June 30, 2005

To: St. Croix Valley Area Libraries (see attached list)
    City of Oak Park Heights
    City of Stillwater
    Town of St. Joseph

From: Todd J. Clarkowski, P.E.
    Area Engineer

Subject: ST. CROIX RIVER CROSSING PROJECT
         SUPPLEMENTAL FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (SFEIS) AND
         FINAL SECTION 4(F) EVALUATION
         FHWA-MN-EIS-90-02-FS; MINNESOTA SP # 8214-114 AND 8217-12; WISCONSIN STATE
         PROJECT 1550-00-02
         Draft SECTION 106 AMENDED MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) and Wisconsin Department of Transportation (Wis/DOT), has prepared a Draft Section 106 Amended Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the St. Croix River Crossing Project. Mn/DOT, on behalf of FHWA, is submitting the above-referenced document to St. Croix Valley area libraries and local government offices to provide for public review of the document.

The Draft Section 106 Amended MOA was completed in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), and addresses mitigation for impacts to historic resources. This document was developed with input from various federal and state agencies, local governments, and interested Stakeholders. The Final Section 106 Amended MOA will be included in the St. Croix River Crossing Project Supplemental Final EIS, anticipated for publication in September 2005.

Interested persons are encouraged to provide substantive comments on the enclosed document. Public comments on the Draft Section 106 Amended MOA must be received by Friday, August 5, 2005 (30 days). The libraries, city halls, and town hall are requested to have the enclosed Draft Section 106 Amended MOA available for public review throughout this comment period. Comments will be considered in the development of a Final Section 106 Amended MOA.

Comments regarding the Draft Section 106 Amended MOA must be received by Friday, August 5, 2005 and should be directed to:

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Previous project documentation, including the 2004 Supplemental Draft EIS, as well as the Draft Section 106 Amended MOA, is also available in electronic format on the project website at http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/stcroix/. Thank you for your assistance in making the Draft Section 106 Amended MOA available for public review.

St. Croix Valley Area Libraries

Bayport Public Library, 528 North Fourth Street, Bayport
Carleton A. Friday Memorial Library, 155 East First Street, New Richmond
Hudson Area Joint Library, 911 Fourth Street, Hudson
Somerset Public Library, 208 Hud Street, Somerset
Stillwater Public Library, 223 Fourth Street North, Stillwater
Washington Co. Gov. Center Library, 14949 62nd Street North, Stillwater

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