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**EQB Meetings are regularly scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month.** There may be additional special meetings as well. The calendar with scheduled meetings is located at [http://server.admin.state.mn.us/WebCalendar/month.php?cat\\_id=3&date=20130901](http://server.admin.state.mn.us/WebCalendar/month.php?cat_id=3&date=20130901). Meeting minutes, packets and agendas are at <http://www.eqb.state.mn.us/agendas.html>

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## Environmental Assessment Worksheet

*EAW Comment Deadline: November 13, 2013*

### **Project Title: Reconstruction of County State Aid Highway 101 from CSAH 5 to US Highway 12 (County Project # 9931)**

**Project Description:** Hennepin County proposes reconstruction of 2.2 miles of CSAH 101 in the Cities of Minnetonka, Wayzata, and Woodland from Minnetonka Boulevard Wayzata Boulevard. The proposed roadway includes one through lane in each direction with shoulders, a bike and pedestrian trail, sidewalks, intersection improvements and a new bridge over BNSF railroad.

Copies of the EAW, which documents the purpose and need for the proposed project, describes the proposed project details, project development process with the public and stakeholder agencies, and anticipated environmental impacts of the proposed footprint, are available for public viewing beginning October 14, 2013, during regular business hours at the following locations:

- Hennepin County Public Works Facility, 1600 Prairie Drive, Medina, MN 55340
- Hennepin County Library, Wayzata Branch, 620 Rice Street E, Wayzata, MN 55391
- Wayzata City Hall, 600 Rice Street E, Wayzata, MN 55391
- Minnetonka City Hall, Engineering Department, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka, MN 55345

The EAW comment period will begin on Monday, October 14, 2013. Written comments will be accepted through Thursday, November 14, 2013. Comments should be submitted to the Hennepin County Project Manager listed below.

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## **Project Title: I-94 Reconstruction in Monticello, Wright County, Minnesota**

**Project Description:** The Minnesota Department of Transportation will reconstruct approximately 2.6 miles of Interstate 94 in Monticello. The proposed project adds a westbound auxiliary lane between CSAH 18 and TH 25, and separates the loop and ramp from TH 25 to eastbound I-94. The project includes the construction of a noise barrier.

Copies of the EAW which documents the purpose and need of the project, along with the anticipated social, economic and environmental impacts, are available for public review beginning October 14, 2013, at the following locations:

- Mn/DOT District 3 - 3725 12th Street North, St. Cloud, MN 56303
- Monticello City Hall – 505 Walnut Street, Monticello, MN 55362
- Wright County Public Works – 1901 Hwy 25 North, Buffalo, MN 55313
- Great River Regional Library - 1300 W. St. Germain St., St. Cloud, MN 56301

The EAW can be made available in alternative formats to individuals with disabilities by calling Claudia Dumont, Project Manager, at (320) 223-6530 or by contacting the Affirmative Action Office at (651) 366-4723 or 1-800-657-3774 (Greater Minnesota); 711 or 1-800-627-3529 (Minnesota Relay). You may also send an e-mail to [ADArequest.dot@state.mn.us](mailto:ADArequest.dot@state.mn.us). Please request at least one week in advance.

Copies of the EAW are being distributed to agencies on the current Minnesota EQB list and others. The comment period will begin on October 14, 2013. Comments will be accepted through November 13, 2013.

**RGU:** Minnesota Department of Transportation

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## EAW Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental unit has made a decision regarding the need for an EAW in response to a citizen petition.

- Trout Lake Camp EAW, Crow Wing County, EAW denied
  - Northshore Mining Company Amendment to Permit to Mine Citizens Petition for an EAW, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Discretionary EAW will be prepared
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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.

