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Dear Sen. Jagler and Reps. Born and Penterman,

Thank you for your letter regarding safety along WIS 33 in Dodge County and requesting a Major Project study to explore highway's expansion to four lanes. We appreciate and share your commitment to prioritizing safety on our state highways.

Highway expansion typically is an option to address safety issues resulting from traffic capacity problems. Our findings show the crashes on WIS 33 are not related to a lack of capacity. Unfortunately, as noted by our law enforcement partners in Dodge County, and across the state, driver behaviors such as speeding, inattentive or impaired driving is rampant on our public roads. The Department has been and will continue to promote and enforce safe driver behaviors.

The segment of WIS 33 between WIS 26 and the eastern county line is actively monitored by WisDOT. In examining safety data tracked by the Wisconsin Traffic Operations & Safety Lab, the results show the number of crashes on this segment has been relatively consistent in the past decade. We will be working with the local partners to understand the crash numbers that they are seeing to confirm and solidify the numbers.

The data did show there are hotspot locations that merit targeted improvements and system upgrades to improve safety. We have and continue to make necessary improvements on the corridor to improve safety.

- The roundabout at County P was completed in 2019 and has not seen a severe injury or a fatal crash since the improvements.
- A safety project to reconstruct the County TW intersection has been approved and is in design with a scheduled construction of 2030.
- An 11-mile pavement replacement and resurfacing project from the Horicon city limits to the eastern county line will upgrade paved shoulders from 3 feet to 5 feet and add shoulder and centerline rumble strips to address a trend of roadway departure crashes. A total of \$4.9 million in safety enhancements will be made with this upcoming project, scheduled for construction in 2029 at an estimated total cost of \$13-14 million.

As you noted, there are many operational and safety needs throughout the state. At this time, WIS 33 does not have operational or safety concerns that would warrant studying expansion to a four-lane divided facility. WisDOT looks forward to the continued delivery of safety and highway improvement projects along the route and will continue to monitor its performance with local partners for potential additional improvements as needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristina Boardman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kristina Boardman

Secretary

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