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EQB MONITOR

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: November 14, 2012

Project Title: Dabelstein Quarry, Winona County

Description: Non-metallic mineral mining of 36.5 acre site to extract material for area construction activities and the oil/gas industries. The mining involves excavation/blasting of overburden to expose material that is processed/loaded, placed in transportation vehicles and trucked to an existing offsite processing plant. Reclamation will be ongoing as mining is conducted.

Project Proposer: Roger Dabelstein

RGU: Winona County Planning Department

Contact: Jason Gilman, AICP
Planning and Environmental Services Director
177 Main Street
Winona, Minnesota 55987
507-457-6337
JGilman@co.winona.mn.us

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St. Paul, MN 55155-4194
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Project Title: Yoder Quarry, Winona County

Description: Non-metallic mineral mining of 38.2 acre site to extract material for area construction activities and the oil/gas industries. The mining involves excavation/blasting of overburden to expose material that is processed/loaded, placed in transportation vehicles and trucked to an existing offsite processing plant. Reclamation will be ongoing as mining is conducted.

Project Proposer: William and Ida Yoder

RGU: Winona County Planning Department

Contact: Jason Gilman, AICP
Planning and Environmental Services Director
177 Main Street
Winona, Minnesota 55987

Project Title: North Shore Homes, Lake County

Description: ACRES Development proposes to develop North Shore Homes in phases up to a maximum of 43 lots on 159± acres of land. The first phase includes construction of a gravel road with stormwater management facilities to access 18 proposed lots. The lots will ultimately be served by individual wells and onsite septic. This is the only phase under environmental review at this time.

Project Proposer: ACRES Development

RGU: Lake County

Contact: Matthew Huddleston, Planning & Zoning Administrator
Lake County Courthouse
601 Third Avenue
Two Harbors, MN 55616
Telephone: 218-834-8325, Fax: 218-834-8365
matthew.huddleston@co.lake.mn.us

CORRECTED NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET**Project Title: Cambria Facility Expansion, Le Sueur County**

Description: Facility Expansion is located in Sections 19 of Tyrone Township (T112N, R25W) of Le Sueur County. Due to changes in the project scope and schedule, the determination of EAW requirements is still under review. An EAW is not available.

RGU: City of Le Sueur

Contact: Richard Almich, Administrator
City of Le Sueur
203 South Second Street
Le Sueur, MN 56058

PETITIONS FILED

The following petitions have been filed with the EQB requesting preparation of an EAW. The EQB has assigned the indicated unit of government to review the petition and decide on the need for an EAW.

- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, October 2012 Auction of Mineral Leases in Aitkin, Lake, and Saint Louis Counties
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Reichmann Land & Cattle LLP Feedlot and Curtis and Angela Blair Feedlot (Pope County)

EIS NEED DECISIONS

The noted responsible governmental unit has determined the following projects do 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 Pollution Control Agency, Northern Metals Application for Major Amendment, Hennepin County, October 1, 2012 (November 14, 2011)
- Minnesota Department of Transportation, Trunk Highway 10 Interchange at Junction Benton CSAH 2, City of Rice, Benton County, September 21, 2012 (July 23, 2012)
- City of Champlin, Elm Creek Dam Embankment and Spillway Rehabilitation Project, Hennepin County July 23, 2012 (April 16, 2012)

DRAFT EIS AVAILABLE

NOTICE OF SCOPING AMENDMENT, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (DEIS) AVAILABILITY FOR THE SOUTHWEST TRANSITWAY PROJECT, HENNEPIN COUNTY

Project Title: Southwest Transitway

Description: The Southwest Transitway project proposes construction of a light rail system between Minneapolis and Eden Prairie, Minnesota.

On September 8, 2008, a notice of intent to prepare an EIS for the Southwest Transitway was published in the EQB Monitor. On January 27, 2009, the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA) acting as the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) approved the Southwest Transitway Scoping Summary Report (SSR) which serves as the Scoping Decision Document (SDD). On September 25, 2012, the HCRRA amended the Southwest Transitway SSR/SDD to include the impacts of relocating freight rail for the four build alternatives and including a collocation alternative where freight rail, light rail and the commuter bike trail collocate, share a common corridor, between Louisiana Avenue and Penn Avenue. On September 25, 2012, the HCRRA established public hearings, as detailed below, to receive comment on the Southwest Transitway DEIS.

