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April 6, 2015

Gregory C. Johnson, Chair
AASHTO Special Committee on U.S. Route Numbering
444 N. Capitol St. NW - Suite 249
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) in conjunction and concurrence with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) requests extension of U.S. 10 designation of the car ferry route between Manitowoc, Wisconsin and Ludington, Michigan.

This letter, in addition to MDOT's application and letter of request, is being submitted for consideration by the AASHTO Special Committee on U.S. Route Numbering at the May 2015 meeting in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please contact WisDOT Northeast Region Director Will Dorsey at (920) 492.5684.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Gottlieb".

Mark Gottlieb, P.E.
Secretary

cc: Will Dorsey, Northeast Region Director
George Poirier, FHWA Wisconsin Division Administrator



American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

An Application from the State Highway or Transportation Department of Michigan for:

- Elimination of a U.S. (Interstate) Route
- Establishment of a U.S. (Interstate) Route
- Extension of a U.S. (Interstate) Route
- Relocation of a U.S. (Interstate) Route
- Establishment of a U.S. Alternate Route
- Establishment of a Temporary U.S. Route
- **Recognition of a Business Route on U.S. (Interstate) Route
- **Recognition of a By-Pass Route on U.S. Route

US 10

AASHTO Use Only
Action taken by SCOH:

Between Ludington, MI and Manitowoc, WI

The following states or states are involved:
Michigan

Wisconsin

- *****"Recognition of..."**A local vicinity map needed on page 3. On page 6 a short statement to the effect that there are no deficiencies on proposed routing, if true, will suffice.
- If there are deficiencies, they should be indicated in accordance with page 5 instructions.
- **All applications requesting Interstate establishment or changes are subject to concurrence and approval by the FHWA**

DATE SUBMITTED: April 6, 2015

SUBMIT APPLICATION ELECTRONICALLY TO usroutes@ashto.org

- ***Bike Routes:** [this form is not applicable for US Bicycle Route System](#)

The purpose of the **United States (U.S.) Numbered Highway System** is to facilitate travel on the main interstate highways, over the shortest routes and the best available roads. A route should form continuity of available facilities through two or more states that accommodate the most important and heaviest motor traffic flow in the area.

The routes comprising the **National System of Interstate and Defense Highways** will be marked with its own distinctive route marker shield and will have a numbering system that is separate and apart from the U.S. Numbered Highway System. For the convenience of the motorist, there must be continuity and a uniform pattern of marking and numbering these Interstate routes without regard to state lines.

