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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

444 West Grand Avenue / Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495-2780

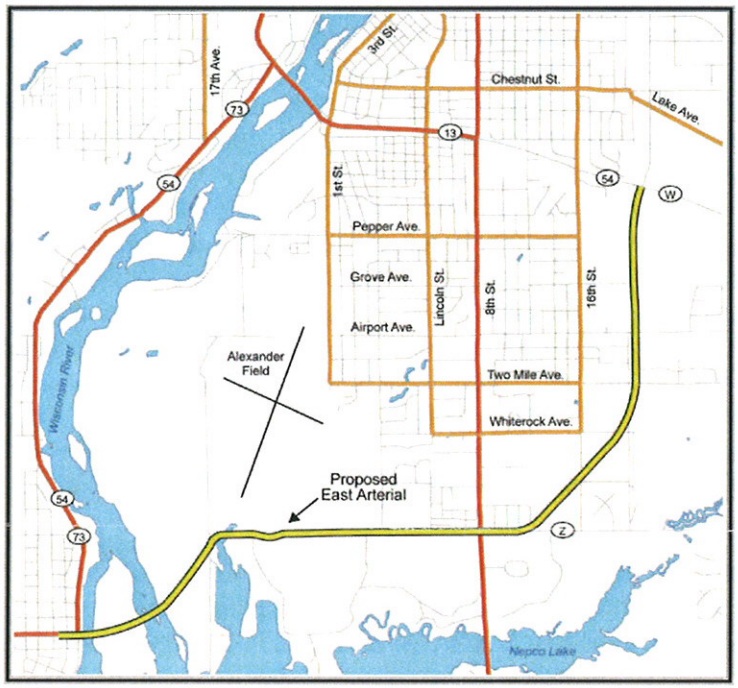
March 8, 2009

Subject: Wisconsin Rapids Area East Arterial Feasibility Study
Second Public Information Meeting
WIS 54/73 (Letendre Avenue) to WIS 54/Wood County W
Wood County

Second public information meeting scheduled

The city of Wisconsin Rapids, village of Port Edwards, town of Grand Rapids, and Wood County are conducting the second and final public information meeting to discuss the findings of the ongoing feasibility study of a new roadway from the intersection of WIS 54/73 (Letendre Avenue) in Port Edwards to the intersection of WIS 54/Wood County W in Wisconsin Rapids.

EXHIBIT 1
Proposed East Arterial Roadway



The meeting will be conducted on **Tuesday, March 24, 2009**, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the All Purpose Room of the McMillan Memorial Library, 490 East Grand Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids. The meeting will follow an open house format. No formal presentations are scheduled. Maps and other materials describing the study and conceptual alternatives will be on display. The project's Feasibility Study will also be available for review.

The Feasibility Study is currently available for review at the city of Wisconsin Rapids engineering department, the Port Edwards village hall, the Grand Rapids town hall, and the Wood County Planning and Zoning Office. Written comments on the Feasibility Study may be provided to the project team at the public meeting or mailed to Dave Laspa, Wisconsin Rapids City Engineer, at any time between March 9 and April 7, 2009.

Mary Jo Carson, Mayor
Phone: (715) 421-8202 Fax: (715) 421-8278 Email: mcarson@wirapids.org
www.wirapids.org

Background information

The purpose of the East Arterial Feasibility Study is to improve the safety and efficiency of state highways in the Wisconsin Rapids area. The study is also intended to address future traffic demands and improve local and through traffic access for commercial and industrial uses in the study area. The proposed East Arterial roadway, which will require a new crossing of the Wisconsin River, would follow County Z, cross WIS 13 and proceed northeast along 20th Street (see Exhibit 1). Exhibits showing the proposed alignment and river crossing alternatives will be on display at the March 24 meeting.

Study update

At the first public information meeting on September 26, 2007, the proposed East Arterial corridor and river crossing alternatives were displayed along with other information such as traffic volumes and crash statistics. Since the September 26 meeting, the project team developed conceptual intersection designs at the WIS 13 (8th Street)/Wood County Z intersection and the intersection of the proposed East Arterial with Ver Bunker Avenue, Lavigne Avenue, and Letendre Avenue in Port Edwards. The conceptual intersection designs will be displayed at the March 24 information meeting.

The project team also developed another improvement concept along WIS 13 (8th Street) between Wood County Z and Riverview Expressway. At the September 2007 meeting, the proposed 8th Street improvement alternative replaced the existing 16- to 18-foot-wide center two-way left turn lane with a raised median of the same width. This alternative would convert all driveways and unsignalized roads that intersect 8th Street to right-in/right-out access points. Left turns would only be permitted at signalized intersections. This alternative would create out-of-distance travel, as more vehicles would use local roads adjacent to 8th Street to reach signalized intersections. To address that potential issue the project team developed an 8th Street alternative with a 30-foot-wide raised median that would accommodate median openings. Although all driveways and unsignalized roads intersecting 8th Street would still be limited to right-in/right-out turning movements, U-turns at median openings spaced roughly every 1,000 feet would allow vehicles to make left turns without using local roads adjacent to 8th Street. The 30-foot-wide raised median would displace several residences and businesses and require strip acquisitions from a number of parking lots. Both of the proposed 8th Street alternatives will be displayed at the March 24 public information meeting.

Finally, the project team completed the Feasibility Study, which describes the need for the project, the alternatives developed to address the project need, and the environmental and socio-economic impacts of the proposed improvements. As noted on page 1, the Feasibility Study is available at several locations in the Wisconsin Rapids area for public review.

If you have any questions regarding the March 24 public information meeting or the East Arterial Feasibility Study in general, please call Dave Laspa (City Engineer) at 715-421-8210.

Sincerely,

Mary Jo Carson

Mary Jo Carson, Mayor
City of Wisconsin Rapids

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WISCONSIN RAPIDS AREA

East Arterial Feasibility Study | Wood County

Public Information Meeting

Meeting No. 2

March 24, 2009

Wisconsin Rapids

Port Edwards

Town of Grand Rapids

Wood County

Wisconsin Department of Transportation

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East Arterial Feasibility Study | Wood County

Welcome to the second and final public information meeting for the Wisconsin Rapids Area East Arterial Feasibility Study. The purpose of today's meeting is to:

- Review the East Arterial alignment
- Display the conceptual improvements at the project's major intersections
- Present the second alternative developed along 8th Street
- Obtain comments on the Feasibility Study

Wisconsin Rapids, Port Edwards, the town of Grand Rapids, and Wood County are studying the feasibility of creating a new alignment for WIS 54 between Port Edwards and the east side of the city of Wisconsin Rapids. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), which is administering the study contract for the communities, is also participating in the study.

The East Arterial would extend from the intersection of WIS 54/73 (Letendre Avenue) in Port Edwards to the intersection of WIS 54 and Wood County W in Wisconsin Rapids. (see map on page 2).

