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Subject: RE: Notice of Hearing to Vacate a Portion of Street (Revised)
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Ms. Elsen,

Thank you for providing the attached notice. We appreciate the opportunity to review and provide input.

The SW Region objects to the vacation of right-of-way (ROW) along Chestnut Place in the City of La Crosse and identified in the attachment. This section of roadway was built in conjunction with a WisDOT jughandle interchange project, so the department has a more significant interest in maintaining this ROW as originally platted. The Department's ramp terminals utilize this ROW and any changes to these ramps will impact this ROW. Additionally, there are drainage issues that occur in this area with the road flooding during certain times, this ROW may be needed in the future to help address these issues. Furthermore, we have a Major Highway Project occurring in the City of La Crosse, a part of this project is the planned replacement of the Medary Overpass Bridge. Alternatives for the replacement of this bridge have not been finalized, but at least one option to be considered is moving the structure to the west on a new alignment. This alternative and possibly others will affect our jughandle interchange and ramps at this location, so as previously mentioned this ROW will be a necessary part of these potential solutions.

Thanks,

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