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Mark D. O'Connell
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Dear Mr. O'Connell:

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is transitioning away from using management consultants to aid in the management of the Local Program, which provides resources to enhance local transportation systems. We wanted to share this information as a courtesy because of your organization's work to improve the quality of public services in each of Wisconsin's counties. The decision is not a reflection of past work by the consultants.

The Local Program itself will remain in place, and is crucial to the department's mission to provide safe and efficient transportation systems. As current consultant contracts conclude, the department will be shifting management responsibilities to in-house staff. We are committed to making this as smooth a transition as possible to ensure we continue administering an effective Local Program that helps to create community impact throughout the state.

This decision comes as part of efforts to re-prioritize the use of in-house staff. We are happy to speak more about this decision with you or any member of the Wisconsin Counties Association staff. Please contact June Coleman, program and policy chief, at june.coleman@dot.wi.gov or at (608) 264-8724 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rebecca S. Burkel".

Rebecca S. Burkel
Deputy Administrator