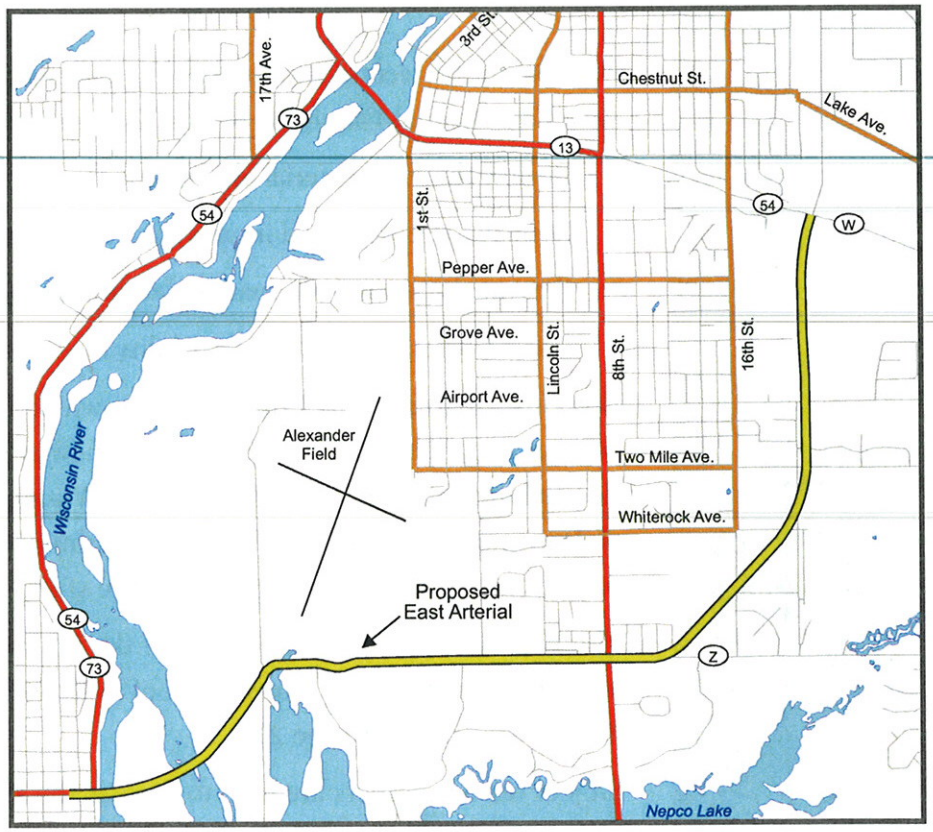
Project team members are here to discuss the study and to listen to your thoughts. The exhibits at tonight's meeting show the conceptual intersection design work developed since the first public meeting in September 2007, as well as additional work along 8th Street. The Feasibility Study is also available for review.

Please review the displays, ask questions, and share your ideas, suggestions, or concerns. If you would like to provide written comments, please fill out the comment sheet at the back of this handout and leave it with us today or mail it in by April 7, 2009.

Thank you for participating in this important study.

Background information

The purpose of the East Arterial Feasibility Study is to improve the safety and efficiency of state highways in the Wisconsin Rapids area. In addition, the study is intended to address future traffic demands and improve local and through traffic access for commercial and industrial uses in the study area. The proposed East Arterial roadway is shown on the exhibit to the right. Exhibits showing the proposed alignment and river crossing alternatives are on display at tonight's meeting.



The East Arterial would remove traffic from 2nd Avenue, the Riverview Expressway, and 8th Street. The East Arterial has the potential to remove the most traffic from 8th Street (10,000 vehicles per day in 2035). This means traffic volumes on 8th Street in 2035 would be about the same as existing traffic volumes. By limiting traffic growth on 8th Street, the East Arterial has the ability to prevent the crash problem on 8th Street from worsening. Currently, 8th Street has more crashes and a higher crash rate than Riverview Expressway and 2nd Avenue. Between 2000 and 2004, the total crash rate and injury crash rate on 8th Street were about twice as high than the statewide average for similar routes.

Conceptual intersection design

Since the first public information meeting, the project team developed conceptual intersection designs at the WIS 13/Wood County Z intersection and the intersection of the proposed East Arterial with Ver Bunker Avenue, Lavigne Avenue, and Letendre Avenue in Port Edwards. Each intersection has several alternate alignments that are shown on the exhibits at the back of this handout. More details can be found in the Feasibility Study which is available at tonight's meeting.

New WIS 13 (8th Street) alternative developed

The project team developed a second improvement concept along WIS 13 (8th Street) between Wood County Z and Riverview Expressway. At the September 2007 meeting, the proposed 8th Street improvement alternative replaced the existing 16- to 18-foot-wide center two-way left turn lane with a raised median of the same width. This alternative would convert all driveways and unsignalized roads that intersect 8th Street to right-in/right-out access points. Left turns would only be permitted at signalized intersections. This alternative would create out-of-distance travel as more vehicles would use local roads adjacent to 8th Street to reach signalized intersections.

To address the problems caused by the alternative displayed at the September 2007 meeting, the project team developed an 8th Street alternative with a 30-foot-wide raised median that would accommodate median openings. Although all driveways and unsignalized roads intersecting 8th Street would still be limited to right-in/right-out turning movements, U-turns at median openings spaced roughly every 1,000 feet would allow vehicles

to make left turns without using local roads adjacent to 8th Street. The 30-foot-wide raised median would relocate several residences and businesses and require strip acquisitions from a number of parking lots. Both of the proposed 8th Street alternatives are on display at tonight's meeting.

Feasibility Study completed

The project team completed the Wisconsin Rapids Area East Arterial Feasibility Study. The study, which is available for review at tonight's meeting, describes the need for the project, the alternatives developed to address the project need, and the environmental and socio-economic impacts of the proposed East Arterial improvements.

Listed below is a brief description of the study's findings for key natural resource issues in the study area.

- The project team evaluated whether there is suitable nesting and breeding habitat for the state threatened Red-shouldered Hawk, Blanding's Turtle, and Wood Turtle in the Wisconsin River crossing area and adjacent to Wood County Z and Nepco Lake. While suitable habitat for the species exists, none of the species were observed in the project area.
- An archaeology study was conducted with particular emphasis on Domtar Island, the Wisconsin River and the area adjacent to Nepco Lake and Wood County Z. Two known prehistoric sites in the area of the Wisconsin River were reconfirmed. Areas of high, medium and low archaeological potential were identified. Areas of high probability were identified along the shoreline of Domtar Island, the east bank of the Wisconsin and an area adjacent to One Mile Creek.
- A historic structures survey was conducted to determine whether any project-area structures are potentially eligible to the National Register of Historical Places. The United Methodist Church and the residence immediately north of it at the intersection of WIS 54 (Letendre Avenue) and Wisconsin River Drive and the Griffith State Nursery may be eligible.
- Twenty-five wetlands totaling 50 acres were identified in the study area. As a comparison, there are 131,068 acres of wetland in all of Wood County. Of the 25 wetlands identified, 18 are located on Domtar Island. These 18 wetlands cover about 16 acres or 33 percent of the total wetland acres in the study area.
- The project team investigated the potential for hazardous material to be located along the proposed East Arterial. The area of greatest potential concern may be Domtar Island which has been used to store liquid wastes from the paper mill and was a municipal landfill.

What's next?

After tonight's meeting, the project team will use public input to assist in making any final refinements during this project phase to the proposed East Arterial improvements. The Feasibility Study will be updated to describe the results of this meeting and any other changes required because of input received at this meeting. As noted, the public and review agencies will be able to review the Feasibility Study after today's meeting. Written comments on the report will be accepted through April 7, 2009, and can be mailed to Dave Laspa at the address listed below. Shortly after the end of the comment period this study will end. This project will not be funded by WisDOT in the foreseeable future. For this study to move forward, the local communities would have to obtain the necessary funding.

Study contacts

To keep informed about the Wisconsin Rapids Area East Arterial project after the March 24, 2009, public information meeting, you may contact the representatives below that participated in this study.

