



# **SAFETEA-LU 6002 COORDINATION PLAN**

## **For Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**

US 51  
I-39/90 to US 12/18 (Madison South Beltline)  
Dane County, WI  
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**Revision History**

This section of the Coordination Plan is reserved for documenting any substantive changes that might occur during the EIS Corridor Study phase (such as schedule revisions), and how the changes were communicated to cooperating/participating agencies and the public.

Version	Date	Document Name	Revision Description and Why it Was Needed

## Section 1: Introduction

### 1.1 Purpose of Coordination Plan

Section 6002 of the *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users* (SAFETEA-LU 6002) requires lead agencies for proposed federally funded transportation projects to establish a plan for coordinating public and agency participation during the environmental review process. SAFETEA-LU 6002 applies to projects for which an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being prepared and is not optional for such projects. SAFETEA-LU 6002 may be applied to projects being advanced through Environmental Assessments (EAs) or Categorical Exclusions (CEs) at the discretion of the Project's lead agencies.

The purposes of the SAFETEA-LU 6002 coordination plan are to facilitate and document the lead agencies' structured interaction with the public and other agencies and to inform the public and other agencies of how the coordination plan will be accomplished. The coordination plan is meant to promote an efficient and streamlined process and good project management through coordination, scheduling, and early resolution of issues.

SAFETEA-LU 6002 coordination plans outline how the lead agencies have divided responsibilities for compliance with various aspects of the environmental review process, such as the issuance of invitation letters, and how the lead agencies will provide the opportunities for input from the public and other agencies. The coordination plan also identifies coordination points and project milestones and may establish a schedule of meetings and identify timeframes for input and review by the participating and cooperating agencies, as well as by the public.

The coordination plan will be shared with federal, state, and local agencies, local units of government, and American Indian Tribes who have expressed interest in the proposed project. The draft coordination plan will be sent to interested parties for review and comment, and follow up as deemed appropriate to resolve any issues. The final coordination plan and any substantive changes in the plan will also be sent to interested parties. The draft and final coordination plan will be shared with the public through availability at public information meetings and the public hearing or by individual request. The coordination plan will also be posted on the project's website with availability announced in project newsletters and other news releases.

### 1.2 Project Background

The US 51 study corridor extends approximately 19 miles, beginning at I-39/90 east of Stoughton and extending through Stoughton and McFarland to US 12/18 (Madison South Beltline), Dane County, Wisconsin. Communities in the study area are the towns of Albion, Dunkirk, Dunn, Pleasant Springs, and Rutland, the City of Stoughton, and the Village of McFarland. A map of the study corridor area is provided in Section 1.4.

In 2002, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) initiated a transportation needs study of the US 51 corridor from I-39/90 to McFarland. The US 51 Needs Assessment report was completed in February 2004. The report identified the following needs to be addressed:

- Corridor Preservation and Long-Term Planning
- Traffic Demand
- Safety
- Substandard Roadway Items
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodations

In the first part of 2005, the study team began work on an EA for US 51 and held an Alternatives Workshop for the public that solicited input on transportation problems and brainstormed possible solutions. An Alternatives Screening process was completed to determine what impact expansion of adjacent highway corridors and/or US 51 would have on traffic patterns within the general study area. This was done using the Madison Area Transportation Planning Board (TPB) 2030 Regional Travel Demand Model (April 2005 version).

In November 2005, a WisDOT Majors Peer Review meeting gave approval to the study team to include non-US 51 corridor improvements as possible study alternatives to US 51 expansion. The Federal Highway Association (FHWA) concluded an EIS would be the appropriate environmental documentation. An Agency

Scoping meeting was held in January 2006 to discuss an initial draft of the purpose and need and several concept alternatives. Five concept alternatives were presented to the public at information meetings in May 2006. A second Agency Scoping Meeting was held in November 2006 to determine if public and agency input would allow any of the concepts to be dismissed from consideration in the study. None of the concepts were dismissed.

The purpose of the current US 51 Corridor Study is to evaluate alternatives that will improve vehicular traffic flow and safety and address facilities for bicycles and pedestrians. The study will examine capacity and safety improvements on rural portions of US 51 in the study area as well as potential operational improvements in the Village of McFarland and the City of Stoughton. Transportation needs have already been established in concert with input from FHWA, WisDOT, local government, and the public based on efforts beginning in 2002. These earlier efforts resulted in agreement the study will consider improvements on highways other than US 51 to address the needs of travelers moving between the southeast portion of Dane County and the City of Madison area as alternatives to major capacity improvements on US 51.

### **1.3 Agency Coordination Prior To The Coordination Plan**

Agency coordination for the US 51 Corridor Study was already underway when the requirement for a more formalized coordination plan was established under SAFETEA-LU. Actions to date involving key state and federal review agencies (DNR, USEPA, USACOE, and US Fish and Wildlife) are listed as follows:

**January 12, 2006:** Preconsultation/NEPA 404 merger scoping meeting to acquaint agencies with the project, review project purpose and need, review results of preliminary alternatives screening process leading to development of draft initial alternatives, and review potentially affected resources.

**February 16, 2006:** US Fish and Wildlife responded to the study team's scoping meeting invitation with a letter stating initial concurrence in Purpose and Need with the understanding the crash rates in urban and rural areas will be defined and final concurrence will be issued after further review. Concurrence with alternatives was granted but strong concern with resource impacts from the four-lane conversion of US 51 alternative was noted.

**May 18, 2006:** Letter from WisDOT SW Region Director to USACOE requesting it be a Cooperating Agency and concurrence with the project purpose and need as revised following the January 12, 2006, agency meeting (and noting concurrence in the range of alternatives to be carried forward in the EIS to be requested later in 2006), in accordance with the *Concurrent NEPA/404 Process for Transportation Projects* ("404" refers to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act).

**May 18, 2006:** Letter from WisDOT SW Region Director to USEPA requesting concurrence with the project purpose and need as revised following the January 12, 2006, agency meeting.

**May 18, 2006:** Letter from WisDOT SW Region Director to US Fish and Wildlife requesting concurrence with the project purpose and need as revised following the January 12, 2006, agency meeting.