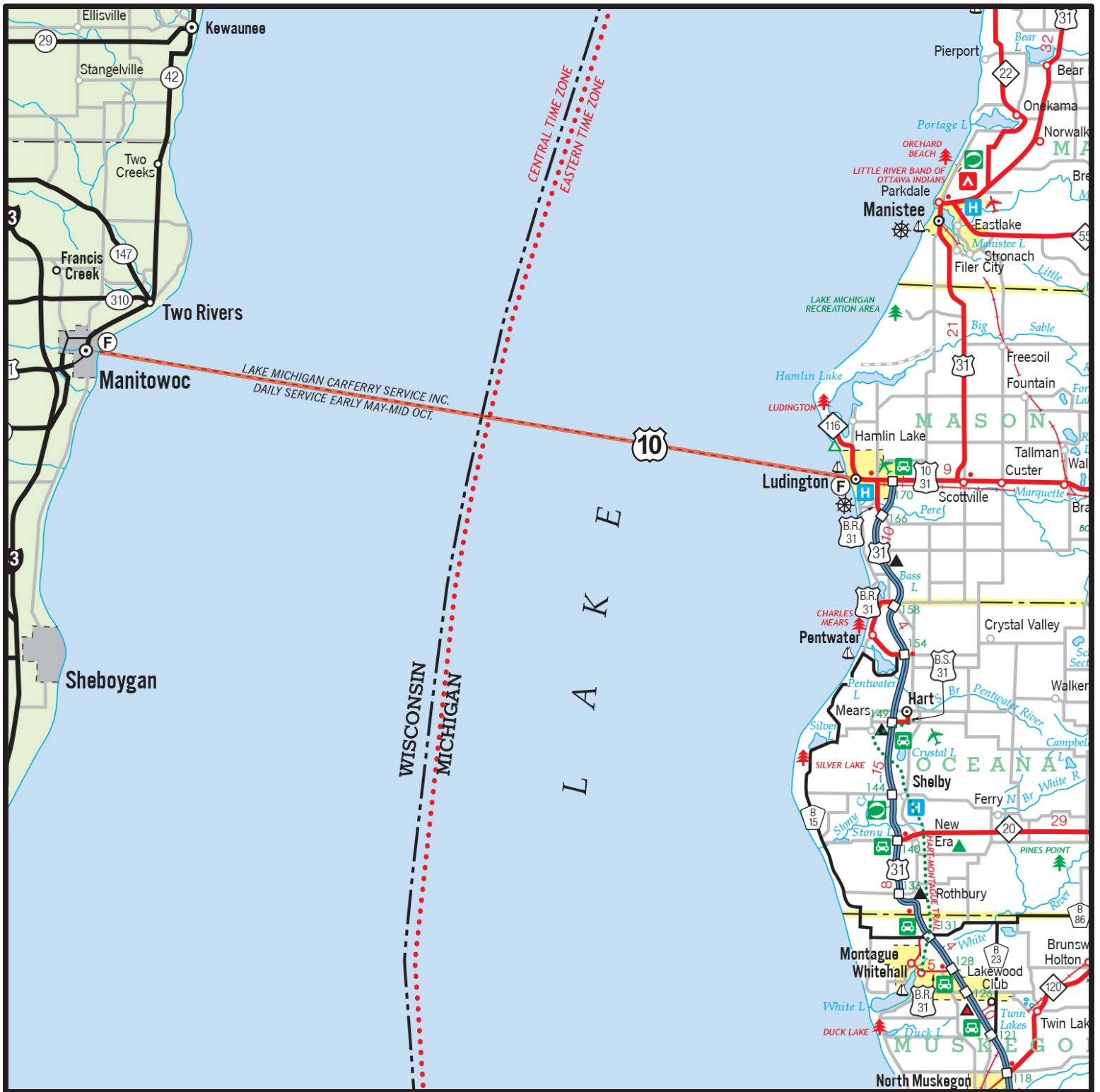
The U.S. Numbered System was established in 1926 and the Interstate Numbered System was established in 1956. Both have reached the period of review, revision, and consolidation. They now need perfecting rather than expansion. Therefore, any proposed alteration in the established systems should be extremely meritorious and thoroughly, though concisely, explained in order that the Special Committee on U.S. Route Numbering and the Standing Committee on Highways of the Association may give prompt and proper consideration to each and every request made by a member department.

Explanation and Reasons for the Request: (Keep concise and pertinent.) This car-ferry route connects US-10 in Michigan with US-10 in Wisconsin.

Date facility available to traffic The ferry is currently running.

Does the petition propose a new routing over a portion of an existing U.S. Route? No If so, where? N/A

Does the petition propose a new routing over a portion of an existing Interstate Route? No If so, where? N/A



LEGEND



Proposed US-10 Ferry Route

**Ludington, Michigan to
Manitowoc, Wisconsin
Proposed US-10 Ferry Route**



The State agrees and pledges its good faith that it will not erect, remove, or change any U.S. or Interstate Route Markers on any road without the authorization, consent, or approval of the Standing Committee on Highways of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, notwithstanding the fact that the changes proposed are entirely within this State.

The weighted average daily traffic volume along the proposed route, as shown on the map on page 3, is 214 vpd* as compared to 13,800 vpd for the year 2014 for all other U.S. Numbered Routes in the State.

* Lake Michigan Carferry reported to MDOT for this application that, "For 2014 we had a daily average of 214 vehicles over the course of the entire season from mid-May through mid-October."

The *Purpose and Policy in the Establishment and Development of the United States Numbered Highways, as Retained from October 3, 1991* or the *Purpose and Policy in the Establishment of a Marking System of the Routes Comprising the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways as Retained from August 10, 1973* has been read and is accepted.

