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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: July 1, 2009

City Releases Pierce Butler Environmental Assessment Worksheet

The City of Saint Paul is announcing the release of the Draft Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the Pierce Butler East Extension project in Saint Paul, MN. The Draft EAW identifies the preferred alternative alignments which connect the existing Pierce Butler Route east of Dale Street to Phalen Boulevard at 35-E.

The Draft EAW is available for review beginning Monday, May 18, 2009 at the following locations:

Minneapolis Public Library (Technology and Science), 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN
Legislative Reference Library, 645 State Office Building, Saint Paul, MN
City of Saint Paul, Department of Public Works, City Hall Annex Room 1500, 25 West 4th Street, Saint Paul, MN

Saint Paul Public Libraries:
Central Library (90 West 4th Street)
Arlington Heights (1105 Greenbrier Street)
Dayton's Bluff (645 East 7th Street)
Hamline Midway (1558 West Minnehaha Avenue)
Rice Street (1011 Rice Street)
Rondo Community Outreach (461 North Dale Street)

A copy is also available to Internet users at www.stpaul.gov/publicworks.

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Upon request, the *EQB Monitor* will be made available in an alternative format, such as Braille, large print, or audio tape. For TTY, contact Minnesota Relay Service at 800-627-3529 and ask for Department of Administration. For information on the *EQB Monitor*, contact:

Minnesota Environmental Quality Board
658 Cedar St., 300 Centennial Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155-1388
Phone: 651-201-2480
Fax: 651-296-3698
<http://www.eqb.state.mn.us>

A public open meeting will be held towards the middle of the 45-day review and comment period for the purpose of providing additional opportunity for public input. Staff will be available to answer questions and both written and verbal comments will be taken. Meeting date, time, and location will be released closer to the meeting date.

Written comments will be accepted during the 45-day review period that ends at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 2nd, 2009. Written comments and questions on the project should be directed to: Erik Ludins, City of St. Paul Department of Public Works, City Hall Annex Room 1500, 25 West 4th Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102; phone (651)266-6204; facsimile: (651) 266-6222; e-mail eriks.ludins@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Project Title: 8100 Tower and Hotel

Description: United Properties is proposing to redevelopment properties at 5501 and 5601 American Boulevard West. The project will include a 257-room hotel, a 255,000 square foot office building, and associated parking.

The EAW is available for review on the City's website: www.ci.bloomington.mn.us. Copies are also available for public viewing during regular business hours at the following locations:

- City of Bloomington Planning Division offices
1800 W. Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN
- Penn Lake Library
8800 Penn Ave. S., Bloomington, MN
- Oxboro Library
8801 Portland Ave. S., Bloomington, MN

Informational Meeting: A public informational meeting on the draft EAW will be held on Thursday June 11, 2009 from 4:30-6:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers ad Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN.

RGU: City of Bloomington

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Project Title: CSAH 52/CSAH 116 Reconstruction Project

Description: Reconstruction of approximately 1.9 miles of CSAH 52 (Radisson Road) (from 0.3 miles south of CSAH 14 to 0.4 miles north of CSAH 116) and 1.2 miles of CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Boulevard) (from Highway 65 to 0.2 miles east of CSAH 52) as four-lane divided urban roadways with turn lanes and paved shoulders, a separated pedestrian/bicycle path on one side of both roadways, and traffic control signals. Anoka County will accept written comments on the document during the public review and comment period, which concludes on Monday, July 7, 2009, at 4:30 p.m. Written comments should be submitted to Curt Kobilarcsik, Anoka County Highway Department, 1440 Bunker Lake Boulevard NW, Andover, Minnesota 55304. Electronic or email comments may be sent to curt.kobilarcsik@co.anoka.mn.us with "CSAH 52/CSAH 116 EA/EAW" in the subject line. If submitting comments electronically, please include your name and mailing address.

Public review copies of the document are available at the following locations:

- Johnsonville Branch Library, 12461 Oak Park Boulevard NE, Blaine, MN 55434
- Minneapolis Public Library, Government Documents, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401
- Blaine City Hall, 10801 Town Square Drive NE, Blaine, MN 55449
- Ham Lake City Hall, 15544 Central Avenue NE, Ham Lake, MN 55304

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 23, 2009, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Bunker Hills Activity Center, 550 Bunker Lake Boulevard NW, Andover, MN 55304

RGU: Anoka County

Contact Person:

Douglas Fischer
County Engineer
1440 Bunker Lake Boulevard NW
Andover, MN 55304

Project Title: Saukinac Campground Expansion

Description: Saukinac Campground is proposing an expansion of thirteen (13) additional camping sites in 2009, which will be located in the southwest corner of the property. The site has recently been graded to level the sites and provide parking area.

