Environmental Considerations

It is essential that a transportation project works to avoid, minimize, or mitigate impacts to the natural and built environment.

Historic Structures

Historians will survey the study area and identify properties that are either on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) or potentially eligible for inclusion on the NRHP.

Archaeology

Archaeologists will conduct field surveys of properties in the study area to look for artifacts. If an NHRP eligible archaeological site is identified, measures will be taken to avoid impacts to the site.

Hazardous Materials

Known hazardous material sites will be identified and assessed to determine sites to avoid or minimize impacts to during construction. If additional site assessment is required, they will be investigated prior to construction activities occurring.

Wildlife Impacts

Natural habitats will be identified and used in combination with field surveys to determine the potential presence of any threatened or endangered species.

Public Lands

Publicly owned parks, recreational areas and wildlife refuges will be identified. These properties are protected and impacts must be avoided or minimized to reduce harm to these properties.

Environmental Justice

Census data will be reviewed within a 1/2 mile of the project corridor. The study will evaluate benefits and burdens on minority and low-income populations to work to an equitable outcome.

Noise

A traffic noise analysis will be completed if the project is determine to meet Type I project criteria defined in WisDOT's federally approved traffic noise policy.

Community Effects

Changes to Stoughton Road could impact surrounding communities both positively and negatively. An evaluation will be completed to determine potential direct and indirect effects.

Wetlands

Field crews will conduct surveys to determine the location of wetlands in the study area.