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Mr. Mark Niedzwiecki
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
141 NW Barstow Street
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Subject: Connecting Highway Route Rescission
East Michigan Avenue (USH 18)
From North Milwaukee Street (STH 32) to North Lincoln Memorial Drive

Dear Mr. Niedzwiecki:

This letter is to follow up on past discussions regarding the Connecting Highway designation of East Michigan Avenue (USH 18) from North Milwaukee Street (STH 32) to North Lincoln Memorial Drive in the City of Milwaukee.

In consideration of: the 2019 Jurisdictional Transfer of North Lincoln Memorial Drive between East Clybourn Street and East Michigan Street to the City of Milwaukee; the City's ongoing efforts to right size East Michigan Street to reflect travel demand on the corridor; nearby increased residential and commercial development of a highly urban nature; and overall City priorities for different corridors within our downtown street grid; the City of Milwaukee has concluded that the current operations and the City's futures goals subject segment of East Michigan Street are more consistent with the function and characteristics of a local street than a U.S. Highway.

As such, the City agrees with and supports the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's proposal to remove the Connecting Highway designation and believe it does not adversely affect STH/USH routing through the City's downtown in this area.

Please consider this the City of Milwaukee's official concurrence to proceed with the change.

If you need additional information please let us know at your earliest possible convenience.

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Muhs, PE, AICP
City Engineer