RGU: Todd County

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EA / EAW AVAILABLE

NOTE: Comment period open until July 7, 2009

Project Title: Trunk Highway 10 in Ramsey Preliminary Interchange Design

Description: The project involves the conversion of Trunk Highway 10 from an expressway to a freeway between 3,000 feet west of Ramsey Boulevard (County State Aid Highway 56) and the eastern Ramsey city limits. As of this time, project funding has not been identified. Right of way acquisition, construction and other project implementation activities will occur as funds are available.

Copies of the EA/EAW, which documents the purpose and need of the project, along with the anticipated social, economic, and environmental impacts, including Federal Section 106 and Section 4(f) impacts, are available for public review beginning **June 1, 2009**, at the following locations:

- Mn/DOT Metro District Offices, 1500 West County Road B2, Roseville, MN
- Anoka County Highway Department, 1440 Bunker Lake Boulevard, Andover, MN
- Rum River Library, 4201 6th Avenue, Anoka, MN
- Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, MN

To afford an opportunity for all interested persons, agencies and groups to comment on the EA/EAW, a public hearing/open house meeting has been scheduled for June 25, 2009, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, MN. A Spanish language translator will be available. Individuals with a disability who need a reasonable accommodation to participate in the public meeting, please contact the Mn/DOT Project Manager or the Minnesota Relay Service at the telephone numbers listed below.

The EA/EAW can be made available in alternative formats to individuals with disabilities by calling Mark Lindeberg, Project Manager, at (651) 234-7722 or to individuals who are hearing or speech impaired by calling the Minnesota Relay Service at (800) 627-3529 or (651) 296-9930 TTY.

Copies of the EA/EAW are being distributed to agencies on the current MEQB list and others. The comment period will begin on **June 1, 2009**. Comments will be accepted through **July 7, 2009**.

RGU: Minnesota Department of Transportation

Contact Person:

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EA AVAILABLE

Proposed LeSauk and Sartell 115 kV transmission lines, proposed 115 kV conversion of the LeSauk distribution substation and proposed new Sartell 115 kV distribution substation

PUC Docket Number ET2/LR-09-412

Description: Great River Energy (GRE) is proposing to increase the voltage capacity of the existing LeSauk distribution substation and rebuild approximately 0.4 miles of existing 69 kV transmission line to 115 kV. This will relieve electric loading issues on the West St. Cloud Substation and relieve low voltage problems in the surrounding electric transmission system.

GRE will also construct approximately two miles of new 115 kV transmission line to serve a new distribution substation that will be constructed by Stearns Electric Association. The new substation will serve the electric load created by present and future residential and commercial growth in the City of Sartell and surrounding areas. As part of the project, an existing SEA three-phase distribution line located along Stearns County Road 133 will be buried.

RGU: Stearns County

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Termination of EIS

The City Council of the City of Emily adopted a resolution to terminate the EIS preparation process for the Northern Lights Over Roosevelt Lake Development project, at their city council meeting on May 12, 2009.

EIS NEED DECISIONS

The 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*.

- Bigfork City Council, Bigfork Airport Runway Extension, May 12, 2009 (March 23, 2009).

- Minnesota Department of Transportation, State Project 6947-49 on Highway 37 near Hibbing in St. Louis County, May 21, 2009 (December 29, 2008)
- City of Sauk Rapids, Willow Creek, May 11, 2009 (March 23, 2009)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Pine Island Sewer Collection Project, May 15, 2009 (April 6, 2009)
- Minnesota Department of Transportation, Trunk Highway 37 – Penobscot Creek, Channel Change and Bridge Replacement, City of Hibbing, St. Louis County, May 21, 2009 (December 29, 2008)

AUAR ADOPTED

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE LAKE ELMO VILLAGE AREA FINAL ALTERNATIVE URBAN AREA WIDE REVIEW

WHEREAS, the City Council, as the Responsible Government Unit, authorized the preparation of the Lake Elmo Village Area Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) on April 1, 2008 with Resolution 2008-018; and

WHEREAS, the City prepared the Draft AUAR and Mitigation Plan document and the City Council authorized distribution of it for public comment on November 18, 2008; and,

WHEREAS, the City received comments, prepared responses to comments prepared the Final AUAR and Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council authorized distribution of the Final AUAR for public comment on March 17, 2009; and

WHEREAS, no objections were filed by State agencies or the Metropolitan Council; and

WHEREAS, the entire process has been conducted in accordance with Minnesota Rules Chapter 4410

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council adopts the Lake Elmo Village Area Final Alternative Review and Mitigation Plan

Passed and duly adopted this 5th day of May 2009 by the City Council of the City of Lake Elmo, Minnesota