On October 12, 2012, the Southwest Transitway DEIS will be available for review and comment. Comments on the DEIS are being accepted through 12 a.m. December 11, 2012, and can be submitted via email, U.S. mail or public testimony. All comments received during the comment period will be considered during the Final EIS.

Document Availability: The DEIS is available online at: www.southwesttransitway.org.

Hard copies are available at the following area libraries and resource centers.

Hennepin County
Housing Community Works & Transit
701 Fourth Avenue South, Suite 400
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Southwest LRT Project Office
6465 Wayzata Boulevard, Suite 500
St. Louis Park, MN 55426

Linden Hills Library
2900 West 43rd Street
Minneapolis, MN 55410

Minneapolis Central Library
300 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, MN 55401

Sumner Library
611 Van White Memorial Boulevard
Minneapolis, MN 55411

Edina Library
5280 Grandview Square
Edina, MN 55436

St. Louis Park Library
3240 Library Lane
St. Louis Park, MN 55426

Hopkins Library
22 11th Avenue North
Hopkins, MN 55343

Minnetonka Library
17524 Excelsior Boulevard
Minnetonka, MN 55345

Eden Prairie Library
565 Prairie Center Drive
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Franklin Library
1314 East Franklin Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55404

Minneapolis City Hall
250 S 4th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Edina City Hall
4801 West 50th Street
Edina, MN 55424

St. Louis Park City Hall
5005 Minnetonka Blvd
St. Louis Park, MN 55416

Hopkins City Hall
1010 1st Street South
Hopkins, MN 55343

Minnetonka City Hall
14600 Minnetonka Blvd
Minnetonka, MN 55345

Eden Prairie City Hall
8080 Mitchell Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Public Hearing Information:

Tuesday, November 13th, Hennepin County Government Center, A-2400
4:00 to 5:00 PM public open house (Public Service Level)
4:30 PM Formal Public Hearing

Wednesday, November 14th, St. Louis Park City Hall, 5005 Minnetonka Boulevard
5:00 to 6:00 PM public open house
6:00 PM Formal Public Hearing

Thursday, November 29th, Eden Prairie City Hall, 8080 Mitchell Road
5:00 to 6:00 PM public open house
6:00 PM Formal Public Hearing

The address to which written comments should be sent is:

Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRRA)
Department of Housing, Community Works & Transit
Attn: Southwest Transitway
701 Fourth Avenue South, Suite 400
Minneapolis, MN 55415
or swcorridor@co.hennepin.mn.us

Auxiliary aides, services and communication materials in accessible formats and languages other than English can be arranged **if notice is given at least 14 calendar days before the meeting** by contacting swcorridor@co.hennepin.mn.us.

RGU: Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority

EIS ADEQUACY DECISION

Notice of the Record of Decision and Findings of Fact for the Zavoral Mine and Reclamation Project
City of Scandia, Washington County

On September 25, 2012, the Scandia City Council approved the Record of Decision and Findings of Fact for the Zavoral Mine and Reclamation Project. The Council determined that the EIS is adequate.

The Final EIS was noticed in the EQB Monitor and distributed on August 20, 2012, consistent with Minnesota Rules 4410.2300, subp. 3. The comment period closed on September 10, 2012. The City responded to the comments received on the adequacy of the EIS. The responses are included in the Record of Decision.

The Final EIS, Record of Decision and all other documents relating to the Zavoral Mine and Reclamation Project EIS Scoping Process are available on the City's website at: <http://www.ci.Scandia.mn.us>.

For more information, please contact:

Kristina Handt, City Administrator
651-433-2274 or k.handt@ci.scandia.mn.us

ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS AVAILABLE

Comment Deadline: November 14, 2012

Metropolitan Airports Commission/ Assessment of Environmental Effects of the 2013-2019 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 (CIP) 2013-2019 for airports included in its system.

An EAW, EA or EIS has been previously prepared and a public hearing held for each MSP and reliever airport project in the 2013-2019 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: www.metroairports.org/mac/Docs/MAC-2013-AOEE-10-8-12.pdf.