In our opinion, this petition complies with the above applicable policy.



(Signature)

Chief Executive Officer

Michigan Department of Transportation
(Member Department)

This petition is authorized by official action of Kirk T. Steudle, Director

under date of April 6, 2015 as follows: (Copy excerpt from minutes.)

A **letter** from your Chief Executive Officer with the **CEO's signature** is sufficient when submitting your application, if you choose not to include the signature on this form.

Contact Information:

Patrick Allen

Michigan Department of Transportation

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allenp@michigan.gov

The following description will be provided to the AASHTO Highways Special Committee on U. S. Route Number (USRN).

Where does the route begin?

Where is it going?

What type of facility is it traveling over?

Explain the direction (north, east, south, and west)

Name the focal point city or cities

Total number of miles the route will cover

Where does it end?

Begin your description here:

US 10 car-ferry route running roughly east-west across Lake Michigan for approximately 59 miles connecting US 10 in Ludington, MI and US 10 in Manitowoc, WI.

US Route Number	State	Type	Intersection	Point to Point	Accumulated	Remarks
10	Michigan	Regular	Jct. W. Bay City	0	0	Route begins, Jct. I-75 and US 23
10	Michigan	Regular	Jct. E. Midland	11	11	US 10 Bus. begins and leaves
10	Michigan	Business	Jct. E. Midland	0	0	Route begins, leaves US 10
10	Michigan	Business	Jct. N. Midland	7	7	Route ends, rejoins US 10
10	Michigan	Regular	Jct. N. Midland	6	17	US 10 Bus. rejoins and ends
10	Michigan	Regular	Jct. E. Clare	27	44	US 10 Bus. begins and leaves
10	Michigan	Business	Jct. E. Clare	0	0	Route begins, leaves US 10
10	Michigan	Business	Clare	2	2	Route joins US 127 Bus.
10	Michigan	Business	Jct. N. Clare	2	4	Route ends, rejoins US 10 and US 127
10	Michigan	Regular	Jct. E. Clare	2	46	Joins US 127
10	Michigan	Regular	Jct. N. Clare	2	48	US 10 Bus. rejoins and ends
10	Michigan	Regular	Jct. N. Clare	2	50	Leaves US 127
10	Michigan	Regular	Jct. E. Reed City	38	88	US 10 Bus. begins and leaves
10	Michigan	Business	Jct. E. Reed City	0	0	Route begins, leaves US 10
10	Michigan	Business	Jct. N. Reed City	2	2	Route ends, rejoins US 10
10	Michigan	Regular	Jct. N. Reed City	1	89	US 10 Bus. rejoins and ends
10	Michigan	Regular	Jct. N.W. Reed City	1	90	Crosses US 131
10	Michigan	Regular	Scottville	42	132	Joins US 31
10	Michigan	Regular	Jct. E. Ludington	4	136	Leaves US 31
10	Michigan	Regular	Jct. E. Ludington	2	138	US 31 Bus. joins and ends
10	Michigan	Regular	Ludington	2	140	Ferry Dock, carferry begins
10	Michigan	Regular	State Line	30	170	

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US Route Number	State	Type	Intersection	Point to Point	Accumulated	Remarks
10	Wisconsin	Regular	State Line	0	0	
10	Wisconsin	Regular	Manitowoc	29	29	Ferry Dock, end carferry
10	Wisconsin	Regular	Manitowoc	1	30	Washington St. to Ferry Dock
10	Wisconsin	Regular	Manitowoc	2	32	Crosses STH 42
10	Wisconsin	Regular	Jct. N. Manitowoc	6	38	Leaves I-43
10	Wisconsin	Regular	Jct. W. Appleton	37	75	Joins STH 441
10	Wisconsin	Regular	Jct. W. Appleton	7	82	Crosses U.S. 41, Leaves STH 441
10	Wisconsin	Regular	Jct. by Readfield	4	86	Leaves U.S. 45
10	Wisconsin	Regular	Jct. E. Stevens Point	49	135	Joins I-39/U.S. 51
10	Wisconsin	Regular	Jct. N. Stevens Point	7	142	Leaves I-39/U.S. 51
10	Wisconsin	Regular	Jct. S. Marshfield	30	172	I-39/U.S. 51 to STH 80
10	Wisconsin	Regular	Neillsville	23	195	STH 80 to STH 73S
10	Wisconsin	Regular	Jct. E. Fairchild	17	212	Joins U.S. 12
10	Wisconsin	Regular	Fairchild	2	214	Leaves U.S. 12
10	Wisconsin	Regular	Osseo	12	226	Crosses I-94, joins U.S. 53
10	Wisconsin	Regular	Jct. W. Osseo	1	227	Leaves U.S. 53
10	Wisconsin	Regular	Jct. E. Ellsworth	67	294	Joins U.S. 63
10	Wisconsin	Regular	Jct. W. Ellsworth	3	297	Leaves U.S. 63
10	Wisconsin	Regular	State Line	16	313	NONE