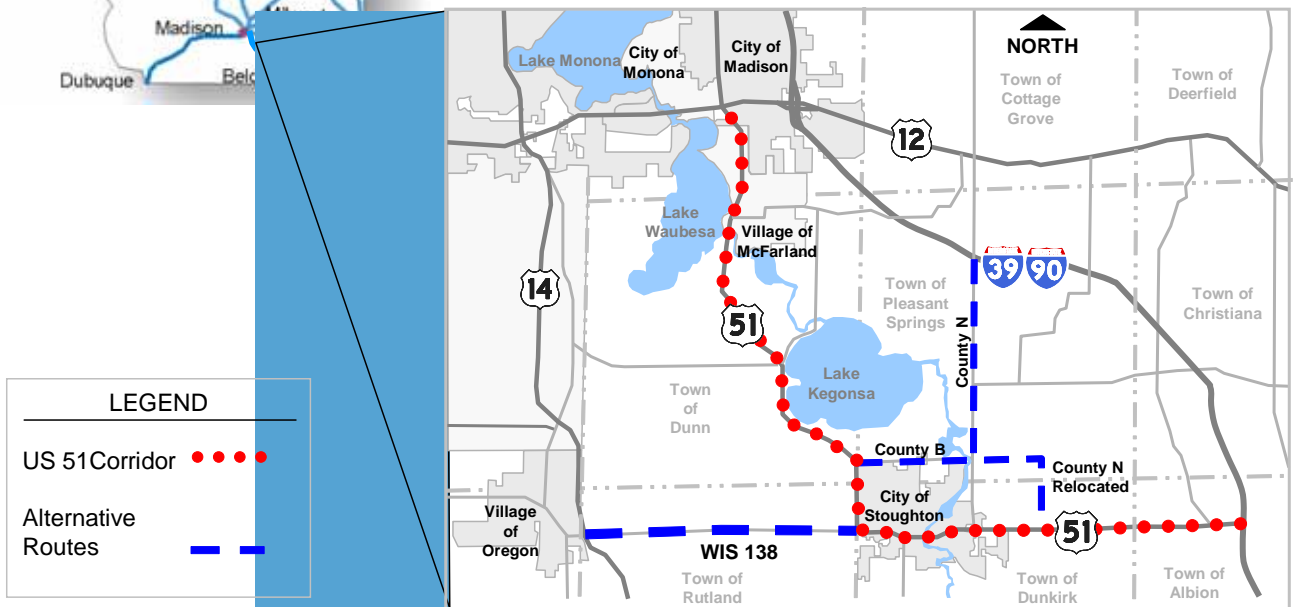
**July 18, 2006:** USEPA stated the agency required a detailed purpose and need document before concurrence could be provided.

### 1.4 Project Vicinity Map



### Project Location

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US 51 Corridor Study  
I-39/90 to US 12/18 (Madison South Beltline)



## Section 2: Lead/Cooperating/Participating Agencies

### 2.1 Agency Definitions and Roles

The standard responsibilities for each Lead, Cooperating, and Participating Agency invited to participate in the environmental review process for this project are as follows:

**Federal Lead Agency:** Manage 6002 process; prepare EIS; provide opportunity for public and participating/cooperating agency involvement. For the US 51 project the Federal Lead Agency is the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

**Joint Lead Agency:** A project sponsor that is a state or local government receiving SAFETEA-LU funds. For US 51, this is WisDOT.

**Cooperating Agency:** Federal agencies other than the Federal Lead Agency who have jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impact involved in a proposal (or a reasonable alternative) for legislation or other major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. For the US 51 project several agencies were invited to serve as Cooperating Agencies. The status of those invited is included in Section 2.3.

**Participating Agency:** Participating agencies include federal, state or local agencies who may have interest in the project. These agencies participate in the National Environment Protection Agency (NEPA) process, identify issues of concern regarding the project's potential impacts, provide meaningful and timely input on unresolved issues, and provide comments on purpose and need, methodologies, and range of alternatives. For the US 51 project several agencies were invited to serve as Participating Agencies. The status of those invited is included in Section 2.3.

### 2.2 List of Agencies, Roles, and Responsibilities

The intent of coordination with federal, state, and local review agencies is to cooperatively identify and resolve issues that could delay the environmental process or that could result in denial of any approvals required to implement the proposed project. The agencies listed in the following table have been identified as preliminary affected agencies based on the natural, cultural, and socioeconomic resources in the project area and agency jurisdiction and expertise.

Those agencies noted in the table (and possibly others yet to be identified) have been invited by FHWA and WisDOT to be cooperating or participating agencies<sup>1</sup> for the US 51 Corridor Study. Agency responses to this invitation are indicated in Section 2.3.

Agency Name	Role	Responsibilities
<b>Federal Agencies</b>		
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)	Federal Lead Agency	Manage 6002 process, prepare EIS, provide opportunity for public and cooperating/participating agency involvement.
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)	Participating and Cooperating Agency	Clean Water Act Section 404 permit jurisdiction. Provide comments on purpose and need, range of alternatives, selected alternative, impact methodologies and mitigation measures.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (US Fish and Wildlife)	Participating and Cooperating Agency	Endangered Species Act, Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act jurisdiction. Provide comments on purpose and need, range of alternatives, selected alternative, impact methodologies and mitigation measures.

<sup>1</sup> FHWA's NEPA regulations (23 CFR 771) require that those federal agencies with jurisdiction by law (permitting or land transfer authority) be invited to be Cooperating Agencies for an EIS. SAFETEA-LU created a new Participating Agency category for the EIS process. Participating Agencies are federal, state, tribal, regional, and local government agencies that have permitting authority, special expertise or interest in transportation projects.

Agency Name	Role	Responsibilities
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)	Participating and Cooperating Agency	NEPA and Clean Water Act jurisdiction. Provide comments on purpose and need, range of alternatives, selected alternative, impact methodologies and mitigation measures.
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)	Participating Agency	Farmland Protection Policy Act and Food Security Act jurisdiction. Provide comments on farmland impact rating and programs such as Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) and Conservation Reserve program (CRP) as applicable to the project.
<b>State Agencies</b>		
Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT)	Joint Lead Agency	Manage 6002 process, prepare EIS, provide opportunity for public and cooperating/participating agency involvement.
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR)	Participating and Cooperating Agency	Clean Water Act and WisDOT/DNR Cooperative Agreement authority. Provide comments on purpose and need, range of alternatives, selected alternative, impact methodologies and mitigation measures.
State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)	Participating Agency	National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 jurisdiction. Review and approve cultural resource investigation reports/materials.
Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP)	Participating Agency	Authority under Section 32.035, Wisconsin Statutes to prepare an Agricultural Impact Statement if needed. Provide comments on alternatives and their impacts on agricultural resources.
<b>Local Agencies/Other Interests</b>		
Dane County	Participating Agency	Local government stakeholder. Provide comments on purpose and need, range of alternatives, selected alternative, impact methodologies and mitigation measures.
City of Stoughton	Participating Agency	Local government stakeholder. Provide comments on purpose and need, range of alternatives, selected alternative, impact methodologies and mitigation measures.
Village of McFarland	Participating Agency	Local government stakeholder. Provide comments on purpose and need, range of alternatives, selected alternative, impact methodologies and mitigation measures.
Village of Oregon	Participating Agency	Local government stakeholder. Provide comments on purpose and need, range of alternatives, selected alternative, impact methodologies and mitigation measures.
Town of Albion	Participating Agency	Local government stakeholder. Provide comments on purpose and need, range of alternatives, selected alternative, impact methodologies and mitigation measures.
Town of Dunkirk	Participating Agency	Local government stakeholder. Provide comments on purpose and need, range of alternatives, selected alternative, impact methodologies and mitigation measures.
Town of Dunn	Participating Agency	Local government stakeholder. Provide comments on purpose and need, range of alternatives, selected alternative, impact methodologies and mitigation measures.

