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To whom it may concern:

This letter shall serve as affirmation that the Wisconsin Institute for Sustainable Technology project on the impacts of commuting patterns of campus faculty, staff and students meets the criteria for an innovation credit in the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point sustainability assessment for the STARS program.

This institute awarded a grant of \$34,724 awarded to Gene Martin, Doug Miskowiak and Keith Rice, of the UWSP Geographic Information System (GIS) Center and the UWSP Department of Geology/Geography to complete this project. These researchers are using a combination of GIS tools to model commuting routes, total miles traveled and other parameters of travel by UWSP staff and students. The GIS data will be combined with survey data gathered by the researchers. An interactive website (<http://uwspcommute.appspot.com/>) is being used as a tool not only for educating the campus and broader community about transportation impacts but as a method to gather data from commuters. The project will estimate fuel consumption for transportation and identify the most productive changes to reduce fuel consumption.

As director of the institute I worked with Martin and his co-investigators to formulate the project goals and to monitor its progress. This innovative study will provide valuable insights to help guide the university in decisions on infrastructure and in transportation policies.

Best regards,



Dr Paul Fowler
Executive Director