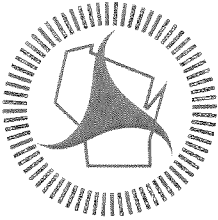


**Appendix P – Letter from Wisconsin Department of Transportation to  
Commissioner of Minnesota Department of Transportation**



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Mr. Tom K. Sorel, Commissioner  
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Dear ~~Commissioner Sorel~~:

*Tom,*

This letter confirms that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) will not pursue the continuation of the Twin Cities to Milwaukee Intercity Passenger Rail Study at this time. The work that WisDOT has accomplished to date is placed on hold, until a time it can be completed.

The Department will continue to support intercity passenger rail by focusing our resources on the Hiawatha and Empire Builder routes that have successfully served Wisconsin residents over the last 20 years. Improving and enhancing these routes is our first priority.

Wisconsin is proud of the work we have completed to date on this study and we value the partnership we have developed with Minnesota in this effort. If you have additional questions regarding the status of this project, feel free to contact Ron Adams, chief of WisDOT's Rails and Harbors section, at 608-267-9284.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Gottlieb".

Mark Gottlieb, P.E.  
Secretary