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Subject: **Caton Farm – Bruce Road Phase I Study**
Project Update – Reevaluation of North-South Link
Alternatives

Dear TCC Members:

After several TCC Meetings, meetings with IDOT and FHWA, individual meetings with the affected communities, and internal meetings at the County, several member communities of the TCC have agreed to fund the engineering services required to reevaluate alternatives for the north-south link (i.e., Middle Alignment) of the Caton Farm-Bruce Road Phase I Study. The agreements have been processed and once approved by IDOT, work can commence.

For the scenario described below, the logical termini for the project will not be changed with the eastern terminus remaining at the intersection of 159th Street and Cedar Road and there will be not be an interchange studied at Bruce Road as part of the project.

Part A

Part A consists of performing a concept level comparative evaluation of three north-south alignments, including:

- Gougar Road
- Middle Alignment
- Cedar Road

Studies to be conducted under Part A include:

- Get current traffic counts at affected intersections (Bruce Road at Gougar Road and Cedar Road, 159th Street at Gougar Road and Cedar Road, Division Street at Gougar Road and Cedar Road).
- Coordinate with CMAP to develop 2040 future traffic forecasts for the alternatives based on the current traffic counts.

- Evaluate the overall roadway network for each alternative.
- Perform capacity analyses at study area intersections for each alternative.
- Develop concept level geometrics (plan view only) for the Gougar Road and Cedar Road Alternatives.
- Quantify right-of-way and environmental impacts of each alternative, and planning level costs.
- Present findings to TCC.
- Public Information Meeting.

The tasks above is estimated to take approximately 9-12 months to complete.

➤ **Decision Point**

If a north-south link alternative other than the Middle Alignment is identified through the above work as being preferred, and there is written agreement between all members of the TCC and the County Board, then Part B would be required to address revisions to the overall Preferred Alternative, which will include additional agency coordination, additional detailed engineering and environmental studies, and additional reports.

Sincerely,
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