Additionally, 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 on the AOEE can be given at a Public Hearing to be held on Monday, November 5, 2012 at 11:00 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 14, 2012. Persons planning to attend the public hearing should call Christene Sirois Kron at 612-725-6455 for security checkpoint information.

NOTICES

ROTENONE APPLICATION PROJECT PLANNED BY DNR SECTION OF FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

The DNR Section of Fisheries Management is planning a rotenone treatment on the pond below:

Lake	DOW#	Township	Range	Sections(s)
Zimmer Pond	73-0613-00	124N	29W	18, 19

The DNR Section of Fisheries Management is planning a reclamation project this fall. The project involves the application of cubed root (powdered) rotenone by boat to eliminate or reduce competing fish species in a walleye fingerling rearing pond. Endangered or threatened species are not present in the pond and the basin is isolated with no inlet or outlets. Project goals include improved production of walleye fingerlings in the pond that are being impacted by competing species. The fish that are produced in the pond will be stocked in area lakes to provide expanded angling opportunities. Specifics regarding the projects are as follows:

Rotenone application will be done by licensed pesticide applicators and target treatment concentration is 4 ppm. Fathead Minnow (*Pimephales promelas*), and Green Sunfish (*Lepomis cyanellus*) are the target fish species. Benefits of the project will be improved production in a rearing pond that has a long history of walleye fingerling production, but has recently become contaminated with green sunfish and fathead minnows by unknown means. Further use of the pond for fingerling production is not possible without removal of these species. By treating the pond in the fall of 2012, the pond can be used again for fingerling production in 2013.

For general information about this project contact Paul Diedrich, Montrose Area Fisheries Manager 763-675-3301, paul.diedrich@state.mn.us or Joe Stewig, Montrose Area Assistant Fisheries Manager 763-675-3301, joe.stewig@state.mn.us.

MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Notice of Permit Decision in the Matter of the Route Permit Application by Great River Energy for the Parkers Prairie 115 kV Transmission Line Project in Otter Tail County

PUC Docket No. ET2/TL-11-867

At a meeting on August 2, 2012, and in an order issued August 28, 2012, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission determined that the environmental assessment and record created at the public hearing adequately addressed the issues identified in the scoping decision for the project, and issued a high voltage transmission line route permit to Great River Energy for the Parkers Prairie 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line project.

The route permit authorizes Great River Energy to construct approximately 2.1 miles of new 115 kV transmission line, expand and modify the Parkers Prairie substation, and remove an existing 41.6 kV line in Parkers Prairie Township in Otter Tail County.

Further information about the project and the route permit can be found on-line at:
<http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=32307> and on the eDockets system
<https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> (enter the year "11" and the number "867").

Inquiries about the project should be directed to the Department of Commerce state permit manager, Ray Kirsch, 651-296-7588, raymond.kirsch@state.mn.us or the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission permit manager, Mike Kaluzniak, 651-201-2257, mike.kaluzniak@state.mn.us.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION AND SCOPING MEETINGS

In the Matter of the Northern States Power Company and Great River Energy Certificate of Need Application for the Hollydale 115 kV High Voltage Transmission Line Project In Plymouth and Medina, Minnesota PUC Docket E002, ET2/CN-12-113

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Department of Commerce Energy Facility Permitting Unit (EFP) will conduct public information and environmental report (ER) scoping meetings at the times and location listed below, on the Certificate of Need application by Northern States Power Company (Xcel Energy) and Great River Energy (applicants) submitted to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for the proposed Hollydale 115 kV high voltage transmission line (HVTL) project in the cities of Plymouth and Medina, Hennepin County, Minnesota pursuant to Minnesota Rules 7849.

The purpose of the meetings is to provide information to the public about the project and to identify alternative ways to meet the stated need for the project that could be studied in an ER that will be prepared by EFP staff.

Transmission line routing is being addressed in a separate docket (E002, ET2/TL-11-152), and will not be the focus of the ER Public Information and Scoping meetings. Information on the transmission line routing process can be found on the Department of Commerce website:

<http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=32121>, or the Commission's eDockets website at: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> (enter the year "11" and the number "152").

Public Information and Scoping Meetings

Thursday, October 25, 2012

6:00 p.m.

**Plymouth Creek Center
14800 34th Avenue
Plymouth, MN 55447**

Friday, October 26, 2012

1:00 p.m.