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Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495
715-421-8210

Joe Terry, P.E.
Engineer-Administrator
201 Market Avenue
Port Edwards, WI 54469
715-887-3511

Jason Grueneberg
Wood County Planning and Zoning Department
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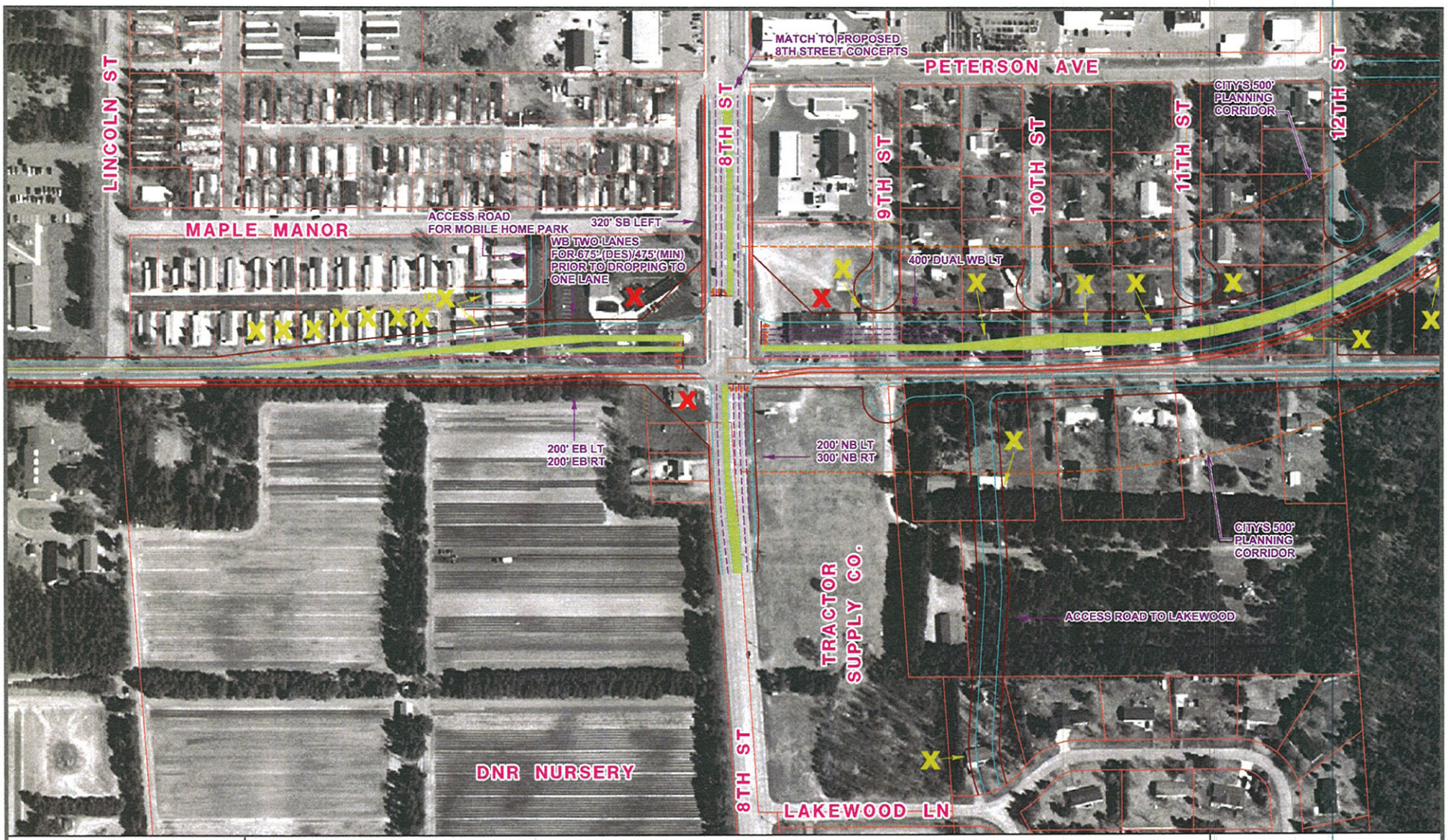
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495
715-421-8466

Don Bohn
Town of Grand Rapids Chairman
3131 48th Street South
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
715-423-5023

8th Street/County Z Alternate 1



North

LEGEND

- Existing Parcels and R/W
- X Residential Relocation
- X Commercial Relocation

R/W
Travel lane
Travel lane
Median
Travel lane
Travel lane
Bike/Ped. path
R/W
City's 500' wide planning corridor

EXHIBIT 3-3
8TH Street/County Z Intersection Desig
Kuhn Avenue to Nepco Lake Roa
Alternative

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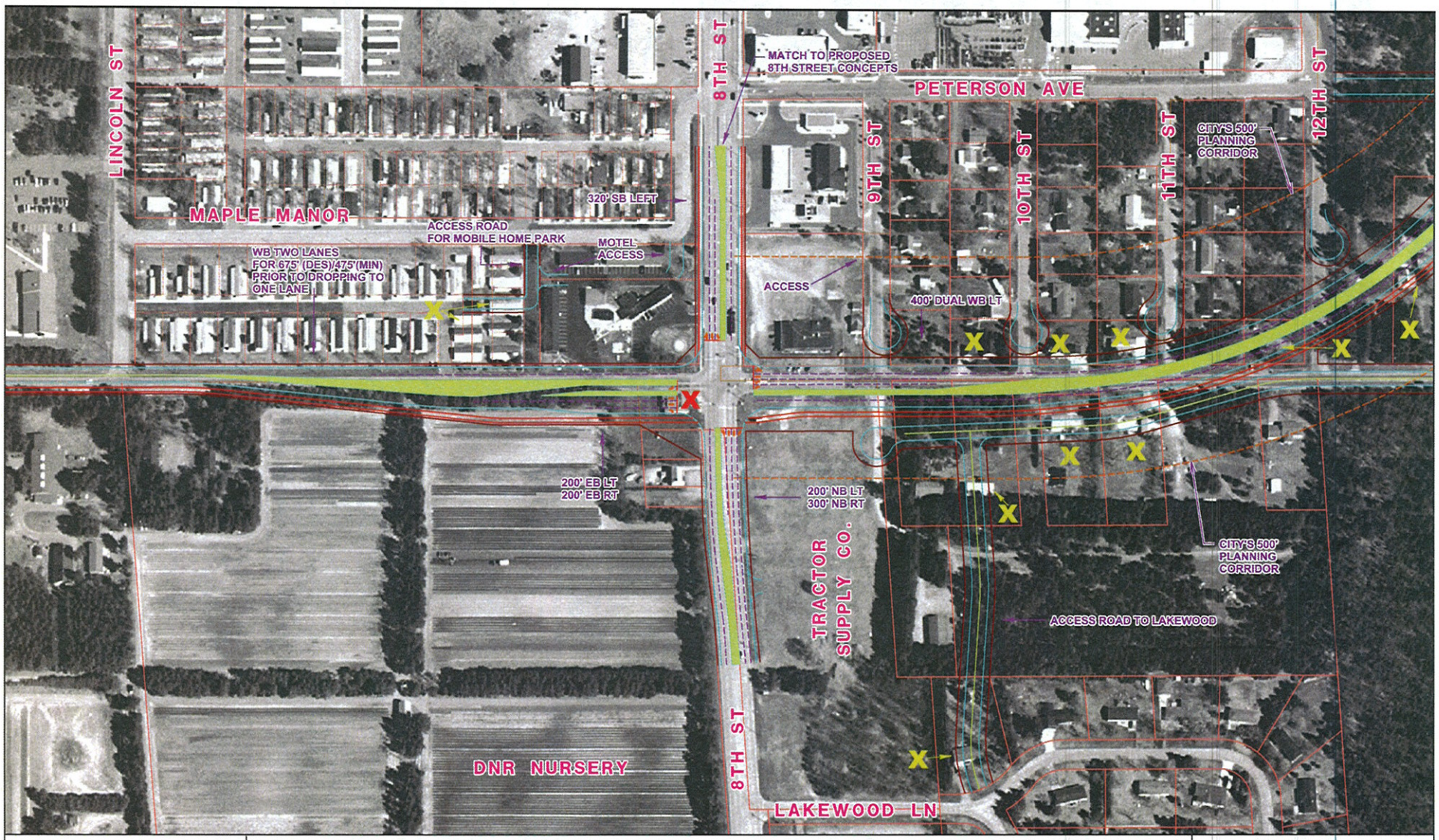
8th Street/County Z Alternate 2



