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RE: Great Sauk State Trail Signing Permit

Dear Mr. Simmert,

This letter shall serve as the permit for Sauk County Highway Department to install and maintain trail related signs within the right-of-way for the Great Sauk State Trail at the STH 78 crossing north of CTH Z.

The County is responsible to install and maintain two (R1-1, 18" x 18") Stop signs and one (W1-1L, 18" x 18") Left Turn warning sign at the locations indicated on the attached map.

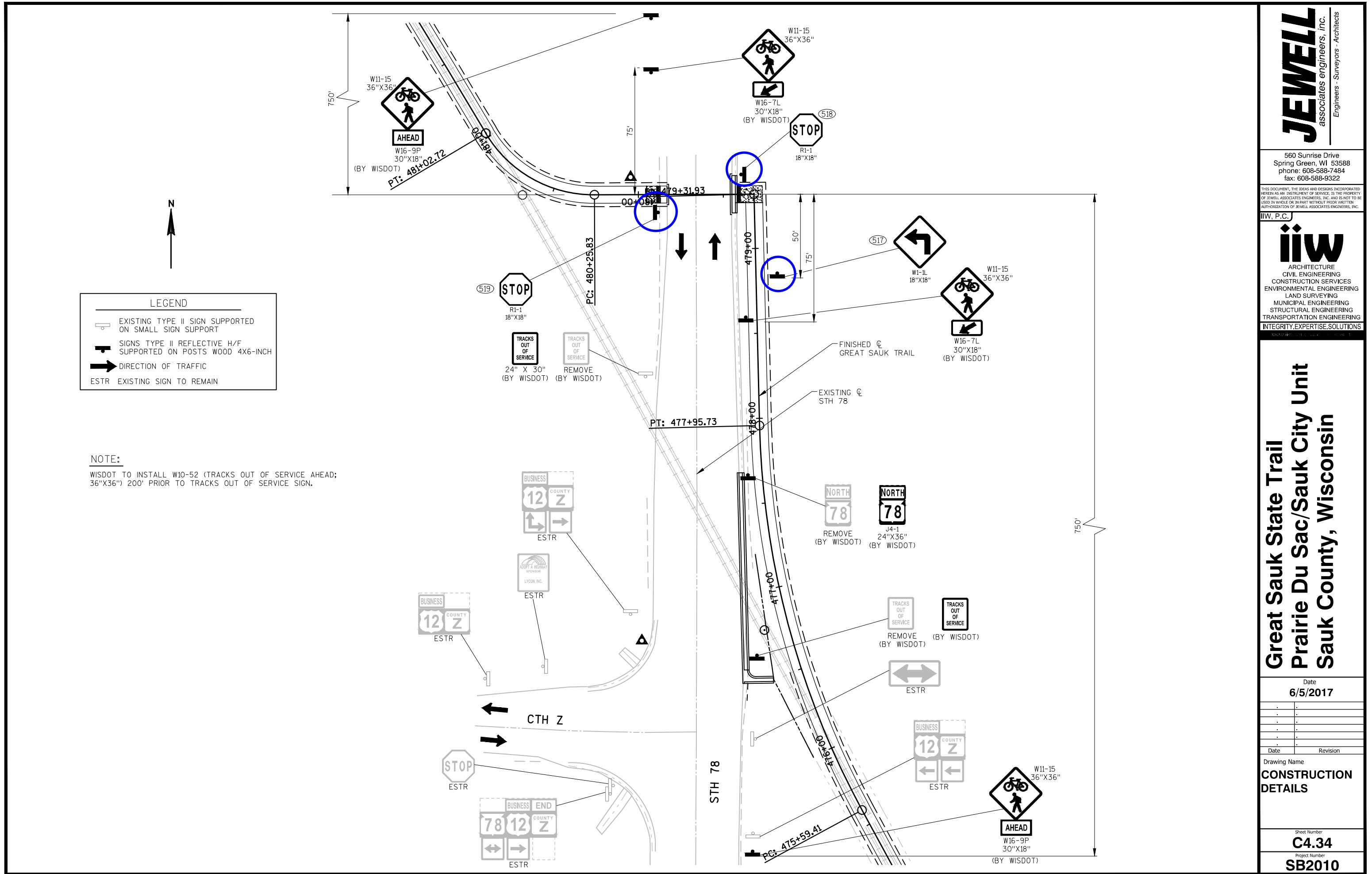
The sign shall be manufactured, installed, and maintained in accordance with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), Wisconsin DNR trails handbook and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Traffic Guidelines Manual Policy 2-3-40, Trail Crossing Signs. A copy of this policy has been attached.