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Town of Pleasant Springs	Participating Agency	Local government stakeholder. Provide comments on purpose and need, range of alternatives, selected alternative, impact methodologies and mitigation measures.
Town of Rutland	Participating Agency	Local government stakeholder. Provide comments on purpose and need, range of alternatives, selected alternative, impact methodologies and mitigation measures.
Madison Area Transportation Planning Board	Participating Agency	Local government stakeholder. Provide comments on purpose and need, range of alternatives, selected alternative, impact methodologies and mitigation measures.
Capital Area Regional Planning Commission	Participating Agency	Project area stakeholder. Provide comments on purpose and need, range of alternatives, selected alternative, impact methodologies and mitigation measures.
Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council	Participating Agency	National Historic Preservation Act Section 106. Provide comments on cultural resource aspects.
Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of WI	Participating Agency	Provide comments and consultation on tribal cultural resources and National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 impacts.
Forest County Potawatomi Community of WI	Participating Agency	Provide comments and consultation on tribal cultural resources and National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 impacts.
Ho-Chunk Nation	Participating Agency	Provide comments and consultation on tribal cultural resources and National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 impacts.
Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians	Participating Agency	Provide comments and consultation on tribal cultural resources and National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 impacts.
Menominee Indian Tribe of WI	Participating Agency	Provide comments and consultation on tribal cultural resources and National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 impacts.
Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation	Participating Agency	Provide comments and consultation on tribal cultural resources and National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 impacts.
Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of WI	Participating Agency	Provide comments and consultation on tribal cultural resources and National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 impacts.
Sac and Fox Nation of Mississippi in Iowa	Participating Agency	Provide comments and consultation on tribal cultural resources and National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 impacts.
Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska	Participating Agency	Provide comments and consultation on tribal cultural resources and National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 impacts.
Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma	Participating Agency	Provide comments and consultation on tribal cultural resources and National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 impacts.

### 2.3 Agency Contact Information

Agency Name	Contact Person	Date Invitation Issued	Date of Response	Date of Follow-up	Agency Participating?
<b>Federal Agencies</b>					
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)	Wisconsin Division Johnny Gerbitz, (608) 829-7511 Johnny.Gerbitz@fhwa.dot.gov	N/A	N/A	N/A	Federal Lead Agency
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)	St. Paul District Tamera Cameron, (651) 290-5197 (tamera.e.cameron@usace.army.mil) Jeff Olson, (651) 290-5311 (Jeffrey.m.olson@usace.army.mil) Anthony Jernigan, (262) 547-7869 (Anthony.D.Jernigan@usace.army.mil)	10/10/08	11/13/08		Cooperating and Participating
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (US Fish and Wildlife)	Louise Clemency, (920) 866-1725 louise_clemency@fws.gov	10/10/08	11/20/08		No
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)	Ken Westlake, (312) 886-2910 (westlake.kenneth@epa.gov)  Sherry Kamke, (312) 353-5794 (Kamke.Sherry@epa.gov)	10/10/08	2/23/09		Cooperating and Participating
U.S. Dept of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)	Pat Murphy, (608) 662-4422, ext. 258 Pat.murphy@wi.usda.gov	10/10/08			
<b>State Agencies</b>					
Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), SW Region	Jeff Berens, (608) 245-2656 jeff.berens@dot.wisconsin.gov Jennifer Grimes, (608) 245-2630 jennifer.grimes@dot.wisconsin.gov	N/A	N/A	N/A	Joint Lead Agency
Wisconsin Dept of Transp. (WisDOT), Bur of Equity and Env Services (BEES)	Shar Te Beest, (608) 266-1476 sharlene.tebeest@dot.wisconsin.gov	N/A	N/A	N/A	Joint Lead Agency
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR)	Russ Anderson, (608) 275-3467 russell.anderson@wisconsin.gov Amanda Cushman, (608) 275-3485 amanda.cushman@wisconsin.gov	10/10/08	12/18/08		Cooperating and Participating
Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Office	Sherman Banker, (608) 264-6507 sherman.banker@wisconsinhistory.org	10/10/08			
Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP)	Peter Nauth, (608) 224-4650 Peter.Nauth@wi.gov	10/10/08			
<b>Local Agencies/Other Interests</b>					
Dane County	Kathleen Falk, (608) 266-4114 falk@co.dane.wi.us	10/10/08			Participating
Dane County Highway & Transportation Department	Pam Dunphy, (608) 266-4036 dunphy@co.dane.wi.us	10/10/08	11/10/08		Participating
Dane County Planning Department	Pam Andros, (608) 267-2536 Andros@co.dane.wi.us	10/10/08			Participating