North

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- X Residential Relocation
- X Commercial Relocation

R/W
Travel lane
Travel lane
Median
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City's 500' wide planning corridor

EXHIBIT 3-4
8TH Street/County Z Intersection Design
Kuhn Avenue to Nepco Lake Road
Alternative 2

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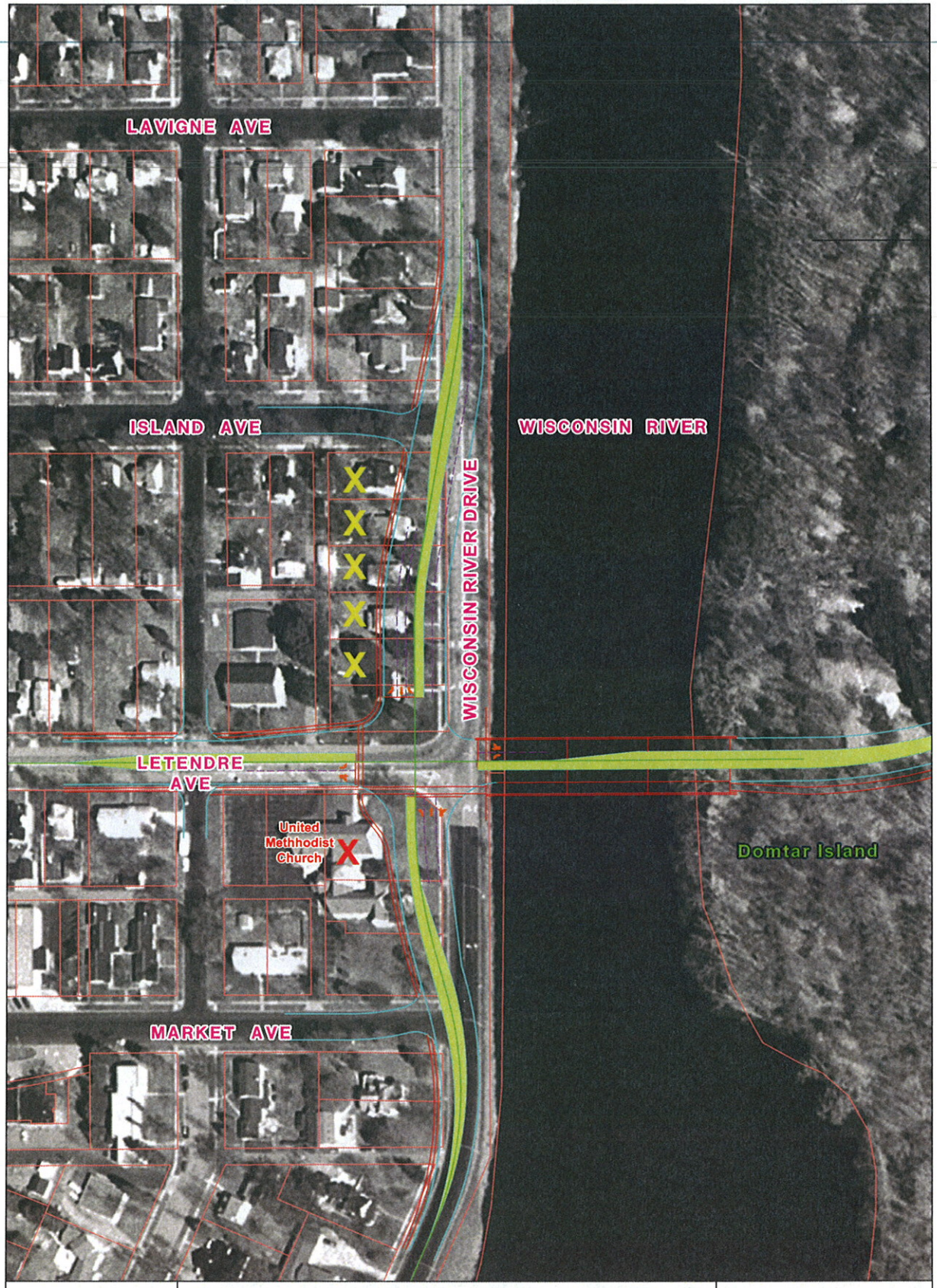
Letendre Avenue Intersection Alternate 1



North

LEGEND

X Residential Relocation

X Institutional Relocation

EXHIBIT 3-5
Letendre Avenue Intersection
Concept No. 1
Realign Wisconsin River Drive

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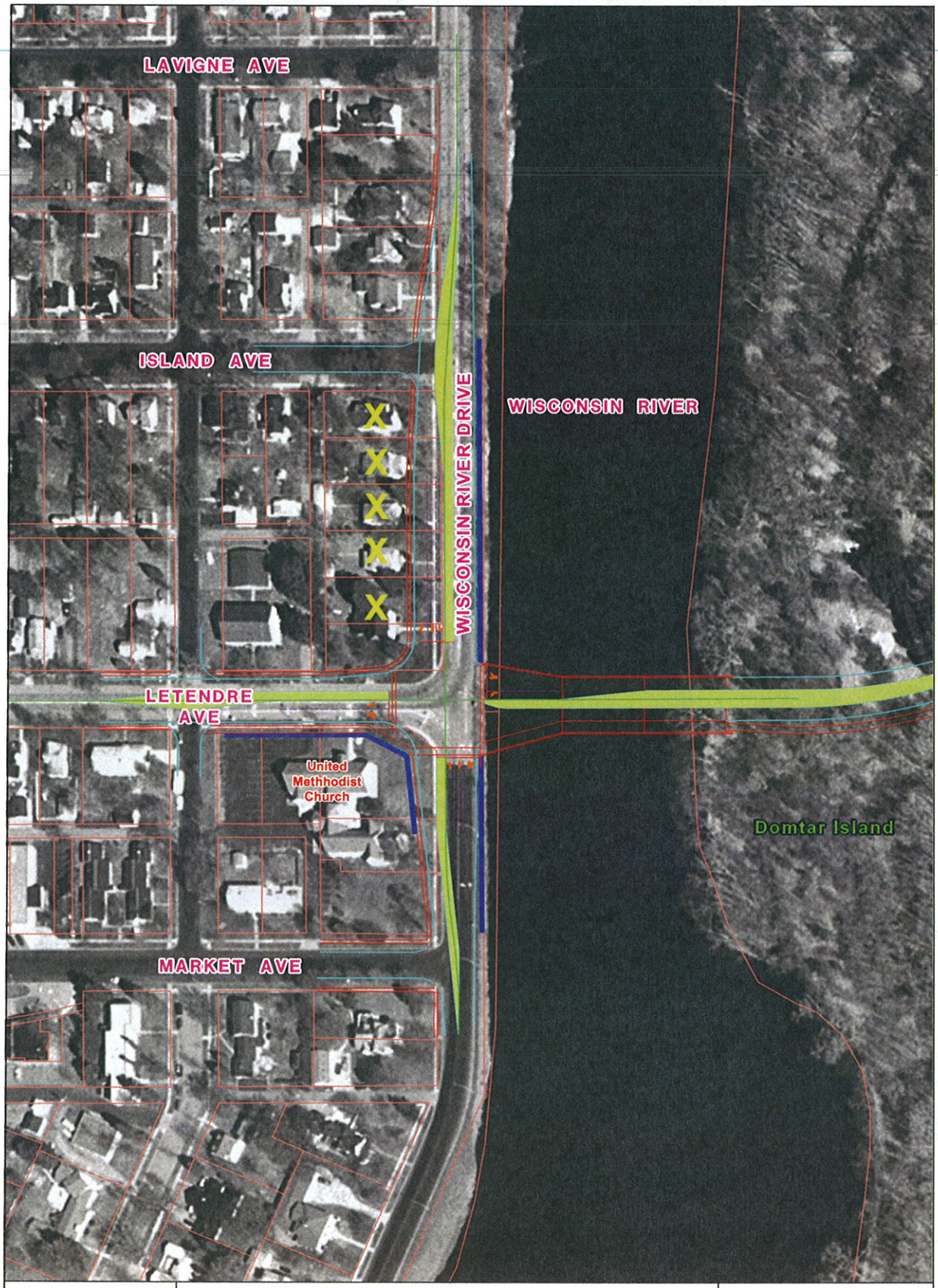
Letendre Avenue Intersection Alternate 2