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Allen, Patrick (MDOT)

From: Vitale, Marty [MartyV@aaashto.org]

Sent: Friday, August 12, 2011 10:16 AM

To: Allen, Patrick (MDOT)

Cc: Toth, Mike (MDOT)

Subject: RE: US-10 Ferry

I had sent emails to the committee members (all are chief engineers) and waited for responses. I guess I didn't get any until yesterday. They all perked up. You can do this: **Michigan submit an application with a letter of support from Wisconsin**

-----Original Message-----

From: Allen, Patrick (MDOT) [mailto:AllenP@michigan.gov]

Sent: Friday, August 12, 2011 9:52 AM

To: Vitale, Marty

Cc: Toth, Mike (MDOT)

Subject: RE: US-10 Ferry

Thanks Marty. Too bad there was a miscommunication and we did not have that information a long time ago, time is now very tight for a September 1 application.

Just to clarify, is the only option to have both Michigan and Wisconsin submit applications?

Could Michigan submit an application with a letter of support from Wisconsin? Could we just submit letters of support from both Michigan and Wisconsin for the application already submitted by the car ferry?

Also, would it be an option to have the application already submitted by the car ferry approved at the meeting contingent on support from Michigan and Wisconsin if either or both states need more time to look at the issue?

Sorry about all the questions, I am pretty new at this.

Thanks. -Patrick

-----Original Message-----

From: Vitale, Marty [mailto:MartyV@aaashto.org]

Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2011 8:04AM

To: Allen, Patrick (MDOT); Johnson, Gregory (MDOT)

Subject: FW: US-10 Ferry

See Don's note below.

-----Original Message-----

From: Vaughn, Don [mailto:vaughnd@dot.state.al.us]

Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2011 6:51 AM

To: Vitale, Marty

Subject: Re: US-10 Ferry

I thought we did respond. Yes, a ferry can be a part of a US Route.

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It's no different than a bridge (toll bridge). If we have an application, the USRN Committee can act.

----- Original Message -----

From: Vitale, Marty [mailto:MartyV@ashto.org]
 Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2011 12:06 PM
 To: Allen, Patrick (MDOT) <AllenP@michigan.gov>
 Cc: Austin, Linnea; Vaughn, Don; Sweeney, Kenneth L. <Ken.Sweeney@maine.gov>; Sebenick, Pam <IMCEAEX-_O=MIGOV_OU=First+20Administrative+20Group_cn=Recipients_cn=6a06633-ebbe0d9c-1407b727-7c82fc03@michigan.gov>; Johnson, Gregory <IMCEAEX-_O=MIGOV_OU=First+20Administrative+20Group_cn=Recipients_cn=573d4eff-91b72ed0-d7781683-be209077@michigan.gov>; Nelson, Catherine <catherine.m.nelson@odot.state.or.us>; Gauthier, Michelle <Michelle.M.GAUTHIER@odot.state.or.us>; Kent, Polly <kentp@michigan.gov>; Vibbert, Ron (MDOT) <VIBBERTR@michigan.gov>; Toth, Mike (MDOT) <TothM@michigan.gov>; Smith, Christopher <CSmith@ashto.org>; Vitale, Marty <MartyV@ashto.org>
 Subject: RE: US-10 Ferry

Patrick:

The only committee I can think of is the Standing Committee on Water Transportation. The Liaison is Chris Smith, csmith@ashto.org. I believe SCOWT referred you to me. I still believe you should submit an application and coordinate it with Wisconsin. If you don't want to complete an application, then send me a letter addressed to John Horsley, Executive Director and put in PDF format. Email it to JHorsley@ashto.org; donnat@ashto.org; mvitale@ashto.org; and csmith@ashto.org. I will put it on the special committee's agenda for the fall. You are welcome to attend our meeting on Thursday, October 13, 2011 from 4:00PM to 5:30PM. I'm not sure the exact location. Greg Johnson should be there in attendance.

