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Good afternoon,

FHWA has completed its review of the September 2018 PEOR (preliminary engineering and operations review) for the Southern Arterial project in Brown County, Wisconsin. In general, the traffic operational analysis and methodologies presented within are appropriate given the current status of project development. For each alternative, the PEOR does a good job of presenting what roadway improvements are involved, the analysis that was performed, and brief discussions of the evaluations and impacts to both the direct and adjacent roadways as part of each alternative. The appendices of the PEOR are very thorough and contain significant data and detail that was used and/or referenced in the traffic operational analysis.

As a result, FHWA concurs with the approaches and methodologies presented within it and that the alternatives identified as feasible can be included as part of the continuing project development. However, as the PEOR does not include a safety performance evaluation, which is necessary per WisDOT's FDM Section 7-45 (Interstate Access Points), at this time, FHWA is unable to provide that level of concurrence. Therefore, WisDOT is reminded that future determinations of engineering and operational accessibility, including the formal IAJR (Interstate Access Justification Report), must include it.

In addition, as you know, this concurrence is not a federal approval of Interstate access as reflected by 23 USC 111, nor does it alter the planning, conformity, and environmental review and approvals that the project is or will be required to meet per 23 CFR 450 and 771. This level of concurrence also does not supersede any federal and state regulations, requirements, policies and procedures, applicable at that time, that the future IAJR (Interstate Access Justification Report) must follow as part of FHWA's role in reviewing and considering the approval of any new or revised access to the Interstate.

If you have any further questions regarding this concurrence, please feel free to let us know.

We look forward to continuing to work with WisDOT and Brown County on this project.

Regards,

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