North

LEGEND

X Residential Relocation

Retaining Walls

EXHIBIT 3-6
Letendre Avenue Intersection
Concept No. 2
Hold Existing Wisconsin River Drive

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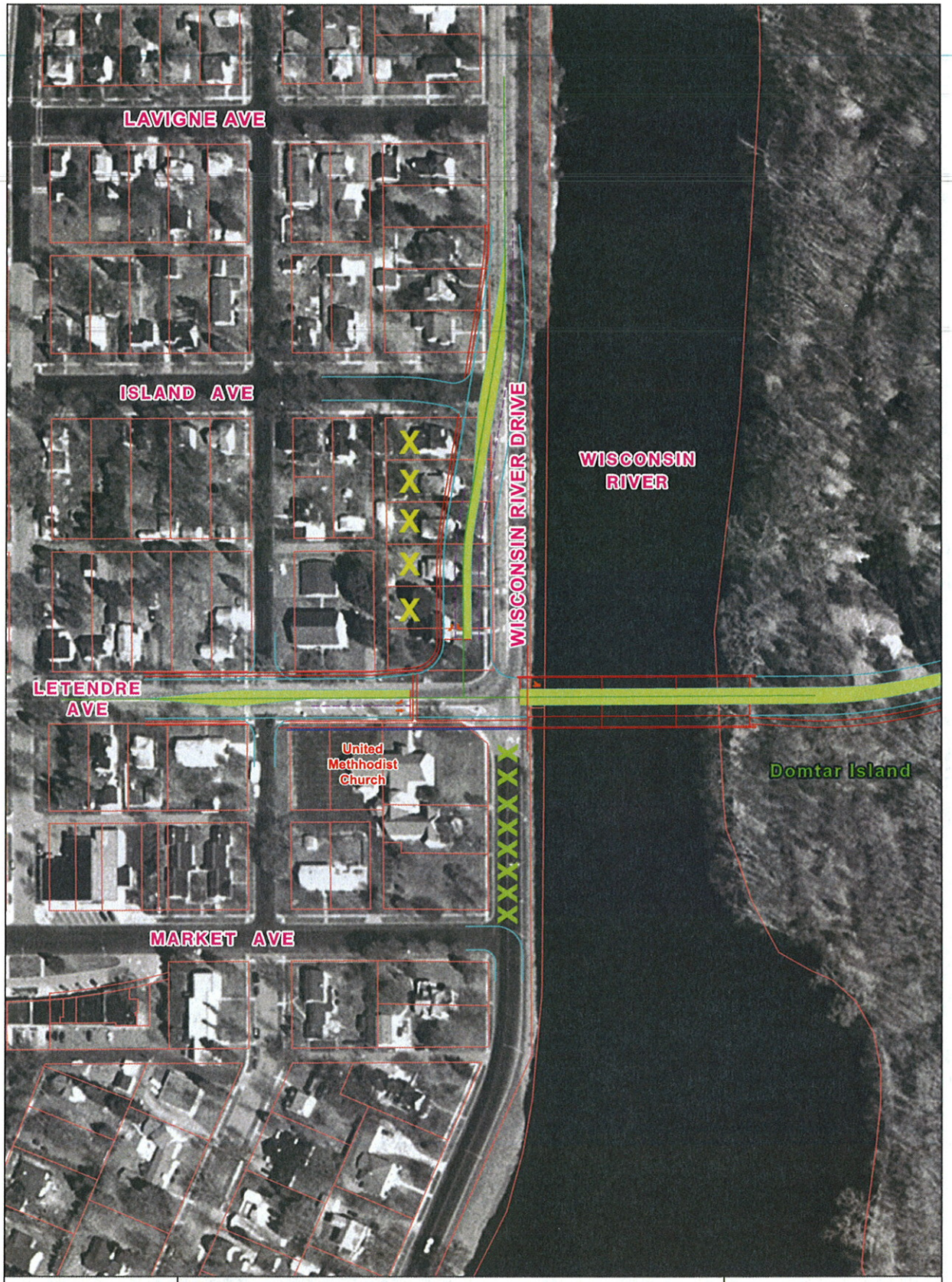
Letendre Avenue Intersection Alternate 3



North

LEGEND

- X Residential Relocation
- Retaining Walls
- X Road to be Removed

EXHIBIT 3-7
Letendre Avenue Intersection
Concept No. 3
Close South Leg of Wisconsin River Dr

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Lavigne Avenue Intersection Alternate 1

North

LEGEND

X Residential Relocation

EXHIBIT 3-8
Lavigne Avenue Intersection
Concept No. 1
Realign Wisconsin River Drive

