

Unique Area Impact Evaluation (Historic Properties, Archaeological Sites, Public Use Lands)

1. Archaeological Resources

An archaeological resource survey of the project corridor was conducted. The survey consisted of a literature search and a field survey. Prior to the start of the field investigation, a background literature search was conducted to determine if any previously reported sites are located within the interchange areas. The literature search located numerous previously reported sites near the I-94 right-of-way, but none near the project's proposed improvements.

Field investigations included visual surveys of agricultural fields and shovel testing in grass-covered and wooded areas. The field investigation located four sites within the interchange areas, three prehistoric sites and one historic site. The three prehistoric sites were determined to no longer be extant and, therefore, there is no need for further testing. The stone foundation at the historic site lacks integrity and is not significant. More detailed results of the literature search and field investigation results are available in *The Results of a Phase I Archaeological Investigation of the I-94 South Corridor Study in Racine and Kenosha Counties, Wisconsin*, June 1996. The SHPO's concurrence with the Phase I investigation results is found in Appendix B, page B-19.

2. Historic Properties

A historic resources survey (literature search and field work) indicates that no properties in the Area of Potential Effect (APE) for each interchange are currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Based on the historic survey and its coordination with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), the proposed project will not affect any properties or structures eligible to the National Register. The SHPO's concurrence letter is found in Appendix B, page B-19A.

3. Public Use Lands

No public parks or recreation areas would be affected by the proposed interchange improvements. Racine County designates 7 Mile Road and CTH KR as bicycle ways (bicycle routes). These roads received these designations because of their low traffic volumes and ability to connect with other bicycle routes. Proposed improvements to 7 Mile Road and CTH KR include a paved shoulder to accommodate bicyclists. Racine County also plans to construct a bike trail within the railroad right-of-way along STH 11 should the right-of-way become available. The proposed improvements would not affect the proposed trail. A bike route is recommended along STH 50 from 124th Avenue to Kilbourn Road Ditch. The proposed improvements would not affect the proposed bike route.