**Plymouth Creek Center
14800 34th Avenue
Plymouth, MN 55447**

Note: Members of the public need only attend one of the two meeting sessions, as the information presented will be identical in both.

During the meetings, EFP staff will give a presentation about the state's high voltage transmission line permitting process, certificate of need process, the proposed project, and how the public can participate. Xcel Energy and Great River Energy (GRE) will have representatives at the public meetings who can answer questions about the proposed project. Members of the public will have an opportunity to ask questions, present comments, and propose issues, impacts and alternatives to be studied in the ER.

Review copies of the route permit application, certificate of need application, permitting process flowcharts, and comment forms will be available at the meetings. Each meeting will offer the same process and information, so interested persons need attend only one of the meetings.

EFP will accept written comments on the scope of the ER through Friday, November 16, 2012. Please include PUC Docket No. CN-12-113 on all comments. Comments should be mailed, emailed, or faxed to:

Suzanne Steinhauer
State Permit Manager
Minnesota Department of Commerce
85 7th Place East, Suite 500
St. Paul, Minnesota, 55101-2198
Fax: 651-297-7891
suzanne.steinhauer@state.mn.us

Comments may also be submitted on the Department of Commerce's energy facility permitting website: <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/#comment>.

Project Description. The applicants propose removing approximately eight miles of an existing GRE-owned 69 kV overhead transmission line and constructing a new 115 kV overhead transmission line in its place, constructing an additional eight-tenths of a mile of new 115 kV overhead transmission line, constructing a new substation, and modifying associated transmission facilities in the cities of Medina and Plymouth, Hennepin County, Minnesota.

The proposed project is designed to meet the electrical needs of the Plymouth and Medina area. The applicants have evaluated different ways to provide upgraded electrical service in their Certificate of Need application. The applicants state that constructing a new substation, expanding another substation, and connecting the two substations with a 115 kilovolt transmission line, is the best approach to meeting the electric needs of the project area.

REVIEW PROCESS

Certificate of Need. The Commission must determine whether the HVTLs are necessary and in the best interest of the state. The Certificate of Need process includes environmental review and public hearings, and typically takes 12 months. The applicants applied for a Certificate of Need on July 2, 2012. The EFP is responsible for administering the environmental review process for the Commission. The Commission is responsible for determining if the transmission lines proposed are needed.

Environmental Report and Public Comment Period. The environmental review process includes public information/scoping meetings and the preparation of an environmental review document, the ER. The ER is a written document that describes the human and environmental impacts of the proposed project, alternatives to the project and methods to mitigate anticipated adverse impacts. The ER must be prepared before the Commission can make a decision on the Certificate of Need application.

Public Hearing. After completion of the ER, a public hearing will be held. The hearing will be presided over by an administrative law judge (ALJ) from the Office of Administrative Hearings. Members of the public will have an opportunity to speak at the hearing, present evidence, ask questions, and submit comments. Notice of the public hearing will be published in local newspapers and mailed to persons who register their names on the EFP project mailing list (see below).

Upon completion of the environmental review and hearing process, the record compiled for the Certificate of Need proceeding will be presented to the Commission for a final decision. This review process is the only process during which alternatives to the project will be considered, including the “no build” alternative and alternatives related to the size, type, timing, and configuration of the project.

Eminent Domain. If issued a Certificate of Need and route permit by the Commission, the applicants may exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire the land necessary for the project pursuant to Minnesota Statute 216E.12 and Minnesota Statute 117.

Project Mailing List. Persons should contact the EFP staff member (noted above) or register online at: <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/#mailing> to get their name on the project mailing list, Docket number E002, ET2/CN-12-113. Persons on the mailing list will receive notices of meetings/hearings and notices of document availability for this project. **If you do not register to be on the mailing list you will not receive correspondence regarding this project after this notice.** Registration to the project mailing list is voluntary and may be done at any time.

Project Documents. A more detailed description of the proposed project is contained in the applicants' certificate of need application. An electronic version of this document is available on the Commission's eDockets website:

<https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> (enter the year “12” and the number “113”).