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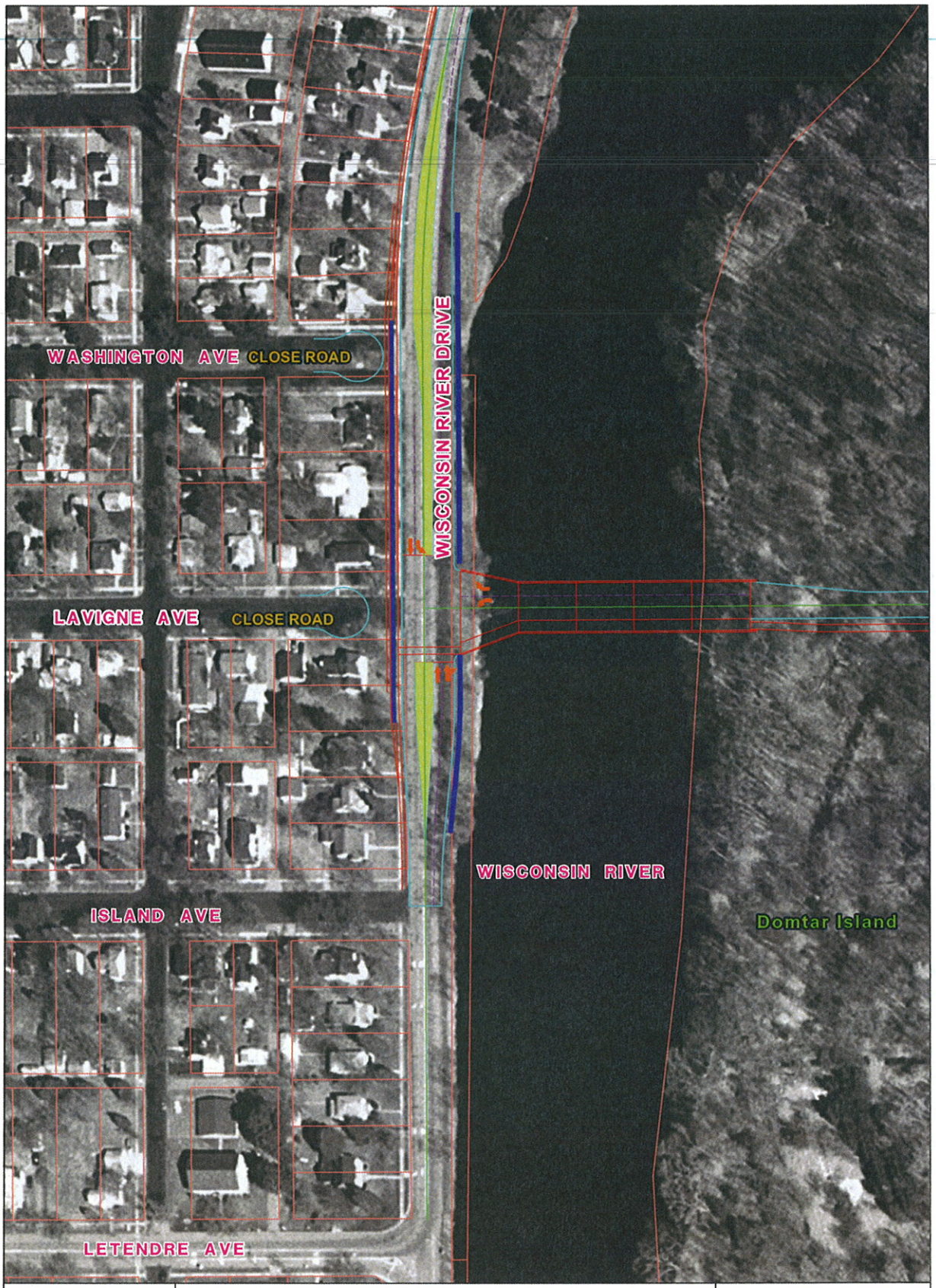
Lavigne Avenue Intersection Alternate 2



North

LEGEND

Retaining Walls

EXHIBIT 3-9
Lavigne Avenue Intersection
Concept No. 2
Hold Existing Wisconsin River Drive

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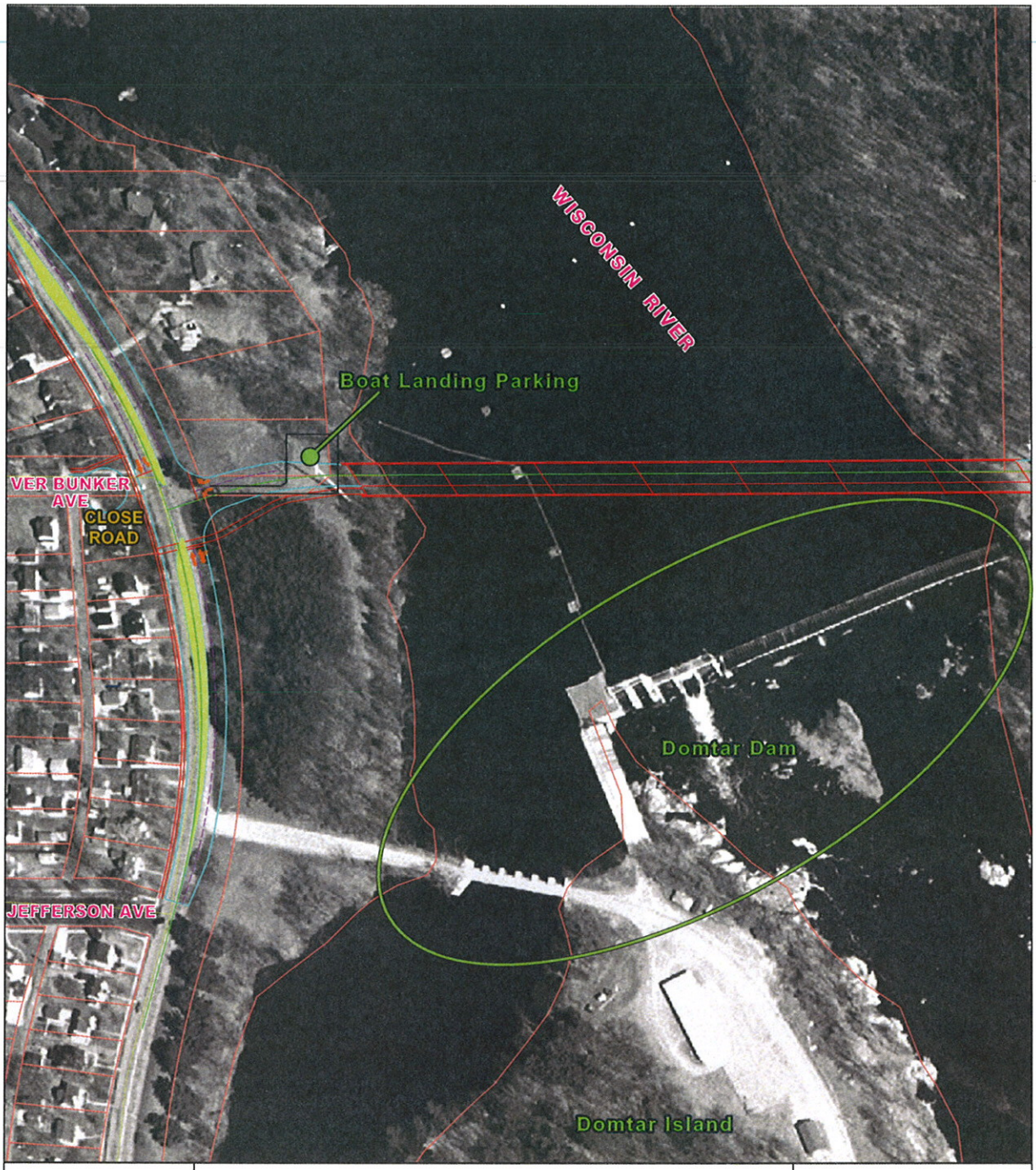
Ver Bunker Avenue Intersection Alternate 1



North

EXHIBIT 3-10
Ver Bunker Avenue Intersection
Concept #1

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WISCONSIN RAPIDS AREA

East Arterial Feasibility Study | Wood County

Public Comment Form

Please use the space below to give us your thoughts on the proposed East Arterial improvements and the project's Feasibility Study.

You may either leave the completed form with us today or mail it in by April 7, 2009. Thank you for your interest and assistance with this important study.

