August 14, 2015

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin

Attn: Larry Balber, THPO

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88385 Pike Road, Highway 13

Bayfield, WI 54814

Re: Notice of federal undertaking and request for comments under 36 CFR 800

 Project ID 4110-30-00

 Merrill Ave – Johnson St

 USH 45 (Main St)

 Fond du Lac County

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, is considering an undertaking located on USH 45 (Main Street) in the city of Fond du Lac, WI, from Merrill Avenue to Johnson Street. The project is approximately 0.19 miles in length. The proposed undertaking will consist of a reconstruction level improvement which begins just south of Johnson St and ends just south of Merrill Ave. The intersection of Merrill Ave and Main St will be reconstructed; the type of control at this location will be evaluated in preliminary design. City utilities, storm sewer, sidewalk and curb and gutter will be replaced and/or updated with this project. It is anticipated parking will remain in most locations; the number of lanes southbound between Rees St and Merrill Ave may be reduced. A project location map is attached.

Your tribe has requested to be notified of undertakings in this area of Wisconsin. Attached is information regarding the proposed undertaking to assist you in providing comments regarding the determination of the area of potential effect (APE) and potential impacts to historic properties and/or burial sites.

WisDOT would be pleased to receive any comments your tribe wishes to share regarding the determination of the APE or potential impacts to historic properties and/or burials in this undertaking. Also other environmental studies may be conducted to include endangered species survey, contaminated material investigations, soil testing and right-of-way surveys. Results of these studies will assist the engineers in the design to avoid, minimize or mitigate the proposed project’s effect upon cultural and natural resources. To ensure your comments are considered during this early phase of project development, WisDOT requests a response within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

If your tribe wishes to become a consulting party under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act or would like to receive additional information regarding this proposed project, please contact WisDOT Project Manager, Kyle Treml at 944 Vanderperren Way, Green Bay, WI 54304 or (920) 492-4109 or kyle.treml@dot.wi.gov.

Sincerely,



Project Manager

CC: Rebecca Burkel, WisDOT Bureau of Technical Services

Attachments: Project Location Map