Agency Name	Contact Person	Date Invitation Issued	Date of Response	Date of Follow-up	Agency Participating?
Dane County Land and Water Resources	Kevin Connors, (608) 224-3730 <a href="mailto:lwrd@co.dane.wi.us">lwrd@co.dane.wi.us</a>	10/10/08			Participating
City of Stoughton	Rodney Scheel, (608) 873-6619 <a href="mailto:rjscheel@ci.stoughton.wi.us">rjscheel@ci.stoughton.wi.us</a>	10/10/08	10/20/08		Participating
Village of McFarland	Don Peterson, (608) 838-3153 <a href="mailto:Don.Peterson@mcfarland.wi.us">Don.Peterson@mcfarland.wi.us</a>	10/10/08	2/6/09		Participating
Village of Oregon	Mark Below, (608) 835-6290 <a href="mailto:mbelow@vil.oregon.wi.us">mbelow@vil.oregon.wi.us</a>	10/10/08			
Town of Albion	Roger Olson, (608) 884-4930	10/10/08			
Town of Dunkirk	Jerry Sellers, (608) 873-6966 <a href="mailto:dunkirk@chorus.net">dunkirk@chorus.net</a>	10/10/08	11/4/08		Participating
Town of Dunn	Ed Minihan, (608) 255-4219 <a href="mailto:townhall@town.dunn.wi.us">townhall@town.dunn.wi.us</a>	10/10/08	10/15/08		Participating
Town of Pleasant Springs	Richard Green, (608) 852-4165 <a href="mailto:cttops@tds.net">cttops@tds.net</a>	10/10/08			
Town of Rutland	Dale Beske, (608) 835-7606 <a href="mailto:chair@town.rutland.wi.us">chair@town.rutland.wi.us</a>	10/10/08	11/8/08		Participating
Madison Area Transportation Planning Board	Robert McDonald, (608) 266-4518 <a href="mailto:rmcdonald@cityofmadison.com">rmcdonald@cityofmadison.com</a>	10/10/08	11/5/08		Participating
Capital Area Regional Planning Commission	Michael Rupiper, (608) 261-1573 <a href="mailto:MikeR@CapitalAreaRPC.org">MikeR@CapitalAreaRPC.org</a>	10/10/08	10/23/08		Participating
<b>American Indian Tribes</b>					
Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council	Michael Allen, Sr. P.O. Box 9 2939 Highway 47 N. Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538 <a href="http://www.glitc.org">http://www.glitc.org</a>	10/10/08			
Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of WI	Edith Leoso, THPO PO Box 39 Odanah, WI 54861 (715) 682-7121 <a href="http://www.badriver.com">www.badriver.com</a>	10/10/08			
Forest County Potawatomi Community of WI	Mike Alloway Tribal Office PO Box 340 Crandon, WI 54520 <a href="http://www.fcpotawatomi.com">http://www.fcpotawatomi.com</a>	10/10/08			
Ho-Chunk Nation	Bill Quackenbush, THPO Executive Offices PO Box 667 405 Airport Road Black River Falls, WI 54615 (715) 284-9343 <a href="http://ho-chunknation.com">http://ho-chunknation.com</a>	10/10/08			
Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians	giiwegiizhigookway Martin/THPO Ketegitigaaning Ojibwe Nation P.O. Box 249 Watersmeet, MI 49969 (906) 358-4577 <a href="http://www.lvdtribal.com">www.lvdtribal.com</a>	10/10/08			

Agency Name	Contact Person	Date Invitation Issued	Date of Response	Date of Follow-up	Agency Participating?
Menominee Indian Tribe of WI	David Grignon, THPO PO Box 910 Keshena, WI 54135 (715) 799-5100 <a href="http://www.menominee-nsn.gov">http://www.menominee-nsn.gov</a>	10/10/08			
Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation	Linda Yazzie 16281 Q Road Mayetta, KS 66509 <a href="http://www.pbpindiantribe.com">http://www.pbpindiantribe.com</a>	10/10/08			
Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of WI	Larry Babler, THPO 88385 Pike Road, Highway 13 Bayfield, WI 54814 (715) 779-3700 <a href="http://www.redcliff-nsn.gov">www.redcliff-nsn.gov</a>	10/10/08			
Sac and Fox Nation of Mississippi in Iowa	Jonathan Buffalo, NAGPRA Representative 349 Meswaki Road Tama, IA 52339-9626 (641) 484-4678	10/10/08			
Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska	Joe Nioce 305 North Main Reserve, KS 66434	10/10/08			
Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma	Sandra Massey, NAGPRA Representative Route 2, Box 246 Stroud, OK 74079 (918) 968-3526 ext 1048 <a href="http://www.sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov/index.htm">http://www.sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov/index.htm</a>	10/10/08			

## **Section 3: Coordination Points and Responsibilities**

### **3.1 Agency Expectations**

#### **The expectations for Federal Lead and Joint Lead Agencies are:**

- Take such action as is necessary and proper to facilitate the expedited review of the environmental review process.
- Ensure that any EIS or other document required under NEPA is completed in accordance with SAFETEA-LU, 23 CFR §771, 40 CFR §1500-1508, and other applicable federal and state law.
- Identify and involve Cooperating and Participating Agencies.
- Provide, as early as practicable, but no later than the appropriate project milestone, project information on purpose and need, environmental resources, alternatives and proposed methodologies.
- Develop and provide the Coordination Plan to Participating and Cooperating Agencies.
- The Federal Lead Agency (FHWA) will have ultimate responsibility for:
  1. Review and adoption of a NEPA document.
  2. Ensuring that the Joint Lead Agency (WisDOT) complies with all design and mitigation commitments.
- Develop a project purpose and need, the range of alternatives to be considered, methodologies to investigate and analyze potential impacts, the level of detail for the analysis of alternatives, and other procedural matters.
- Involve American Indian tribal governments in the NEPA process.
- Provide oversight in managing the environmental review process, including taking such action as is necessary and proper to expedite review, and resolving issues.

#### **The expectations for Cooperating Agencies are:**

- Identify as early as practicable any issue of concern regarding the project's environmental or socioeconomic impacts.
- Identify as early as practicable any issues that could substantially delay or prevent the granting of a permit or other approval needed for the project.
- Share information that may be useful to the Federal Lead Agency (FHWA), Joint Lead Agency (WisDOT), Cooperating and Participating Agencies.
- Participate in meetings and field reviews.
- Assume, at the Federal Lead Agency (FHWA) request, responsibility for preparing analysis over which that Cooperating Agency has special expertise, depending on Cooperating Agency's resource availability.
- Make support staff available at the Federal Lead Agency (FHWA) request.
- Generally use their resources and funds.
- Participate as needed in Issues Resolution Process described in Section 3.3.
- Provide meaningful input on purpose and need statement, range of alternatives, methodologies, and the level of detail for the analysis of alternatives within 30 days of receipt thereof.
- Review and comment on preliminary drafts of Draft EIS and Final EIS.

#### **The expectations for Participating Agencies are:**

- Identify as early as practicable any issue of concern regarding the project's environmental or socioeconomic impacts.
- Identify as early as practicable any issues that could substantially delay or prevent the granting of a permit, delay completion of the environmental review process, or result in denial of approval needed for the project.
- Provide meaningful input on purpose and need statement, range of alternatives, methodologies, and the level of detail for the analysis of alternatives within 30 days of receipt thereof.
- Respond affirmatively in writing to the letter of invitation (for non-federal agencies) within 30 days of receipt thereof.

- Respond in writing to the letter of invitation if you wish to decline the invitation and opt out of the role/process (for federal agencies) within 30 days of the receipt thereof.
- Provide input on this Plan and schedule.
- Participate as needed in Issues Resolution Process described in Section 3.3.
- Specific coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) will be in accordance with the WisDOT/SHPO Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).

### 3.2 Coordination Points, Information Requirements, and Responsibilities

The following table lists the key coordination points including which agency is responsible for activities during that coordination point, the information required at each point, and who is responsible for transmitting the information.