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Fold on Dashed Lines, Tape, Stamp, and Mail

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Place
Stamp
Here

Dave Laspa, P.E.
City Engineer
444 W. Grand Avenue
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495

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Date 3/24/09

Please don't leave me with a noisy road next to my house. It is loud enough on Griffith Ave as it is

Name Chris Erickman

Address 531 Griffith Ave

City Wis Rapids State WI

Zip 54494

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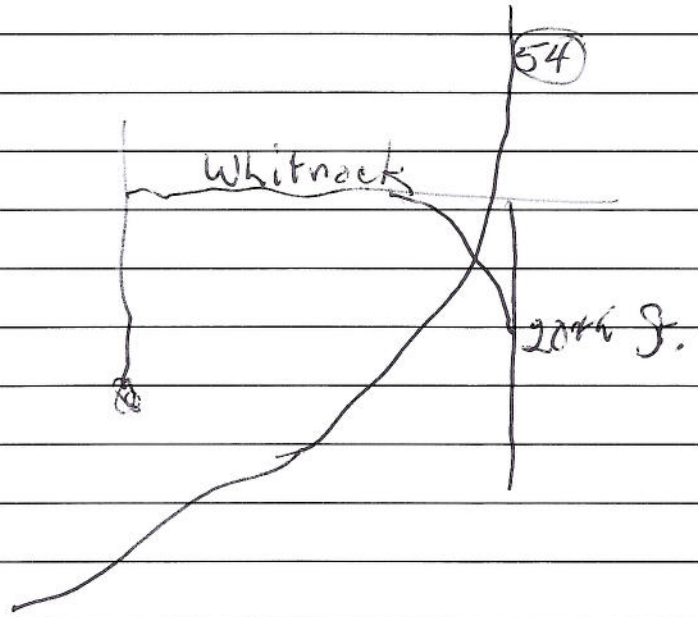
Date 3-24-2009

The crossing on 16th St should be moved to Whitrock + 20th St and make 16th St dead end.



Name Jerome Krefta

Address 4132 16th St S

City Wisconsin Rapids State WI

Zip 54494

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Can you consider a dead end or ~~a~~ cultusac (sp.) at the south end of 16TH street and intersect Whitrock with the new highway?

Thank you –

Name Mike Clement

Address 1532 Rosewood Ave.

City Wisc Rapids State WI 54494

Zip

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I definitely prefer Rubin to Nepco Lake Road #2
PIM 2,
I'm hoping I can remain at my present location, not
only because I do not like to leave my house,
but because I enjoy being within walking distance
of the services I need.

Name ESTELLE HARCINSKE

Address 4711 9th ST. S.

City WIS. RAPIDS State WI

Zip 54494-6202

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My property is at 2020 Lorewood Dr. With either alternative, the hwy. will go right next to my property. My main concerns are noise, safety, & access. We have a very quiet neighborhood which is why we enjoy living there. I would expect there to be noise barriers to buffer the noise from the highway and to possibly maintain the value of our property.

We feel this project will significantly decrease our property value.

Name Eric & Jean Westover

Address 2020 Lorewood Dr.

City W R State WI

Zip 54494

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THIS PLAN HAS ALMOST NO MERIT. THE NOISE IMPACT - PROPERTY VALUE IMPACT - DISPLACEMENT OF OWNERS IS ~~[illegible]~~ WAY BEYOND THE minimal impact on TRAFFIC CONGESTION THIS WILL HAVE. TRAFFIC STUDYS HAVE SHOWN ALL THIS WILL ACCOMPLISH-IS TAKE TRUCK TRAFFIC And a SMALL PERCENTAGE OF CAR TRAFFIC OFF OF 8TH ST. NOT WORTH THE PRICE TAG FOR THE DAMAGE TO NEIGHBOR HOODS. - FIX 8TH ST. WITH FRONTAGE ROADS WHERE POSSIBLE DIFFERENT ~~[illegible]~~ TURNING OPTIONS AND FORGET ABOUT EXTENDING 54 FOR NOW, IF YOU WANT TO EXTEND 54 DO IT TO THE EAST AND HOOK UP WITH 73 - MAKE IT 4 LANE TO PLAINFIELD - 39 MAKES MUCH MORE SENSE.

Name MATT HEIDEMAN

Address 2320 LOVEWOOD DR.

City WIS. RAPIDS, WIS. State WIS.

Zip 54494

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Date March 24-09

Why are they not thinking of putting 54 to 73 in Plainfield. AND Run 54-73-to 13 and 34 going across River in port Edwards, that would support Neh. Port AND Rapids also take care of a lot of traffic, and Help Business or industry.

Name Earl Arndt

Address 641 17th St So

City Rapids State Wi.

Zip 54494

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We would perfer the Letendre Bridge. It seems to make the most sense to connect with a well established highway (Hwy 54)
I would highly neccomend a stop and go light at the corner of Port Road & Letendre. It's already difficult to cross Hwy 54 from Port Road & with the added traffic it will be a safety hazard to cross hwy 54

Name Jerry & Neil Lindholm

Address 2797 Port Road

City Port Edwards State WI

Zip 54469

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would like to see the bridge come accross into Port Edwards as a straight shot onto Letendre Ave. so that there are no additional turns for Highway 54. within Port Edwards. This route would allow gentle curves from the east side accross the river into Port Edwards.

Definately against bridge crossing at LaVigne Avenue in Port Edwards. Would need two sharp turns to continue on Hwy 54.

Also would not like a retaining wall in front of our home. Our house value would decline tremendously.

Name Julie Bodette

Address 731 Wisc. River Drive

City Port Edwards State WI

Zip 54469

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I FAVOR CTH N TO KUHN - ALTERATIVE 1

ALT 2 -

I LIVE AT 1651 TOWNSHIP AVE - WHAT will happen TO my property / How will IT affect my property if They remove the house NEXT TO me - I bought THIS house years ago TO HAVE LOW TRAFFIC / yet good ACCESS TO schools / shopping / ROADWAYS TO ALL AREAS / N/E/W/S

Name Joe Lazotti

Address 1651 TOWNSHIP Ave

City WIS. RAPIDS State WI

Zip 54494

715-421-5557

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Courtesy W to Kuhn:

1. - Will they berm (earth berm) on lad side of expressway?
   - Concerns with car lights + sound from traffic.

2. Will you leave trees on City access on corner of "Z" and 16th?
   - Concern with sound + lights from traffic.

3. What will happen to the land in front of my house?
   - With 16th being altered, there is land available.

In general, I am not opposed to the design. In fact I like the cutthrough to the South, but like to know more about the road in front of my house.

Please email me a copy of the map from CTH Z to Kuhn.

Thank you

Name David Stark / Email: dcstark@wcta.net

Address 4611 16th Str. So.

City Wisconsin Rapids State WI

Zip 54494

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Date MARCH 24, 2009

MY CONCERN IS TURNING PETERSON INTO HIGHWAY Z. PETERSON IS A SMALL RESIDENTIAL ROAD, NOT BUILT FOR TRUCKS AND OUR ONLY ACCESS WILL BE TO GO NORTH ON 11TH ST. SO. AND AT THE STOP SIGN CROSS THE HYWAY Z EAST LANE TO MERGE INTO THE HYWAY Z WEST LANE. CARS WILL ALSO BE TURNING FROM PETERSON NORTH INTO WALMART AT 9TH ST. SO AND 10TH ST. SO AND TRUCKS WILL BE DELIVERING TO WALMART ON 12TH ST. THIS SOUNDS LIKE A MESS. I ASKED ABOUT HYWAY Z TRAFFIC VOLUMES AND WAS TOLD "ABOUT 5-8000" CARS PER DAY. WITH THE CARS INTO WALMART AND 5-8000 CARS ON PETERSON IT MAY BE A HAZARD AND A TIME WASTING MESS. MINIMUM WOULD REQUIRE STOPLIGHTS ON BOTH ENDS OF PETERSON TO MAKE GAPS TO ENTER AND EXIT.