The Certificate of Need and route permit applications are also available at the public libraries noted below:

Plymouth Public Library
15700 36th Avenue N
Plymouth, Minnesota 55446

Long Lake Library
1865 Wayzata Boulevard W
Long Lake, Minnesota 55365

Project Contacts. The EFP has designated staff member Suzanne Steinhauer (651-296-2888, suzanne.steinhauer@state.mn.us) to administrate the environmental review process for this project. You may contact him at: Department of Commerce, Energy Facility Permitting Unit, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101-2198. Other contact information: Toll-Free: 1-800-657-3794, Fax: 651-297-7891 or TTY: Minnesota Relay Services, 1-800-627-3529, and ask for the Commerce.

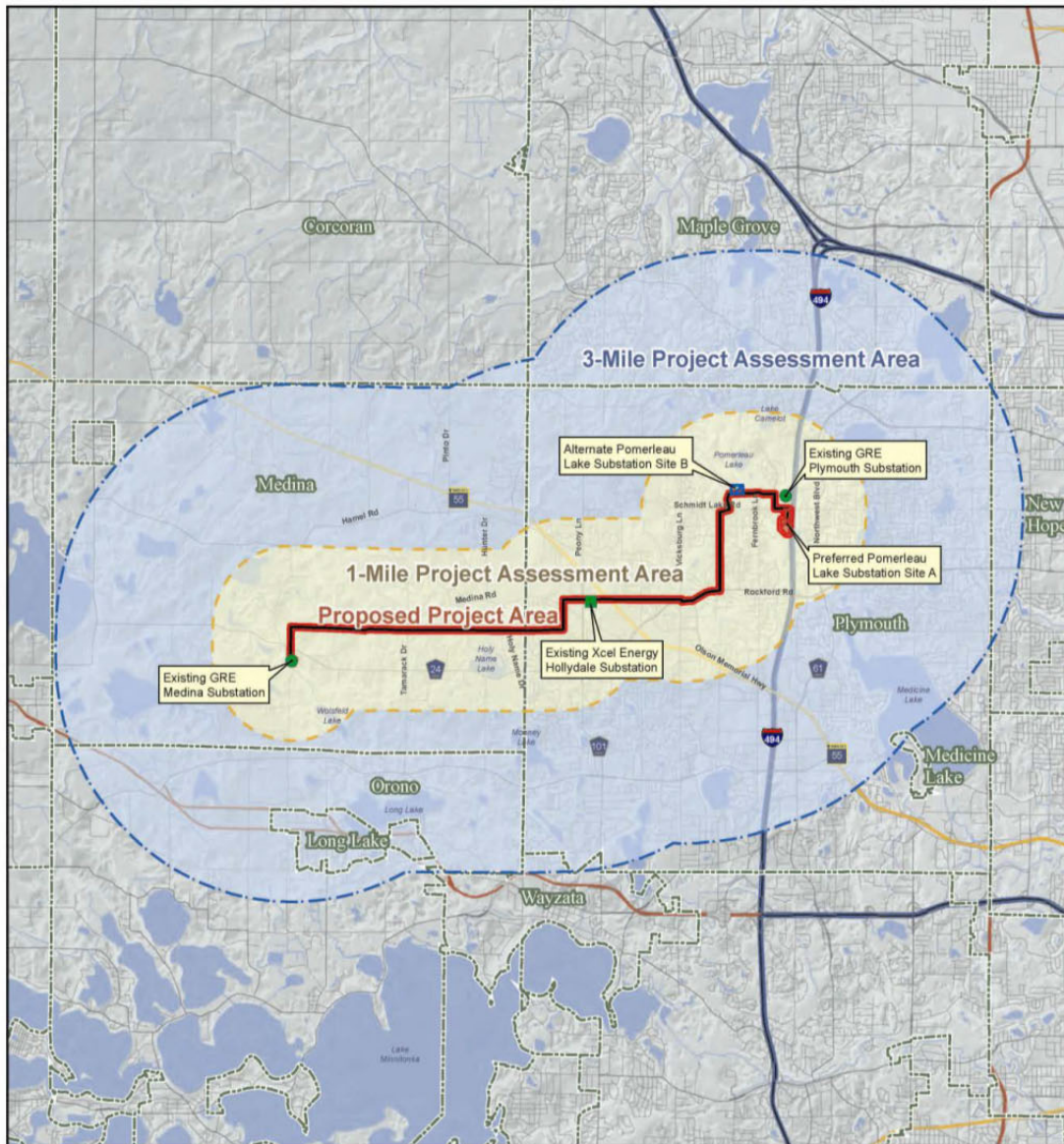
Public Utilities Commission. If you would like additional information about the certificate of need process or Commission practice and procedure, please contact Commission staff member Michael Kaluzniak (651-201-2257, Fax: 651-297-7073, mike.kaluzniak@state.mn.us). Mr. Kaluzniak may be contacted in writing at: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place E., Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55101-2147.

