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Environmental Assessment Worksheets.

EAW Comment Deadline: September 18, 2013

Project Title: Valley Park Business Center West

Project Description: The City of Shakopee has prepared an EAW for two different scenarios proposed for the Valley Park Business Center West site located on 42.0 acres. The site is south of CSAH 101 and Valley Industrial Blvd N, east of Valley Park Dr S, north and west of Broadband Blvd in Shakopee, Minnesota. The land is currently grassland with scattered trees. (Scott County)

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Project Title: Kinghorn Industrial Park Development

Project Description: The City of Rogers has prepared an EAW for the proposed Kinghorn Industrial Park Development site located on 114 acres north and east of Interstate 94, and mainly west of Brockton Lane North and south of David Koch Avenue in Rogers, Minnesota. The land is currently agricultural land, wetlands, and woodland. (Hennepin County)

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EIS Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental unit has determined the following project does not require preparation of an EIS. The dates given are, respectively, the date of the determination and the date the EAW notice was published in the EQB Monitor.

- City of Lake Elmo, Savona Residential Development, (Washington County), July 2, 2013 (April 29, 2013).
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Draft Alternative Urban Areawide Review Available.

AUAR Comment Deadline: September 18, 2013

Project Title: Downtown East Development AUAR

Project Description: As the designated Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU), the City of Minneapolis has prepared a Draft Alternative Areawide Review (AUAR) under the Minnesota Environmental Policy Act for the proposed Downtown East Development. Please note that the project title has changed since the AUAR Order was issued. The Study Area is no longer referred to as the East Village as that name has been used elsewhere; the new title is Downtown East.

The AUAR review area includes a five-block area in downtown Minneapolis, with three blocks bounded by South 3rd Street, 5th Avenue South, South 4th Street, and Chicago Avenue South. The additional two blocks are bounded by South 4th Street, 5th Avenue South, South 5th Street, and Park Avenue South.

Two Development Scenarios were studied in the AUAR, both of which are consistent with the Minneapolis Comprehensive Plan. Allowed uses within these five blocks included office, retail, hotel, residential, and park.

Minimum Development Scenario: up to 1,400,000 square feet of office; 410 residential units (or 350 residential units and a 150 room/110,000 square foot hotel); 80,000 square feet of retail; and 1,925 parking spaces; all concentrated on the three blocks along South 3rd Street. The two blocks along South 5th Street are proposed for public plaza/park use.

Maximum Development Scenario: up to 2,580,000 square feet of office; 335 residential units (or 275 residential units and a 150 room/110,000 square foot hotel); 105,000 square feet of retail; and 2,675 parking spaces; all concentrated on the three blocks along South 3rd Street and extending along 5th Avenue South for approximately 1/3 of the block ending at South 5th Street. The majority of the blocks along south 5th Street is proposed for public plaza/park use. The public plaza/park area under both scenarios is consistent with the plaza/park plan proposed by the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority and being evaluated under the Minnesota Multi-Purpose Stadium Environmental Impact Statement.

Copies of the Draft AUAR are being distributed to agencies on the current Minnesota

Environmental Quality Board list. The Draft AUAR may be accessed electronically on the City of Minneapolis's website (<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/cped/planning/WCMS1P-112712>) and paper copies are available for review at the Minneapolis Central Branch of the Hennepin County Public Library (300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis).

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