- Minnesota Department of Transportation, Trunk Highway 55 & 149 Improvements, City of Eagan, Dakota County, September 30, 2013 (June 24, 2013)
  - CORRECTION: Minnesota Department of Transportation, Future County Road (TH) 610 Extension Project, City of Maple Grove, Hennepin County, September 12, 2013 (May 13, 2013)
  - Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Gilmore Creek Stream Restoration, St. Louis County, September 19, 2013 (July 8, 2013)
  - City of Rogers, Kinghorn Industrial Park Development, City of Rogers, Hennepin County, September 24, 2013, (August 19, 2013)
  - City of Corcoran, Lennar Corporation Residential Development, City of Corcoran, Hennepin County, September 26, 2013 (August 5, 2013)
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## Notices

### **Metropolitan Airports Commission/ Assessment of Environmental Effects of the 2014-2020 Capital Improvement Program for MSP and Reliever Airports**

Minnesota Statutes 1988, Chapter 664, requires the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) to prepare an Assessment of Environmental Effects (AOEE) for projects in the Commission's seven-year Capital Improvement Program (2014-2020) for airports included in its system.

An EAW, EA or EIS has been prepared previously and a public hearing held for each MSP and reliever airport project in the 2014-2020 CIP that requires an EAW under Chapter 664. An assessment of the cumulative environmental effects of CIP projects at each affected airport in the system is presented in the AOEE.

A copy of the AOEE can be downloaded on the Internet at:

<http://metroairports.org/Airport-Authority/Metropolitan-Airports-Commission/Public-Meetings/Other-MAC-Meetings.aspx>

A copy of the AOEE can be obtained by contacting Christene Sirois Kron, Metropolitan Airports Commission, 6040 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55450; 612-725-6455. Comments concerning the AOEE can be given at a Public Hearing to be held on Monday, November 4, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. in room 3048, Mezzanine level, Terminal 1-Lindbergh, Minneapolis-St. Paul

International Airport, or in writing to Christene Sirois Kron at 6040 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55450. Comments on the AOEE must be received by the close of business on Wednesday, November 13, 2013. Persons planning to attend the public hearing should call Christene Sirois Kron at 612-725-6455 for security checkpoint information.

## **Minnesota Nutrient Reduction Strategy**

The Minnesota Nutrient Reduction Strategy will guide state-level programs to achieve nitrogen and phosphorus reductions within Minnesota water bodies to enhance the health of aquatic life, improve public health and safety, and increase the recreational potential of Minnesota's numerous lakes, rivers, and streams, as well as the health of the groundwater supply. In addition, nutrient reductions will also benefit the Gulf of Mexico hypoxia problem and other waters downstream of Minnesota, including Lake Winnipeg and Lake Superior. The strategy goals are a 35 percent reduction in phosphorus and 20 percent reduction in nitrogen by 2025, and a 45 percent reduction by 2045. Agencies involved in developing the strategy include: Board of Water and Soil Resources, Department of Agriculture, Department of Natural Resources, Metropolitan Council, Pollution Control Agency, Public Facilities Authority, Department of Health, University of Minnesota-Extension, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and U.S. Geological Survey.

Comment period: The draft strategy will be available for public review and comment through Dec. 18, 2013.

For more information and opportunities to provide feedback, visit the website: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/zihy1146>, or email [nutrientreduction.pca@state.mn.us](mailto:nutrientreduction.pca@state.mn.us).

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## **Transgenic Herbicide Tolerant Corn - Commercial Use Exemption**

Monsanto Company has requested an exemption from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Genetically Engineered Organism Release Permit for a corn event designated as MON 87427, which has been genetically modified to be tolerant to the herbicide active ingredient glyphosate. Incorporation of a cp4 epsps coding sequence along with the gene for glyphosate tolerance provides for tissue-selective expression of the CP4 EPSPS protein which enables an extension of the use of glyphosate tolerance as a tool in hybrid seed production. A determination of non-regulated status has been issued by USDA. Under this exemption from state permit, Monsanto will be allowed utilize this technology in hybrid seed production without further regulation. For additional information contact Dr. Steve Malone, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-66531, [stephen.malone@state.mn.us](mailto:stephen.malone@state.mn.us)