The Department reserves the right to revoke this permit for non-compliance with the attached TGM Policy.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at iver.peterson@dot.wi.gov or 608-785-9060.

Sincerely,

Iver R. Peterson
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FILE NAME : S:\PROJECTS\SB2010 GREAT SAUK STATE TRAIL\DESIGN\SIGNING\HWY.78 CROSSING SIGNING.DWG
LAYOUT : SIGNING PLAN

PLOT DATE : 6/22/2017
PLOT TIME : 2:05:41 PM

PLOT BY : STRINE, THERESA

PLOT SCALE : 1" = 1'

2-3-40 Trail Crossing Signs**September 2010****PURPOSE**

This policy provides guidance on the use of TRAIL CROSSING signs where emphasis is needed to alert motorists of recreational vehicles crossing highways. In order for a trail crossing to be signed under this policy, the trail itself must be federal, state, or locally authorized and open to the public.

TRAIL CROSSING signs covered under this policy include the following signs:

1. SNOWMOBILE CROSSING (W11-6) sign
2. BICYCLE CROSSING (W11-1) sign
3. EQUESTRIAN CROSSING (W11-7) sign
4. BRIDLE PATH sign (W11-56) sign
5. TRAIL CROSSING, symbol message (W11-15) sign*
6. TRAIL CROSSING, word message (W11-15a) sign**

*The TRAIL CROSSING symbol message (W11-15) sign is normally used to sign trails that have predominantly pedestrian and bicycle usage.

**The TRAIL CROSSING word message (W11-15a) sign is normally used to sign trails that have other groups using the trail in addition or besides pedestrian and bicycle usage.

DEFINITIONS

Freeways are defined as divided arterial highway facilities that have full controlled access, by means of grade separations at interchanges only.

Expressways are defined as divided arterial highway facilities that have partial control of access and generally with grade separations at major intersections.

POLICY

1. Trail crossing signs are not permitted on freeways.
2. Trail crossing signs **shall** be installed for all 65 mph expressway trail crossings, whether there is a sight restriction or not. This only applies to non-intersection crossings on 65mph expressways (see Item 4 below).
3. Trail crossing signs *may* be placed on all other highways provided there is deficient sight distance per Section 2c.46 of the MUTCD. Sections [2C-49 and 50](#) of the MUTCD also give additional criteria when trail crossing signs *may* be desirable.
4. Trail crossing signs *may* also be used to alert motorists to unexpected entries of recreational vehicles, pedestrians or bicyclists in the roadway.
5. Trail crossing signs *should* only be used for non-intersection crossings. There *may* be extreme cases where there is a demonstrated crash history or site problems at intersections that would warrant trail crossing signs in addition to the crossroad or side road warning signing.
6. STOP signs (18" x 18") are required on the recreational trail per the [Wisconsin DNR trails handbook](#) and they are required per the MUTCD for any shared-use path where bicyclists are required to stop. The trail owner **shall** install the STOP signs on the recreational trail prior to the installation of the trail crossing warning signs on the roadway.
7. Because the trail STOP signs are in the STH right-of-way, the Region **shall** issue a permit, in form of a letter, to the trail owner for the placement of the STOP signs on the trail. The permit *should* make it clear that the trail owner is responsible for the initial installation and long-term maintenance of the signs.

2-3-41 Deer Crossing Signing**August 2009****GENERAL**

Deer crashes have been one of the highest crash types on state highways in recent years. There are a number of factors which *may* influence the deer crash rate, including herd population, herd migration, herd location, roadside vegetation management, roadway factors (speed limits, lighting, etc.), driver education, use of deer crossing deterrent devices (reflectors, scent boxes, vehicle whistles, wildlife underpasses, etc.), active warning devices such as motion detectors/warning light or static warning signs. Traditionally, static warning signs have been installed in areas with higher deer-vehicle crashes (DVCs). There has been much debate over the usage of static deer crossing signs and their effectiveness. Many transportation professionals recognize the fact that