



Wisconsin Department of Transportation

September 10, 2004

TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT 1
2101 Wright Street
Madison, WI 53704-2583

Re: Verona Road/West Beltline Study (Project ID 1206-07-03)
Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)

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BELTLINE CROSSINGS ALTERNATIVES – INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Dear Resident:

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is planning to improve the US 151 (Verona Road) and US 12/14 (Beltline) corridors in Madison, Wisconsin. As part of this study, WisDOT is analyzing ways to improve the West Beltline operation through the construction of additional grade-separated crossings of the West Beltline that do not directly connect to the Beltline. These improvement alternatives are studied in detail as part of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) that is currently available for review and comment. These crossings would provide alternate routes to reach central Madison and would remove traffic from the Beltline interchanges while providing more efficient travel for noninterchange related traffic. This would help to alleviate congestion and increase neighborhood connectivity for bicycles and pedestrians as well as motorists.

There have been questions regarding the potential effects of the crossing alternatives, particularly Alternative X4 (the East Watts Road Extension). Residents have made several inquiries and requests for more information on the design and layout of the crossings as well as effects to traffic within their neighborhood should the East Watts Extension be constructed in the future.

In response to these concerns, WisDOT and the Greentree Neighborhood Association (GTNA) have scheduled an informational meeting to explain the crossings and their projected effects in more detail. The meeting location is being sponsored by the Falk Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization and will be held as follows:

Date: Wednesday, September 22, 2004
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Location: Falk Elementary School Gymnasium (6323 Woodington Way)

At 6:30, we'll begin with a presentation overview of the crossing alternatives that will be followed by an open question and answer session. Attendees will also be welcome to visit exhibits and ask one-on-one questions of the project team.

I hope you are able to attend this meeting. If you have any additional questions, please contact me at 246-3862 or Tom Lynch at Strand Associates at 251-4843.

Sincerely,

(signed)

John Steiner, P.E.
WisDOT Project Manager