



## Minnesota Department of Transportation

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### *Office Memorandum*

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To: Parties Interested in the St. Croix River Crossing Project

From: Todd J. Clarkowski, P.E.

Subject: St. Croix River Crossing Project Supplemental Final EIS  
Available for review and comment

Enclosed is a paper or CD copy(ies) of the **Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement/Final Section 4(f) Evaluation (SFEIS)** for the proposed **St. Croix River Crossing Project**.

The SFEIS was developed, with input from the project's Stakeholder Group, by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT), the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Eleven cooperating federal and state agencies also participated.

The SFEIS documents the identification of the Preferred Alternative and the anticipated social, economic, and environmental impacts that may occur as a result of construction of the Preferred Alternative. The St. Croix River Crossing Project Preferred Alternative includes a crossing of the St. Croix River between Hwy 36 in the City of Oak Park Heights in Washington County, Minnesota, and Hwy 64 in the Town of St. Joseph in St. Croix County, Wisconsin. The existing Lift Bridge will be converted to a pedestrian/bicycle facility as part of a loop trail system between Minnesota and Wisconsin. The project also includes reconstruction/construction of the Minnesota and Wisconsin approach roadways to the bridge (including interchanges at Minnesota Hwy 36 and Hwy 95, and at Wisconsin Hwy 64 and relocated Hwy 35/St. Croix County Highway E), as well as construction in Stillwater and Bayport, Minnesota.

The required federal review period for the SFEIS will begin on June 16, 2006, with the notice in the *Federal Register*. The required state review period will begin with publication of the SFEIS Notice of Availability in the June 19, 2006, *EQB Monitor*. **The SFEIS comment period will remain open through July 19, 2006.**

Comments on the SFEIS will be accepted as follows:

**Written Mail** Written comments by mail should be sent to the following address:

Mn/DOT Metro District  
Attn: Monty Hamri – SFEIS Comments  
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**E-Mail** Comments by direct e-mail should be sent to the following e-mail address: [metstcroixriverxing@dot.state.mn.us](mailto:metstcroixriverxing@dot.state.mn.us). Please note - No forwarded emails will be accepted.

Questions related to this project may be directed to: Todd Clarkowski, Mn/DOT Area Engineer, (651) 582-1169, or Terry Pederson, WisDOT Northwest Region Planning Projects Engineer, (715) 836-2857 or 1-800-991-5285. Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired can contact Mr. Clarkowski by calling the Minnesota Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529 or Mr. Pederson by calling 1-800-947-3529.

Hardcopies of the SFEIS (including technical memoranda) are available for review at the locations listed below. The SFEIS is also available on the project website at:

**<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/stcroix/>**

- Oak Park Heights City Hall (14168 Oak Park Blvd. N., Oak Park Heights)
- Stillwater City Hall (216 North Fourth Street, Stillwater)
- St. Joseph Town Hall (1337 County Road V, Town of St. Joseph)
- Bayport Public Library (528 North Fourth Street, Bayport)
- Carleton A. Friday Public 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 County Government Center Library (14949 62nd Street North, Stillwater)
- Minneapolis Public Library (300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis)
- Mn/DOT – Metro District (1500 West County Road B2, Roseville)
- Mn/DOT Library (395 John Ireland Boulevard, St. Paul)
- WisDOT NW Region Office (718 West Clairemont Ave., Eau Claire)
- WisDOT Planning Library (4802 Sheboygan Ave., Madison)

Following the review period and consideration of the comments received on the SFEIS, a Record of Decision and Adequacy Determination are anticipated in August 2006. This Record of Decision and Adequacy Determination will document Mn/DOT, WisDOT and FHWA's final decision regarding the environmental phase of the project.