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**Section 4(f) Concurrence Letter**

Highway: WIS 59  
Project ID: 3110-00-05  
Project Limits: WIS 106 to Zion Road  
Location: Jefferson County

Dear Ms. O'Brien,

In developing plans for the proposed project on Wisconsin State Highway (WIS) 59 from WIS 106 to the east county line of Jefferson County (Zion Road) located between Whitewater and North Prairie. This section of WIS 59 spans approximately 2.5 miles. The purpose of the proposed project is to address the existing roadway pavement, which features extensive cracking; downturned beam guard, a substandard safety feature; curb ramps that do not meet the current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements; deterioration of several structures within the project limits; and existing storm sewer catch basins, and sections of deteriorated curb and gutter at spot locations.

The proposed treatment option being pursued by WisDOT will include a pavement replacement. The preferred alternative consists of the following:

- Removing 5-inches of the existing asphaltic pavement, addressing underlying weak areas within the base material, and overlaying with 5-inches of hot mixed asphalt (HMA) pavement
- Replacing Structure C-28-020
- Repairing the wing walls on the north side, repairing the joints of the deck, and overlaying the deck of Structure C-28-021
- Replacing the northwest wing wall of Structure B-28-053
- Beam guard upgrades
- Curb ramp upgrades
- Curb and gutter repairs
- Replacement of the two portions of the storm sewer system (four inlets and four pipes)
- Replacement of the substandard portion of the city watermain would be replaced as part of the project.

The project will cause WIS 59 to be closed during construction and include a detour along USH 12 and WIS 67, with restricted access being maintained for local traffic. Construction is scheduled for 2027.

The proposed improvements will require permanent and temporary easements from many properties throughout the project limits, including the park area attached to the Beach off Anemone Avenue.

As a facility owned by the Village of Palmyra, the park/recreational area attached to the beach off Anemone Avenue is afforded special protections under Section 4(f) of the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Act (recodified in 23 CFR 774.7(b)). Under the provisions of Section 4(f), if the proposed transportation project would result in adverse effects to the park or recreation facility, the transportation agency must conduct an evaluation to demonstrate that there is no prudent and feasible alternative to the use of the 4(f) property. Because this evaluation can be expensive and potentially result in project delays, an exception is provided in cases where the officials with jurisdiction (OWJ) over the park area concurs that Section 4(f) does not apply per

23 CFR 774.13(g) as the project's impact on the property qualifies as a transportation enhancement activity, and that (1) The use of the 4(f) property is solely for the purpose of preserving or enhancing an activity, feature, or attribute that qualifies the property for Section 4(f) protection; and that (2) the Official with Jurisdiction over the Section 4(f) resources agrees in writing to statement (1).

The proposed project will require 150 square feet (0.003 acres) of permanent easement (Fee) and 250 square feet (0.006 acres) of temporary easements (TLE) from the park. Please see the attached displays showing these areas. Permanent easement is needed so that the Department can maintain the newly upgraded curb ramp to the park. The temporary easement is needed to provide temporary pedestrian accommodation to the park during construction. The temporary easement area will be restored to match the existing condition once construction operations have been completed. It is anticipated that the seesaw will need to be temporarily moved/rotated during construction activities. The Village will be compensated for the land acquired for the project in accordance with applicable federal and state laws.

If you concur that the acquisition of right-of-way as shown on the attached figure qualifies as a transportation enhancement activity that will preserve and enhance an activity, feature, or attribute that qualifies the property for 4(f) protection, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, on behalf of FHWA, requests that you sign and date this letter in the spaces below. We will maintain a copy of this letter in the project file.

**As the official with jurisdiction over the park area attached to the beach at 306 Anemone Street, I concur with the determination that the proposed transportation project as described in this letter and shown on the accompanying attachments would preserve or enhance an activity feature, or attribute that qualifies the property for Section 4(f) protection.**

Print: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please keep a copy for your records and return a signed and dated original to my attention within 30 days of the date of this letter to my email or to the following address:

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WisDOT is thankful for your assistance in making this transportation project possible. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or the project team with the information below.

Sincerely,

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