Row	Coordination Plan Point	Initiating Agencies	Information Provided or Action	Contacted Agencies	Information Requested or Action	Response Time Anticipated or Allowed
1	Notice of Intent and Proposed Project Scope	FHWA	NOI and Proposed Project Scope	Federal Register	NOI and Proposed Project Scope Published in Federal Register	7 Calendar Days
2	Cooperating and Participating Agencies Identified	WisDOT FHWA	Letters of Invitation to Potential Agencies	Interested Cooperating Participating Agencies	Written Acceptance or Reason for Non-Acceptance	30 Calendar Days
3	Agency Input on Scope and Reaffirmation of Purpose and Need <b>(Equiv to NEPA/404 Coordination Point One)</b>	WisDOT FHWA	Letter of information about proposed scope of DEIS with copy of Purpose and Need	Cooperating Participating Agencies	Review for Acceptance, or Reply on Issues to be Resolved	45 Calendar Days
4	Agency input on Draft Coordination Plan and Analysis Methodologies	WisDOT FHWA	Draft Coordination and Methodology Plans	Cooperating Participating Agencies	Provide comments on Draft Coordination and Methodology Plan	45 Calendar Days
5	Public input on Draft Coordination Plan and Analysis Methodologies	WisDOT FHWA	Availability of Draft Coord and Methodology Plans through media releases, on Project Web Site, Local Libraries, etc	Public, Local Officials, etc	Provide comments on Draft Coordination and Methodology Plan	30 Calendar Days
6	Coordination and Final Methodologies Plans Issued and Follow-up	WisDOT FHWA	Final Coordination and Methodologies Plans	Cooperating Participating Agencies	Review for Acceptance, or Reply on Issues to be Resolved	30 Calendar Days
7	Agency Meeting on Final Purpose and Need, Proposed Alternatives, and Follow-up <b>(Equiv to NEPA/404 Coordination Point Two)</b>	WisDOT FHWA	Discuss Proposed Alternatives	Cooperating Participating Agencies	Review for Acceptance, or Reply on Issues to be Resolved	30 Calendar Days (preliminary information sent 30 days prior to meeting)
8	Public Information Meetings on Purpose and Need, Proposed Alternatives, and Follow-up	WisDOT FHWA	Discuss Purpose and Need, and Proposed Alternatives	Public, Local Officials	Provide comments on Purpose and Need, and Proposed Alternatives	To be specified in public information material, typically 14 calendar days after public meeting(s) are held
9	Recommended Alternatives with Anticipated Impacts and Follow-up	WisDOT FHWA	Pre-DEIS	Cooperating and Participating Agencies	Review Pre-DEIS for completeness, accuracy, or questions, and provide comments	30 Calendar Days
10	DEIS Adopted and Filed with EPA	FHWA	DEIS	EPA Filing Section	Availability of DEIS Published in Federal Register	14 Calendar Days

Row	Coordination Plan Point	Initiating Agencies	Information Provided or Action	Contacted Agencies	Information Requested or Action	Response Time Anticipated or Allowed
11	DEIS Circulated for Review and Comment <i>(concurrent with DEIS being filed with EPA)</i>	WisDOT FHWA	DEIS	Public, Local Officials, Cooperating Participating Agencies	Review DEIS for completeness, accuracy, or questions, and provide comments	15 Calendar Days Min before Public Hearing. 45 Calendar Days Min Total Comment Period
12	Public Hearing On DEIS and Follow-up	WisDOT FHWA	Discuss Purpose and Need, Recommended Alternatives, and Anticipated Impacts	Public, Local Officials, Cooperating Participating Agencies	Provide comments on Purpose and Need, Recommended Alternatives, and Anticipated Impacts	15 Calendar Days from notice of Draft EIS in Federal Register (CEQ minimum)  30 Calendar Days from first legal notice of public hearing in official newspaper for project area
13	Agency Meeting on Preferred Alternative with Anticipated Impacts and Follow-up <b>(Equiv to NEPA/404 Coordination Point Three)</b>	WisDOT FHWA	Discuss Preferred Alternatives, Anticipated Impacts, Proposed Mitigation Measures, etc	Cooperating Participating Agencies	Provide comments on Preferred Alternatives, Anticipated Impacts, Proposed Mitigation Measures, etc.	30 Calendar Days (preliminary information sent 30 days prior to meeting)
14	Pre-FEIS Review (Cooperating Agencies) and Follow-up	WisDOT FHWA	Pre-FEIS	Cooperating Agencies	Review Pre-FEIS for completeness, accuracy, or questions, and provide comments	30 Calendar Days
15	FEIS Adopted and Filed with EPA	FHWA	FEIS	EPA Filing Section	Availability of FEIS Published in Federal Register	14 Calendar Days
16	FEIS Circulated for Review and Comment <i>(concurrent with FEIS being filed with EPA)</i>	WisDOT FHWA	FEIS	Public, Local Officials, Cooperating Participating Agencies	Review FEIS for completeness, accuracy, or questions, and provide comments	30 Calendar Day Minimum
17	Draft ROD Prepared and Follow-up on Substantive Comments Received on FEIS (only if substantive comments are received)	WisDOT FHWA	Information, Meetings, Etc as Deemed Necessary to Address any Unresolved Issues	Public, Local Officials, Cooperating Participating Agencies as Deemed Appropriate	Agreement on Resolution of all Significant Unresolved Issues	Un-programmed Time As Required
18	ROD Issued	FHWA	ROD	Cooperating Participating Agencies, and as Deemed Appropriate Local Officials and Public	Acknowledgement of receiving copy of the ROD	30 Calendar Days
19	Statue of Limitations (SOL) notice published in Federal Register announcing final action has been taken (ROD) in project's NEPA phase	FHWA	SOL Notice	Federal Register	SOL published n Federal register announcing final action taken (ROD) in project's NEPA phase	7 Calendar Days for SOL notice publication; 180 calendar days to file a claim

Row	Coordination Plan Point	Initiating Agencies	Information Provided or Action	Contacted Agencies	Information Requested or Action	Response Time Anticipated or Allowed
20	Final Concurrence in Individual Contract Level Mitigation Measures Obtained	WisDOT	Proposed mitigation measures for commitments made in FEIS, ROD, and during Final Design of individual contracts	Coordination & input from Cooperating & Participating Agencies as Deemed Appropriate	Provide Comments, &/or process approval requests on Proposed Mitigation Measures, etc.	Un-programmed (Prior to 90% PS&E Review Mtgs. Approx 3-6 months in advance of proposed Letting dates)
21	Permits and Other Approvals Obtained as Required (401, Air Quality, etc)	WisDOT	Permits and Other Approval Requests w/ appropriate documentation	Appropriate Cooperating Participating Agencies	Permits and Other Approvals Obtained as Required (ie – 401, Air Quality, etc)	Un-programmed (Prior to Advertising for Letting of Individual Contracts. 30 Calendar Days minimum before individual contract Letting dates)
22	PS&Es for Individual Contracts Processed & Advertised for Letting	WisDOT FHWA	PS&Es, Statements that environmental commitments have been completed or are included, and Certifications Right-of-Way has been acquired & Utility Adjustments have been coordinated, etc	NA	PS&Es approved and projects advertised for Letting	Un-programmed (30 calendar days minimum between advertising and Letting dates)
23	Implementation of Mitigation Commitments	WisDOT FHWA	Mitigation Commitments in FEIS and ROD	Coordinate with Cooperating Participating Agencies as Deemed Appropriate	Provide Comments, Recommendation, and/or process approval requests on Proposed Mitigation Measures, etc.	Un-programmed Time As Required

### 3.3 Issues Resolution Process

The Federal Lead Agency (FHWA), the Joint Lead Agency (WisDOT) and Cooperating and Participating Agencies shall work cooperatively in accordance with this section to identify and resolve issues that could delay completion of the environmental review process or could result in denial of any approvals required for the project under applicable laws.