Marty

-----Original Message-----

From: Allen, Patrick (MDOT) [mailto:AllenP@michigan.gov]
 Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2011 9:34 PM
 To: Vitale, Marty
 Cc: Austin, Linnea B.; Vaughn, D. W.; Sweeney, Kenneth L.; Sebenick, Pam; Johnson, Gregory; Nelson, Catherine; Gauthier, Michelle; Kent, Polly; Vibbert, Ron (MDOT); Toth, Mike (MDOT)
 Subject: RE: US-10 Ferry

Hello Marty,

I spoke with Greg Johnson today, and we feel that the first step is to resolve the underlying policy question regarding whether or not a ferry route can be designated as part of a US route. To that end, we would like to get the policy question on the agenda for the special committee at their fall meeting. I am available to work with you and provide whatever is necessary to achieve that, just let me know what you need from us.

We also recognize that the AASHTO Special Committee on US Route Numbering may not be the only (or even the primary) authority within AASHTO with jurisdiction regarding this issue. So, we would appreciate your assistance in helping us identify any other AASHTO committees, subcommittees, or others within AASHTO who would need to be consulted to

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resolve this policy issue conclusively, so that we can also work with those committees or authorities to get on their agendas or meet with them. It is our goal to get this policy issue resolved at the Fall meeting.

Thanks in advance for your continued assistance in this matter!

Patrick Allen
Michigan Department of Transportation
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For the benefit of those cc'd, MDOT is trying to determine whether or not a car ferry route can be designated as part of a US route. The Lake Michigan Car Ferry (the S.S. Badger) carries motor vehicles across Lake Michigan connecting US 10 between Ludington, MI, and Manitowoc, WI, and they wish to be designated as part of US 10.

From: Vitale, Marty [MartyV@ashto.org]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 11:51 AM
To: Patrick Allen
Cc: Austin, Linnea; Vaughn, D. W.; Sweeney, Kenneth L.; Sebenick, Pam; Johnson, Gregory; Nelson, Catherine; Gauthier, Michelle
Subject: RE: US-10 Ferry

The committee has not responded to my request for information. The work of the committee is to review and decide on applications and I feel it would be best to simply apply and have the special committee officially review the application and make a decision. The states of Michigan and Wisconsin would have to make the official application for this US route.

The Lake Michigan Car Ferry cannot make the application.

This is the best advice I can give you. Attached is the solicitation letter I sent out today to all of the member departments about the upcoming meeting of the special committee.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Patrick Allen [mailto:AllenP@michigan.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2011 10:42 AM
To: Vitale, Marty
Cc: Johnson, Gregory C.
Subject: US-10 Ferry

Hello Marty,

I am just writing to find out if you have been able to obtain any additional information regarding whether a ferry route can be made part of a US route from either

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the special committee or from AASHTO management/leadership. You indicated in a previous email that you had forwarded this issue on to the special committee "for their expertise," and we also discussed this issue on the phone where you mentioned bringing this issue up within AASHTO.

As we discussed on the phone, the Lake Michigan Car Ferry would like to have their application to be officially added/designated as part of US-10 considered at the fall meeting. Assuming that there is nothing that would prevent a ferry route from being an official part of a US route, which you were looking into as noted above, you had indicated that the application that the ferry submitted to you for the spring meeting would need the support of Michigan and Wisconsin to be considered at the fall meeting. If you have not received any additional information from the special committee or from within AASHTO, do you have any advice on how we should proceed in order to get this issue resolved?

Any information or advice that you can provide will be much appreciated.

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