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Dear Mr. Peterson,

Our work on the US 18/151 Freeway Conversion study continues. The issue of access for County Y has been under discussion for some time. Three alternatives developed by WisDOT would construct an interchange at County Y. A fourth option has been developed that would construct an overpass at County Y without ramps accessing US 18/151. A frontage road on the south side of US 18/151 would be extended to the proposed new interchange at County BB.

Displays of all four options are enclosed. A chart on page 2 shows approximate estimates of the right-of-way needed for each option. Though estimates have not been completed yet, the cost of each is expected to be relatively similar. Please review and discuss these options as necessary to rank them from 1 to 4. If possible, please provide me with your ranking by July 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Iowa County Transportation Committee recently considered the options. The committee voted against an overpass at County Y and approved the concept of an interchange. They feel access to US 18/151 at that location is critical and it also a key feature for some changes to existing state and county routes in that area that they may propose. They did not indicate a preference for any one of the interchange options. I will discuss this and all other county road system changes resulting from the freeway conversion with the highway commissioner later this month.

After considering the town and county input, our study team will select the preferred alternative for this part of the corridor. When that and other remaining decisions are completed, WisDOT will hold one more set of public meetings. The preferred alternative for the entire conversion will be explained and displayed and final comments will be obtained. Then the environmental process will be completed and the right of way needed for all new and altered roadways needed for the freeway conversion will be officially mapped.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry Barta".

Larry Barta, PE  
US 18/151 Freeway Conversion Study, Project Manager

Cc: Craig Hardy, Iowa County Highway Dept  
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<b>Alt</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Right of Way (Acres)</b>	<b>Buildings Impacted</b>	<b>Ranking (1 is highest)</b>
1A	Diamond or partial cloverleaf interchange - west of current intersection	33 - 41	4 (estimate)	
1B	Diamond interchange Partially east of current intersection	27	3 (estimate)	
1C	Diamond interchange or parclo - farther west of current intersection	40 – 47	2 (estimate)	
1D	Overpass and frontage road	24	1 (estimate)	