Based on information received from the Federal Lead Agency (FHWA), Joint Lead Agency (WisDOT), Cooperating and Participating Agencies shall identify, as early as practicable, any issues of concern regarding the project's potential environmental or socioeconomic impacts. Issues of concern include any issues that could substantially delay or prevent the granting of a permit or other approval that is needed for the project.

#### The following issues resolution process will be followed:

- Meetings will be held as needed during the course of the NEPA process to discuss and resolve issues.
- If issues are not being resolved in a timely manner:
  1. An official issues resolution meeting will be scheduled.
  2. If resolution cannot be achieved within 30 days following such a meeting and a determination has been made by the Federal Lead Agency (FHWA) that all information necessary to resolve the issues has been obtained, then
  3. The Federal Lead Agency (FHWA) will notify the heads of all Participating and Cooperating Agencies and the Council of Environmental Quality, and
  4. The Federal Lead Agency (FHWA) will publish such notice in the Federal Register.

## Section 4: Project Schedule

### 4.1 Project Schedule and Coordination Points

Key coordination/decision points and agency responsibilities for completing the US 51 Corridor EIS are listed in the table below.

Row	Coordination/Decision Points	Anticipated Date Information Sent	Initiating Agencies and Contacts	Anticipated Date of Response	Responding Agencies and Others
1	Notice of Intent (NOI) to Prepare DEIS with Proposed Scope	Fall 2008	FHWA and WisDOT with proposed NOI to Federal Register	Fall 2008	NOI in Federal Register
2	Send Letters of Invitation to potential Cooperating and Participating Agencies	Fall 2008	WisDOT and FHWA with circulation to potential Cooperating and Participating Agencies	30 Cal Days	Interested Cooperating and Participating Agencies
3	Request Agency Input on Scope of DEIS and Reaffirmation of Purpose and Need <b>(Equivalent to NEPA/404 Coordination Point One)</b>	Fall 2008	WisDOT and FHWA with circulation to potential Cooperating and Participating Agencies	45 Cal Days	Cooperating and Participating Agencies
4	Request Agency input on Draft Coordination Plan and Analysis Methodologies	Fall 2008	WisDOT and FHWA with circulation to potential Cooperating and Participating Agencies	45 Cal Days	Cooperating and Participating Agencies
5	Provide Opportunity for Public input on Draft Coordination Plan and Analysis Methodologies	Fall 2008	WisDOT and FHWA Availability of Draft Coord and Methodology Plans through media releases, on Proj WEB Site, Local Libraries, etc to the public, Local Officials and other stakeholders.	30 Cal Days	Public, Local Official, and other stakeholders
6	Coordination and Final Methodology Plans Issued and Follow-up	Winter 2008-2009	WisDOT and FHWA with circulation to Cooperating and Participating Agencies	30 Cal Days	Cooperating and Participating Agencies
7	Conduct Agency Meeting on Final Purpose and Need and Proposed Alternatives with Prelim Impacts and Follow-up <b>(Equivalent to NEPA/404 Coordination Point Two)</b>	Winter 2008-2009	WisDOT and FHWA with circulation to Cooperating and Participating Agencies	30 Cal Days	Cooperating and Participating Agencies and other interested state and local agencies
8	Conduct Public Information Meeting and Follow-up (Purpose and Need, Proposed Alternatives, Prelim Impacts)	Summer 2009	WisDOT and FHWA with circulation to public and other stakeholders.	To be specified in public information material, typically 14 calendar days after public meeting(s) are held	Agency and Public Comments
9	Recommended Alternatives with Anticipated Impacts Issued and Follow-up	Summer 2009	WisDOT and FHWA with circulation to Cooperating and Participating Agencies	30 Cal Days	Cooperating and Participating Agencies
10	DEIS Adopted and Filed With EPA	Spring 2010	FHWA and WisDOT with DEIS to EPA Filing Section	14 Cal Days	Notice of SDEIS Availability in Federal Register

Row	Coordination/Decision Points	Anticipated Date Information Sent	Initiating Agencies and Contacts	Anticipated Date of Response	Responding Agencies and Others
11	Circulation of DEIS for Review and Comment ( <i>concurrent with DEIS being filed with EPA</i> )	Spring 2010	WisDOT and FHWA with circulation to Cooperating and Participating Agencies, public and other stakeholders.	15 Cal Days Min Before Public Hearing 45 Cal Days Min Total)	Cooperating and Participating Agencies, public and other stakeholders.
12	Conduct public hearing on DEIS and Follow-up	Spring 2010	WisDOT and FHWA with circulation to participating/cooperating agencies, public and other stakeholders.	30 Calendar Days from first legal notice of public hearing in official newspaper for project area	Cooperating and Participating Agencies, public and other stakeholders.
13	Conduct Agency Meeting on Preferred Alternative with Anticipated Impacts and Follow-up <b>(i.e. Equivalent to NEPA/404 Coordination Point Three)</b>	Summer 2010	WisDOT and FHWA with circulation to Cooperating and Participating Agencies	30 Cal Days	Cooperating and Participating Agencies and other interested state and local agencies
14	Circulate Pre-FEIS for Cooperating Agencies Review and Follow-up	Fall 2010	WisDOT and FHWA with circulation to Cooperating Agencies	30 Cal Days	Cooperating Agencies
15	Final EIS (FEIS) Adopted and Filed With EPA	Spring 2011	FHWA and WisDOT with FEIS to EPA Filing Section	14 Cal Days	Notice of FEIS Availability in Federal Register
16	Circulation of FEIS for Review and Comment. and Follow-up ( <i>concurrent with FEIS being filed with EPA</i> )	Spring 2011	WisDOT and FHWA with circulation to Cooperating and Participating Agencies, public and other stakeholders	30 Cal Days Min	Cooperating and Participating Agencies, public and other stakeholders.
17	Draft ROD Prepared and Follow-up on Substantive Comments Received on FEIS (only if substantive comments are received)	Spring/Summer 2011	WisDOT and FHWA with Information, Meetings, Etc shared as Deemed Necessary in order to Address significant Unresolved Issues	30 Cal Days anticipated	Public, Local Officials, Cooperating Participating Agencies as Deemed Appropriate
18	Record of Decision (ROD) Issued	Spring/Summer 2011	FHWA and WisDOT with circulation to Cooperating and Participating Agencies, public and other stakeholders	30 Cal Days	Cooperating and Participating Agencies, public and other stakeholders
19	Statue of Limitations (SOL) Notice Published in Federal Register Announcing Final Action Has Been Taken (ROD) in project's NEPA Phase	Spring/Summer 2011	FHWA and WisDOT Federal Register	7 Cal Days for SOL Notice Publication; 180 Cal Days to File a Claim	Notice of SOL in Federal Register
20	Final Concurrence in Individual Contract Level Mitigation Measures Obtained	Prior to 90% PS&E Review Meetings	FHWA & WisDOT w/ coordination & input from Cooperating and Participating Agencies as Deemed Appropriate	Approx 3-6 months in advance of proposed Letting dates	Local Officials, Cooperating Participating Agencies as Deemed Appropriate
21	Permits and Other Approvals Obtained as Required (ie-401, Air Quality, etc)	401 Water Quality Certification, Section 404 Permit	FHWA and WisDOT	30 Calendar Days minimum before individual contract Letting Dates	Appropriate Cooperating Participating Agencies
22	PS&Es for Individual Contracts Processed & Advertised for Letting	Un-programmed, subject to availability of funding	FHWA and WisDOT	30 Calendar Days minimum between Advertising and Letting dates	NA

