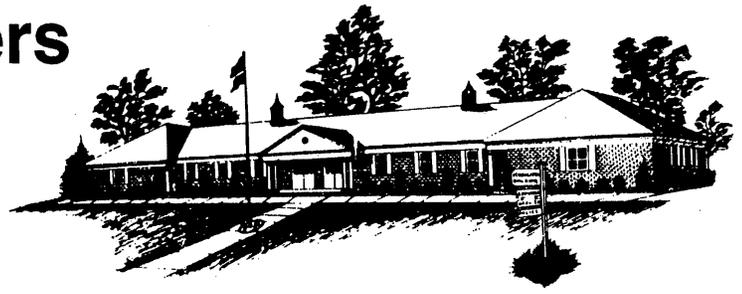


# Village of Hales Corners

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October 12, 2009

The Honorable James Doyle  
Governor of Wisconsin  
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Re: STH 100 Corridor – Study Plan and Reconstruction

Dear Governor Doyle,

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Hales Corners wants to express its great concern for the impact of a proposal to reconstruct, widen and modify STH 100 through our community.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) began a Corridor Study through consultant Strand Associates in 2007. While the Village has participated in that planning effort, the proposals presented at a final Public Information Meeting (PIM) do not address Village concerns and will negatively impact our residents and businesses.

Our latest concerns were identified in a letter to WisDOT on August 13, 2009, a copy of which is enclosed. We have not received a reply from WisDOT to date, and based upon the seeming finality of the last PIM, we are troubled by the outcome of this process.

We understand the need to accommodate increased traffic and reduce congestion, but it seems our comparatively smaller community is sacrificing too much for the benefit of others outside the Village. The traffic accommodation primarily serves surrounding, growing communities. Growth at the expense of existing communities is not proper state policy. A better balance must be struck, especially regarding the scope of improvements at Janesville Road and Forest Home Avenue.

What are we sacrificing? Statistically it might not sound like much (5 businesses, 2 houses), but it is part of our tax base, it is part of our history, it is part of the surrounding neighborhood, it is part of a multi-year attempt to redevelop our business district, and it is a defining element of the “corners” in Hales Corners.

We have followed the process with not much success, so we now appeal to you as the chief executive officer of this State for help.

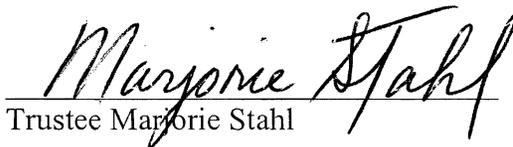
Sincerely,

  
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