Xcel Energy. Information about this project is available from Xcel Energy. You can direct questions to Paul J. Lehman (612-330-7529, paul.lehman@xcelenergy.com). Mr. Lehman may be contacted in writing at: Xcel Energy, 414 Nicollet Mall, (MP 8), Minneapolis, MN 55401.

Great River Energy. Information about this project is available from GRE. You can direct questions to Marsha Parlow (763-444-5215, mparlow@GREnergy.com). Ms. Parlow may be contacted in writing at: Great River Energy, 12300 Elm Creek Boulevard, Maple Grove, MN 55369.

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Xcel Energy and Great River Energy Hollydale 115 kV HVTL Project Area



- Existing Xcel Energy Substation
- Existing GRE Substation
- Proposed Route
- ▨ Preferred Pomerleau Lake Substation Site A
- ▨ Alternate Pomerleau Lake Substation Site B
- ⊕ Municipality
- ▭ Proposed Project Area
- 1-Mile Project Assessment Area
- 3-Mile Project Assessment Area



ASSESSMENT ZONES
Hollydale Project

People's Stadium

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT



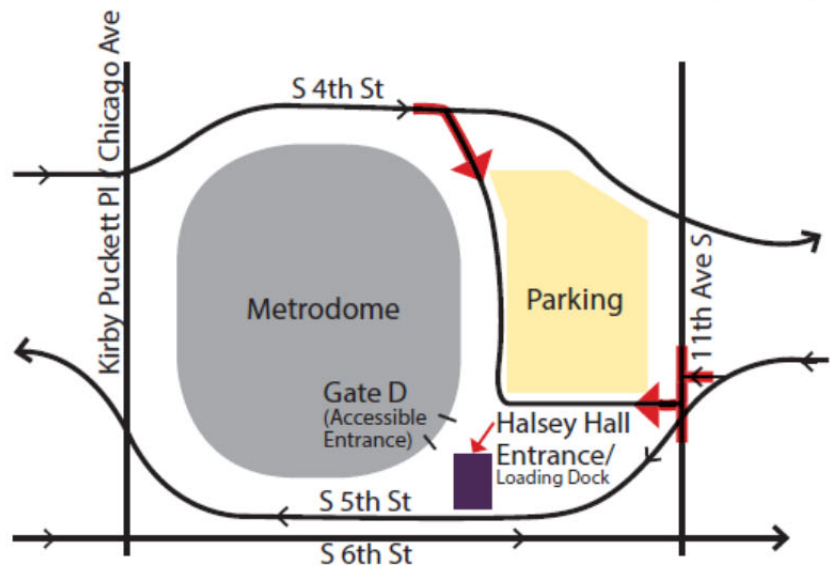
**THE PEOPLE'S STADIUM
PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE &
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT SCOPING MEETING**



**October 23, 2012
5:00pm to 7:00pm**

*Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome
-- Halsey Hall Room --
900 South 5th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415*

This public meeting location is accessible for persons with disabilities. Gate D will be open for persons requiring an accessible entrance.



Provide your comments on:

- Ecological Effects • Traffic • Access • Noise • Parking
- Transit • Tailgating & Railgating • Historic Issues • Visual/Aesthetics
- Any Other Issue Important to You

The Scoping Environmental Assessment Worksheet and Draft Scoping Decision Document can be viewed at:

- Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority website: www.msfa.com
- Hennepin County Library - 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis

Written comments must be submitted by October 31st, 2012. Comments can be submitted in writing by U.S. mail or email:

U.S. Mail: Steve Maki, Project Manager
Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority (MSFA)
900 South 5th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Email: steve.maki@msfa.com