Row	Coordination/Decision Points	Anticipated Date Information Sent	Initiating Agencies and Contacts	Anticipated Date of Response	Responding Agencies and Others
23	Implementation of Mitigation Commitments in FEIS and ROD	On-going until Construction Activities are Completed	FHWA and WisDOT with coordination and input from Cooperating and Participating Agencies as Deemed Appropriate	Time As Required	Public, Local Officials, Cooperating Participating Agencies as Deemed Appropriate

## Section 5: Public Involvement

### 5.1 Public Involvement Process

Public involvement includes engaging key stakeholders, community members and the general public in the planning, design and development of proposed improvements in the US 51 corridor and other potentially affected corridors. The general public involvement approach is based on the following objectives:

- Actively seek public input on the project's proposed purpose and need, alternatives, and recommended course of action.
- Consider, answer and account for public inquiries, suggestions and ideas in the decision making process.
- Provide opportunities for the public to affect major decisions before they are made.
- Publicize project activities through a variety of communication venues such as newsletters, news releases, and informational meetings.
- Provide the public with efficient access to project information.

Public involvement for the US 51 Corridor Study was already underway when the requirement for a more formalized coordination plan was established under SAFETEA-LU. Following is a summary of key public involvement activities that have occurred to date.

### 5.2 Public Involvement in Needs Assessment Phase (April 2003–February 2004)

**April 2003:** Newsletter 1 was sent to the public to introduce them to the study and its purpose, inform them of the public involvement opportunities and provide an overview of other concurrent studies in the area. Provide updates of project progress, and summarize results and recommendations of the needs assessment study.

**July 2003:** Newsletter 2 distributed a transportation needs survey to determine perception of US 51 congestion and general corridor needs.

**April and May 2003:** Three meetings were held with four focus groups to allow in-depth discussions of specific issues related to the US 51 corridor.

**July 4-5 and September 12-14, 2003:** Information booths were staffed at two community functions: Stoughton Junior Fair and McFarland Family Fest.

**October 2003:** Three community workshops were held to obtain input on perceived problems and concerns in the US 51 corridor.

**November 2003:** Approximately nine interviews conducted on a one-on-one basis with area stakeholders to solicit feedback on US 51 needs.

**December 2003:** Newsletter 3 provided a summary of the results of the US 51 Needs Assessment Report and notice of the January 2004 public information meeting.

**January 2004:** A public information meeting was held to present the results of the US 51 Needs Assessment.

### 5.3 Public Involvement in EA Corridor Study Phase (2005)

**April 8, 2005:** A postcard advertising notice of the Alternative Solutions Workshop was mailed.

**April 28, 2005:** Alternative Solutions Workshop was held to confirm public's perception of problems on the US 51 corridor and then brainstorm solutions.

### 5.4 Public Involvement in EIS Corridor Study Phase (2006–present)

**May 4, 2006:** A newsletter was mailed advertising notice of the public information meetings and the preliminary range of alternatives.

**May 16-17, 2006:** Two public information meetings were held to review needs and public input to date, present concept alternatives that included improvements on other corridors, and obtain public input.

One more public information meeting is planned for early 2009. It is anticipated the public hearing for the DEIS will be held in 2009. Information on the US 51 project is also available on WisDOT's Web site.

**5.5 Coordination with Local Officials**

The US 51 Corridor Study has a Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) and a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). These committees were established to provide local input and guidance and to provide an additional communications link between the project team, affected communities, and resource agencies. The PAC includes representatives from adjacent communities, Dane County, MMPO, and community leaders. The TAC was established by the project team and includes technical resource staff from WisDOT, FHWA, DNR, Dane County, MMPO, and adjacent communities.

In the Needs Assessment phase, four meetings were held with the PAC and seven meetings with the TAC. During the EA phase in 2005, there were two meetings each with the PAC and the TAC. Since the EIS phase was initiated in early 2006, there have been several PAC and TAC meetings, which are listed in Section 6.1 of this document. Meetings with these groups in the early phases were held to assist in defining existing conditions and problems in the US 51 corridor, data collection, developing the community involvement plan, and establishing the framework for the Corridor Study phases. During the EIS phase, these meetings have focused on refining project purpose and need objectives and developing the range of reasonable alternatives. Meetings will continue throughout the corridor study phase to assist in refining the alternatives and providing input on a preferred alternative.

Representatives on the TAC for the US 51 Corridor Study are:

FHWA WisDOT Dane County Highway Department Asst. Commissioner Dane County Planning Madison Metropolitan Planning Organization City of Madison Planning	City of Stoughton Village of McFarland Town of Dunn Planning Town of Rutland DNR
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Representatives on the PAC for the US 51 Corridor Study are:

WisDOT City of Stoughton Mayor Village of McFarland President Town of Albion Town of Dunn Town of Rutland	Dane County Board Member Dane County Highway Department Commissioner Town of Dunkirk Town of Pleasant Springs Madison Metropolitan Planning Organization
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**5.6 Coordination with American Indian Tribes**

In a letter dated October 10, 2008, the American Indian Tribes listed in Section 2.3 were invited to become Participating Agencies for the US 51 Corridor Study. With the same letter, WisDOT requested input on the Draft Coordination Plan and Draft Analysis Methodologies. No correspondence has been received from the American Indian Tribes related to the US 51 Corridor Study. Coordination will continue under the Section 106 process with the American Indian Tribes that express an interest in the Study.

