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Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT)
Southwest Region, La Crosse office
3550 Mormon Coulee Road, La Crosse, WI 54601

Honorable Mayor and
Common Council Members

RE: USH 53 Corridor Majors project – likely impacts to La Crosse City Hall parking lot

This memo addresses the USH 53 corridor study and the possible impacts to the City Hall parking lot in the southeast quadrant at the intersection of 3rd/4th Streets & La Crosse Street. This year, City Hall was listed as a historic site. The preferred alternative for the intersection, as considered during alternatives development of public involvement, is a roundabout. The geometry of the preferred alternative roundabout would require acquisition some acquisition of the City Hall parcel of land immediately adjacent to the intersection. The Board of Public Works (BPW), by Ordinance, has jurisdiction over City Hall and its parking lots.

The BPW understands that WisDOT is following the formal Section 106 process as part of the USH 53 corridor majors project. City staff has reviewed both the preferred alternatives WisDOT for USH 53 and the National Register Nomination for La Crosse's City Hall and recognizes that the alternative will have no adverse impact to the building or adjacent structures and walls. While the project proposes to remove some parking spaces from the northwest corner of the parking lot, a parking lot that has remained relatively intact since the building's construction, it will not alter the surrounding landscaped plazas that contribute to the building's historic setting and significance.

The City of La Crosse BPW fully supports the WisDOT project and recommends continuing to move forward with the preferred alternative, recognizing the likely impacts to the parking lot of City Hall.

Sincerely,

Shaundel Washington-Spivey
President

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