October 9th, 2017

See Native American Listing\_May 2017 file

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

I am writing to you regarding the following project:

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, is considering an undertaking along WIS 145 in Milwaukee County (Project id: 1360-12-00). This undertaking will include 3 structures: The eastbound and westbound bridges on W. Good Hope Rd. and the 107th St. bridge just south of the Good Hope Rd.Interchange.

The 3 roadway structures were originally constructed in 1964.The two Good Hope Rd. structures were overlaid in 1980 and then again in 2003 to help maintain the service life of the bridges. Additionally, in 1984, the EB structure at Good Hope (B-40-0250) was widened from 36’ to 40’. Additionally, to help maintain the bridge’s service life, the 107th St. structure also had a deck overlay in 1999. All 3 Bridges also have a substandard vertical clearance.

The proposed undertakings and scope of improvements for the 3 roadway bridges are:

1. B-40-0250 – W. Good Hope Rd. (EB) over STH 145
   1. New Concrete Bridge Deck, structure painting, possible raising of bridges to maintain vertical clearance as well as some roadway and approach work. Additional work to be determined but may include raising the roadway profile to gain vertical clearance and widening of the structure to meet minimum standards and to accommodate bike lanes if exceptions to standards are not granted.
2. B-40-0251 – W. Good Hope Rd. (WB) over STH 145
   1. New Concrete Bridge Deck, structure painting, possible raising of bridges to maintain vertical clearance as well as some roadway and approach work. Additional work to be determined but may include raising the roadway profile to gain vertical clearance and widening of the structure to meet minimum standards and to accommodate bike lanes if exceptions to standards are not granted.
3. B-40-0252 – 107TH St. over STH 145
   1. Proposed improvement will be for the complete removal and replacement of the structure on N. 107th St over STH 145.This bridge also has a substandard vertical clearance. Additional work to be determined but may include raising the roadway profile to gain vertical clearance and widening of the structure to meet minimum standards and to accommodate bike lanes if exceptions to standards are not granted.

At this time, no additional right of way needs have been identified, however if roadway bridges are raised or widened, some right of way may need to be acquired.

Your tribe has requested to be notified of undertakings in this area of Wisconsin. Attached is information regarding the proposed undertaking to assist in consultation on the scope of identification efforts, which includes the determination and documentation of the area of potential effects (APE).

WisDOT would be pleased to receive any comments your tribe wishes to share regarding this undertaking, the determination of the APE, and any potential impacts to historic properties and/or burials. Environmental studies may be conducted for this undertaking such as, archaeological site identification survey, architecture/history survey, endangered species survey, contaminated material investigations, soil testing and right-of-way surveys. Results of these studies and comments provided by you will assist the engineers in the design to avoid, minimize or mitigate effects 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 undertaking, please contact WisDOT Project Manager Roy Stollenwerk or Project Senior Design Engineer James Schumacher.

Sincerely,

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