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Hi Cameron,

The progress of real estate acquisition is under the control of Buffalo County and its consultants. Once their acquisition consultant starts work, we will work hard in our oversight role to advise and encourage progress.

I noticed in an earlier email that DNR needed to obtain federal highways (FHWA) concurrence- can you share that concurrence with me?

Thanks-

Ross

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Thanks Tara.

Ross, the money that is being used to complete the 100% funding for the project is going to be LAWCON. It will be passed-through from DNR to the county. As part of the process, DNR technically needs to "apply" to the National Park Service for their approval for this pass-through. The application process happens three times a year and the most advantageous time for this project opens in December and closes in January. In order to provide a complete application, DNR needs to include verification that all lands that the trail will be located on are under control by the County. Meaning, Buffalo county needs to have deed filed at registered of deeds before the application window closes in January.

**Will DOT be able to see this process through for the acquisition of the private parcel by the end of January?**

If not, the next application period would be later in the spring/early summer. That might be cutting it too close to be able to pay construction bills as they begin coming due in July/August.

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Good Morning David,

I sent your last email to Ross Johnson. See his email below.

Thanks,  
Tara

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YES the WisDOT process (Uniform Act) needs to be followed

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1. I have talked with both Acquisition Consultants concerning the project and we are trying to determine "IF" the WI DOT process needs to be followed in this case since its a hybrid project for them.

If it does need to be followed the timing will not work for a December delivery.

We are working to set up a conference call with the following folks to discuss the options available to move this forward.

- \* Cameron
- \* WI DOT Land acquisitions and real estate department staff
  - \* Ross Johnson
  - \* Heather Dresel
  - \* Madison Staff
- \* WI DNR staff
- \* SEH - Tara
- \* Acquisition Consultant
- \* Buffalo County - David Schmidt and others if interested

2. Tara and Cameron are working with Xcel concerning the Utility Compensation Agreement and making progress in this area.

in closing there are many folks pushing this project forward at many different levels so I am hopeful that progress can be made.

dave