PLEASE CALL WITH HYWAY Z TRAFFIC COUNT AND WHEN TAKEN. 424-1395

Name WILLIAM H. McMAHON JR

Address 4621- 11TH ST. SO.

City WIS. RAPIDS State WI

Zip 54494

William H McMahon

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Date 3/24/9

Object =

1) dead end Streets
2) Environment (loss)
3) Use Co. Trunk U to Co. Z Corridor expensive
4) loss tax base
5) cost too high
6) legal cost too high
7) Destroys households & property & property values
8) Residential Area
9) Loss of Animal Habitat
10) Flood plane of navigable streams
11) Referendum to let people decide
Can't do this as it would not pass

Name RONALD NATZKE

Address 1921 Cook Ave

City WI RAPIDS State WI

Zip 54494

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this is bias

Date 3/24/09

Destroying neighborhoods is not an improvement. "Improve" 48th St. to Griffith Ave.

Name Jane Natzke

Address 1921 Cook Ave

City Wis Rapids State WI

Zip 54494

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CTH W TO KuhN ALT #2

SHAMROCK LANE TO Airport

LiKe ATL # 1

Do Not LiKe ALT #1 WiEh New Road down 20Th

St.

ALT #2 New Road east of Lift Station ON 20Th

heave - 20th between - Airport + Two Mile

Name Earl Haefs

Address 1850 COOK Ave

City Wis. Rapids ~~WI~~ State WI

Zip 54494

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DAVE,

There is a RARE opportunity now to add to the bridge project in PE whichever crossing is choosen. that is a bypass and Relocation of RAIL ROAD TRACKS from Downtown.

I have enclosed a map with a black Line to help show my idea. I presented this to the DOT 1½ years ago. They Recently washed their hands of the bridge concept and said it now is a community matter.

My idea would reduce 8th st Traffic and probably would not need to changes proposed if the Traffic is Reduced. This savings in money could be applied to the bypass idea. 8th street could always be at a Later date.

The Highway bypass could incorporate RR. Relocation especially since RR has no condemnation Rights.

The Longer the bypass idea is delayed the more is will cost of about ½ million/yr. Sooner or Later the DOT will mandate less Traffic Lights For Highway 13. 20 years From now if you delay it will become evident that it should have been done now. Thanks, Tom

Name Tom Smith

Address 3540 Hwy 54 W

City Nekoosa State Wisc

Zip 54457

April 2, 2009

Mr. Dave Laspa
Wisconsin Rapids City Engineer
444 West Grand Avenue
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495

Hello Mr. Laspa:

Re: Wisconsin Rapids Area East Arterial Roadway Project

My name is John Clark. I live on the southeast corner of 20th Street and Whitrock Avenue in the Ridge's Golf Course Subdivision. I am writing to follow up on the telephone conversation we had on Monday, March 23, 2009, concerning the second public hearing for this project.

When we talked about this project, I expressed a desire to have you and the project design team position the new corridor as far to the west of the 20th Street/Whitrock Avenue intersection as possible. My other concern was about the type of sound and visual barriers planned to be used to protect my neighborhood from the undesirable elements that additional traffic may cause.

Please consider these requests as this project advances. I would be happy to answer questions that you may have. I can be reached at 424-2838.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

John Clark

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Date 3-26-09

To Whom, As we see these 2 ideas neither would help us after our 29 yrs here, we've been there hell before so I guess this is just another obstacle of having a business in Wisconsin Rapids. At worst it gets rid of us completely and it would be a death sentence that none would allow to happen. I believe of any road we get built then have you need to take care of all the persons directly involved and not the politicians that are not affected either way this goes. Its easy to say outlook when you have nothing to lose. I've stayed out of everybody elses business over the 30 yrs stay out of mine. As for great expensive possibilities I look at what's been done so far and there plenty of open spots along 54 still. Only the companies we've forced to go in your park really are there. We've spent nearly 30 yrs of our life here and this is no way to end it.

Received By MRL
MAR 27 2009

Name [illegible]

Address 4750 STH 54 East

City WR Wisc State

Zip 54494

March 23, 2009
Joseph Reinke called again. He was upset. He said he will be unable to sell the trailer court with the study indicating that this project may acquire all or part of their trailer court. His address is W380 Huron Bay Montello 53949. He said his telephone number until April 15 is (813) 645-6258 then it is (920) 295-0185

From: Dan.Dupies@CH2M.com [mailto:Dan.Dupies@CH2M.com]
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2009 12:13 PM
To: Laspa, Dave
Subject: Joe Reinke

I wanted to let you know we have had Joe on our mailing list since the start of the project at Rt.2 Box 109a, Montello 53949. This is obviously a different address than the one Joe gave you in the recent past. I would also not that the meeting invite letter we sent to Joe at the Rt. 2 address was not returned after the first PIM nor has it been returned as of yet. Joe may have moved since the start of the project, but it is not correct to say he is not on our mailing list. I am sending a second meeting invite letter to him at the Heron Bay address today. thanks. dd

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Date March 24, 2009

My comments are restricted to the river crossing alternatives that were presented at this evenings information session at McMillan Library.

The LeBendre Ave landings that provide access south on Wisconsin River Drive to the industrial area recently closed down by Domtar (and also eliminates the Methodist Church and several houses) should be the best alternatives for regional development of the site currently occupied by the closed mill. That site has significant potential for industrial development. The LeBendre Ave landing option that includes closing Wisconsin River Drive south of the landing would be a disaster for industrial/commercial development and for the YMCA. This would be a bad option.

The VerBunker Ave crossing would probably be the least disruptive of the alternatives, and it would do no harm to industrial development of the closed mill site. However, all the homeowners between VerBunker and LeBendre would much rather see a LeBendre crossing.

In the long run I favor LeBendre, concept 1 or concept 2.

Name David A. Thiel

Address 911 Craig Court

City Port Edwards State WI

Zip 54469

MAR 27 2009

RECEIVED BY MAIL

TO: Dave		Date 3/24	Time 3:02
FROM: Ron Swenson		Of Airport	
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- ☐ Reply Directly
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REMARKS/MESSAGES

Re: bypass meeting

The airport land is not available due to 100' clearance. If state wants to move that runway it might work.

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March 19, 2009

Subject: Wisconsin Rapids Area East Arterial Feasibility Study

Dear Mr. Laspa,

Thank you for explaining to me the reason for this study today. I am concerned as a business owner that this may limit exposure from the south for my business on 8th St. In these tough economic times it concerns me that any traffic be taken a way from 8th St. As I do not completely understand the reason for this,and am not able to attend the meeting on the 24th, I would like to extend my concern for any traffic that is to be taken off of 8th St., and my opposition to any raised median that could obstruct any in and out of businesses or give any businesses an unfair advantage of having unobstructed entrances and exits.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Sincerely,

Jim Merfeld

Checkers Burgers Fries and Colas

1840 8th St. South

Wisconsin Rapids WI

54494

(608)438-2876

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Please use the space below to give us your thoughts on the need for the East Arterial and the preliminary range of alternatives presented at today's meeting.

Date _____

Terry Ripp - Bureau of Aeronautics 3/18/09 608.267.7108

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

3-12-09

Dear Mayor or Dave Laspa

Subject: W.R. Area East
Arterial Feasiblity Study
Meeting date March 24

1. When is this project really going to begin?

2. What happens to the Crimson Leaf Senior Park -
along county Trk. Z. & Lincoln St.

a. We don't own the land

b. We only own mobiles

Thank You 421-3696

Shelveodean Smith
531 Griffith A
Wis. Rapids, Wi.