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Greg,

As we had talked I am unable to attend tonight's meeting due to a prior commitment. As you know, I have given you my 100% support of this project. Here is a draft letter Senator LeMahieu and I have prepared. We would appreciate any feedback the committee would like to offer.

When we have the final letter completed we will you send a copy. We hope to send it very soon.

Thanks,

Paul

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Secretary-designee Thompson,

When you came to Manitowoc in October of 2019, we discussed US Highway 151 (Washington Street) which has long been in need of repair. We appreciate the time you took to meet with us and get a first-hand look at the situation.

As elected officials from the region, we request you include the reconstruction of Highway 151 in your 2021-22 budget request. In addition, we ask the DOT to reconstruct the road rather than merely milling and resurfacing the existing pavement.

As we discussed the City of Manitowoc sent letters in both 2018 and 2019 requesting the Department to reconstruct of the road.

Washington Street is the main road into Manitowoc. The portion between South 15th and South 25th street was originally constructed in 1920. The existing road has outlived its useful life and requires reconstruction.

The utility infrastructure beneath Washington St. is also outdated. The existing water main was installed prior to 1940 and the existing sanitary and storm sewers were installed prior to 1919. If the corridor is scheduled for complete reconstruction, Manitowoc Public Utilities would replace this outdated infrastructure. This work includes replacing approximately 130 lead water services which we already know are hazardous to people's health.

Although the city has in the past included this work to be put on the six-year list, we do not believe it can be ignored that long. Ultimately, we would love to see it in the 2021-22 budget. With that timeline in mind, the city could begin making plans for the underground utilities and lead water line replacements.

Thanks for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Paul Tittl
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State Senator