## Section 6: Summary of Project Meetings to Date

### 6.1 List of Project Meetings

Following is a list of project meetings held to date with agencies, local governments, and the public during the US 51 Needs Assessment phase, the EA Corridor Study phase and the current EIS Corridor Study phase.

Date	Meeting	Remarks
02/05/03	Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting	Describe needs assessment project approach and local/public interactions and schedule. Determine information needed to effectively model the US 51 study area.
03/13/03	Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting	Describe needs assessment project approach and local/public interactions and schedule.
04/01/03	TAC Meeting	Update on data collection activities, land use projections, public and local interaction.
04/29/03	Focus Group Meeting	Meeting with local businesses and industry.
05/01/03	Focus Group Meeting	Meeting with local government officials.
05/05/03	Focus Group Meeting	Meeting with community and environmental groups.
05/08/03	PAC Meeting	Discussed data collection, transportation needs survey, recent focus group meetings.
06/03/03	TAC Meeting	Discussed land use project growth scenarios, existing operations modeling, completion of Existing Conditions and Deficiencies reports.
08/12/03	TAC Meeting	Discussed calibration of existing demand model, use of projected land use maps, Transportation Needs survey results, showed Paramics model of existing corridor, and recent public outreach activities.
08/14/03	PAC Meeting	Update on demand and operations modeling, discussed results of Transportation Needs Survey, and public outreach.
10/7/03	TAC Meeting	Discussed revisions to TAZs, calibration of existing conditions Paramics model, public outreach activities.
10/09/03	PAC Meeting	Discussed updated demand and operations modeling, upcoming workshops, and individual interviews.
10/28-30/03	Community Workshops	Workshops held in Stoughton, McFarland, and Town of Dunn to obtain input on specific needs along the corridor.
11/03/03	TAC Meeting	Discussed TAZ revisions, existing and future operations modeling in Paramics based on specific growth scenarios; reviewed workshop summaries.
11/03	Individual interview meetings with local officials and area stakeholders	Approximately nine one-on-one interviews with area stakeholders completed to provide input regarding needs for US 51.
12/16/03	TAC Meeting	Discussed modeling summary for intersections and relationship between traffic operations and population growth, summary of nine interviews conducted.
01/29/04	Public Information Meeting–Stoughton	Discuss findings of Need Assessment Study.
02/24/05	US 51 EA Kickoff Meeting	Reviewed scope for EA and schedule.
04/28/05	Community Workshop- Alternative Solutions	Opportunity for the public to provide additional input on needs and suggest potential solutions for US 51.
06/01/05	Meeting with City of Stoughton	Discuss results from workshop.

Date	Meeting	Remarks
06/09/05	TAC Meeting	Reviewed findings from Alternative Solutions Workshop and discussed potential screening of alternatives that would improve other corridors besides US 51 to address US 51 concerns.
06/29/05	PAC Meeting	Recap of Alternative Solutions Workshop and feedback from TAC on alternatives other than improving US 51.
08/30/05	TAC Meeting	Presentation of screening results of various improvement alternatives and discussion of implications of other alternatives.
10/03/05	PAC Meeting	Presentation of screening results of various improvement alternatives, comments from TAC, and discussion of implications of other alternatives.
11/02/05	WisDOT Majors Peer Review Committee meeting	Peer Review committee provided permission to look at routes other than US 51 to address needs on US 51.
01/12/06	Agency NEPA 404/Scoping Meeting	Discuss an initial draft of the purpose and need and several concept alternatives.
02/20/06	TAC Meeting	Discussed recent meetings, revised P & N, discussed concept alternatives and suggested refinements and a sub alternative of US 51 located west of Stoughton, and upcoming PIM.
03/01/06	PAC Meeting	Discussed recent meetings and concept alternatives as well as the sub alternative of US 51 located west of Stoughton, and upcoming PIM.
05/16-17/06	Public information Meeting Sandhill Middle School–Stoughton Indian Mound Middle School– McFarland	Presented corridor needs, five concept alternatives, and preliminary environmental scan of impacts.
09/14/06	TAC Meeting	Provided summary of PIMs, discussed the potential to reduce the number of concepts (result: no), and discussed next steps in agency coordination process.
10/25/06	PAC Meeting	Provided summary of PIMs and discussed next steps in process.
11/15/06	Agency Scoping meeting	Discussed whether public and agency input would eliminate any alternative. No concepts were dismissed.
09/26/07	TAC Meeting	Discussed scope for EIS with overview of requirements of SAFETEA-LU; reviewed alternatives typical sections and design criteria, EIS schedule, and public involvement.
09/28/07	US 51 Sub alternative location meeting	Discussed location issues for this alternative with Town of Rutland and City Planner for Stoughton.
10/09/07	PAC Meeting	Discussed scope for EIS with overview of requirements of SAFETEA-LU; reviewed alternatives typical sections and design criteria, EIS schedule and public involvement.
10/24/07	US 51 Sub alternative location meeting	Discussed location issues for this alternative with Town of Dunn and Mayor of Stoughton.
1/14-18/08	Value Engineering Study	VE Study completed and presentation of results made to WisDOT.
3/6/08	TAC Meeting	Discussed project schedule and SAFETEA-LU status; reviewed Value Engineering Study goals and recommendations; discussed alternatives to add/remove from EIS and next public information meeting.

Date	Meeting	Remarks
3/19/08	PAC Meeting	Discussed project schedule and SAFETEA-LU status; reviewed Value Engineering Study goals and recommendations; discussed alternatives to add/remove from EIS and next public information meeting. Shared input from 3/6/08 TAC Meeting.
9/5/08	City of Stoughton Meeting	Reviewed alignments and typical sections and discussed options for backage road, sidewalks/paths, and signals.
9/5/08	Dane County Parks Meeting	Reviewed alignments and typical sections and discussed options for sidewalks/paths at Babcock Park.
1/20/09	TAC Meeting	Discussed project alternatives and alignments being carried forward, alternatives dismissed, preliminary impacts, traffic modeling results, upcoming Agency meeting, upcoming Public Information meetings, and project schedule.
1/21/09	PAC Meeting	Discussed project alternatives and alignments being carried forward, alternatives dismissed, preliminary impacts, traffic modeling results, upcoming Agency meeting, upcoming Public Information meetings, and project schedule.
02/19/09	Agency Meeting (Equivalent to NEPA 404/Coordination Point 2)	Reviewed final Purpose and Need, proposed alternatives, and preliminary impacts.