 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):4  There will be no relocation of persons or businesses as a result of the proposed improvement. | |
| Provisions have been made for the submission of written statements or other exhibits in place of or in addition to the testimony presented at the public hearing. This additional testimony will be included in the hearing record if postmarked no later than (date). Mail this additional testimony to the project manager contact listed below. | |
| ---- (Environmental Assessment or Draft Environmental Report Language):5  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. 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 |
|  | P.O.Box 7965 |
|  | Madison, WI 53707 - 7965 |
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| ----(Environmental Impact Statement language):6  ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are further notified of the availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement that evaluates the proposal's environmental impacts and effects which has been filed according to the State and National Environmental Policy Acts. Copies of this Draft Environmental Impact Statement are available for inspection and copying at the following locations: | | |
| Public Library |  | County/City/Town Clerk |
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| Regional Planning Comm. |  | County Highway Commission |
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| (Name) Region Office\* |  | Bureau of Technical Services\* |
| Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation |  | Wisconsin Department of Transportation |
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|  |  | P.O. Box 7965 |
|  |  | Madison, WI 53707-7965 |
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| \*Printed copies of the draft document may be obtained at these locations. There may be a charge for this service. An online copy can be viewed at the project website: (link to WisDOT website page). 7  Persons with an interest in or knowledge about historical and archaeological resources in the project area are invited to present such information at the public hearing.8  Comments regarding the environmental impacts and effects of the proposed improvements will be addressed in the (Final EIS) (final environmental document) if postmarked/received no later than (date). Written comments on the (Draft EIS) (Environmental Assessment) (Draft Environmental Report) should be sent via U.S. mail or e-mail to the WisDOT contact person listed below.  (Project Manager contact information)  The Department of Transportation will review all comments and testimony presented as part of this public hearing process and reserves the right to make a final determination on the proposed improvements as described in this notice.  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 an s. 84.295 action is included in the hearing. 3. Utilized when the possibility exists or there is relocation on the project. 4. Utilized when absolutely no relocations are anticipated. 5. 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. 6. Utilized to advertise the availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement. This document must be approved at the time of the first publication of the legal notice. 7. This sentence is used if there is a project website and the environmental document is available on the website. 8. This sentence is not required if comments about the historical and archaeological resources were publicly requested for previous meetings. | | |