Public Involvement Meeting Handout

South Bridge Connector
County EB/F in the Town of Lawrence to
County GV/X in the Town of Ledgeview
Brown County

Project ID: 4556-02-00

December 11, 2019
Open House 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Presentation 6:45 p.m.

Altmayer Elementary School
Purpose of the meeting

This public meeting is being held to provide a status update on the South Bridge Connector Study and get input from the public. The current study effort, which was re-initiated in November 2019, builds on previous efforts to evaluate alternatives for a Fox River crossing and the connecting roadway between the County F/County EB intersection in the Town of Lawrence, west of I-41, and the County X/County GV intersection in the Town of Ledgeview. The City of De Pere is located between these two study limits.

The proposed project is intended to address the following draft set of needs; these are currently being considered again to see if updates should be made:

- Improve traffic capacity in the area
- Improve transportation linkages in the area
- Accommodate future travel demand generated by development identified in local/county/regional land use plans
- Improve transportation safety in the area

This public meeting is being held in an open house format from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Attendees are invited to review displays, ask questions and provide comments via the comment form included in this handout. Comments received by January 10, 2020 will be included in the public involvement meeting summary prepared by Brown County.

There will be a presentation at 6:45 p.m. providing a project update.

Project information

The study is being re-initiated by Brown County in coordination with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The study will result in a Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD). The draft Tier 1 EIS will identify a preferred corridor and the ROD will select the preferred corridor for addressing existing and projected travel demand in the southern portion of the Green Bay Metropolitan Area.

As part of the County’s earlier study efforts, more than 22 alternatives were evaluated, including:

- No-build alternative
- Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies
  - Diverting people to other transportation modes
  - Providing alternatives to making certain trips
- Transportation System Management (TSM) strategies (improve existing roadways)
- New roadway construction alternatives

Two stakeholder committee meetings and three public involvement meetings were held as part of the earlier study effort (2008-2012). Three alternatives along two corridors were identified as the most effective methods of achieving the project’s purpose and need and retained for detailed study.

The study was put on hold in 2012.
When the study was re-started, it was determined that the EIS would be prepared as a Tier 1 document because the tentative construction timeframe is so far out into the future. The Tier 1 EIS will identify a preferred corridor for transportation improvements rather than a detailed alignment. As funding becomes available for portions of the corridor construction, subsequent Tier 2 environmental documents will be prepared with a greater degree of engineering detail and a more detailed impact analysis for specific improvements in the corridor.

Figure 1: Project History

The study team would like your input on purpose and need, which alternatives should be considered in detail in the Tier 1 EIS, and which alternatives should be eliminated from further consideration, or if you have an idea for a new alternative that has not yet been considered.

After considering your input, and feedback from agencies and Indian tribes, Brown County, WisDOT, and FHWA will determine which alternatives will remain under consideration and be evaluated in detail in the Tier 1 EIS. The study will ultimately identify one preferred corridor for the South Bridge Connector. A public involvement meeting is planned for March 2020 to discuss which corridor should be identified as the preferred corridor.

Figure 2: South Bridge Connector Alternatives Previously Retained for Detailed Analysis
Real estate

Additional land will be acquired as highway right-of-way in order to build this project. It is too early in the study to identify the exact properties and amount of land needed for the project. Brown County would likely begin real estate acquisition two years in advance of construction. Construction will be phased over several years.

Project update/next steps

The study includes another public involvement meeting in the spring of 2020 and a public hearing in the summer of 2020. The Tier 1 EIS is anticipated to end with a signed Record of Decision (ROD) in late 2020. A ROD is the federal government’s approval of the corridor location for the South Bridge Connector. The lead federal agency for this study is the Federal Highway Administration. A Tier 2 document will be completed prior to construction for each section of the project as funding is secured.

Figure 3: Study Timeline

Public input/comments

We encourage you to provide comments on the project, talk to the study team and ask questions. Attached to this handout is a sheet for your written comments and input regarding the proposed project. Please mail any written comments about the project by January 10, 2020 or leave them in the comment box tonight. You can also e-mail your comments to the study team contact listed below.

Your comments assist the study team in developing a project that will serve the needs of the traveling public as well as the needs of the local community. Your input is welcome and appreciated throughout the study process.

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Please place this form in the comment box or mail by January 10, 2020 to the address on the back of this sheet. Comments can also be e-mailed to Cole.Runge@browncountywi.gov. Your comments assist us in developing a project that will serve the needs of the traveling public as well as the needs of the local community. Your input is welcome and appreciated throughout the design process.

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