

# Wisconsin Department of Transportation

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Dear Stockton Town Board Members:

Thank you for your letter of May 27, 2003 in which you state your desire to have US Highway 10 improvements remain within the existing highway corridor from Portage County Highway K through the Portage County Highway J interchange. One of the corridors that we're studying, the HH-J route, would meet your criteria and is still under consideration.

As your letter states, we're also investigating three other corridors. Our field crews are currently obtaining data that will help us equally compare the impacts of each route, as required by the federal and state laws and regulations governing corridor studies. With this data, we will create an impact comparison document that will be shared with the Citizens' Advisory Committee, the regulatory agencies and the public. This information and the additional input it generates will help us to select a final corridor that will best serve the public. We expect to make the final selection by the end of 2003.

Our staff is committed to working with your town regarding long-range impacts, development, growth and preservation of your resources regardless of the final route selected. We also plan to minimize the impacts from the new highway by retaining existing travel patterns now in place and providing similar response times for emergency vehicles. Your input in these processes will be very valuable.

We are also working with the Wisconsin State Historical Society, and the Departments of Natural Resources and Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, and the Federal Highway Administration, Corps of Engineers, Environmental Protection Agency, Fish and Wildlife Service and Native American Nations to help ensure that the best corridor is ultimately selected.

I invite you to visit our office to discuss the environmental process under which the corridor selection will be made. Please call project manager Dave Barth to schedule a meeting. We look forward to working with you to provide a quality transportation facility that retains local integrity within the town of Stockton.

Sincerely,

Michael Berg, Director  
Transportation District 4 Director

Cc: Frank Busalacchi, Transportation Secretary  
Cameron Bump, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
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Herb Kohl, U.S. Senator  
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