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Environmental Assessment/Environmental Assessment Worksheet

Project Title: I-35W North Corridor Preliminary Design Project

Comment Deadline: September 28, 2016

Project Description: The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is proposing construction of MnPASS lanes on I-35W from County Road C in Roseville to Lexington Avenue in Blaine (approximately 10 miles). The project also includes pavement rehabilitation on I-35W from County Road C in Roseville to Sunset Avenue in Lino Lakes (approximately 11 miles), construction of auxiliary lanes on I-35W through the I-694 interchange area, construction of auxiliary lanes in the I-35W/TH 10 commons area, and construction of a westbound auxiliary lane on TH 10 from I-35W to 93rd Lane. The project also proposes construction of stormwater basins and eight noise walls. The Environmental Assessment describes the proposed project, impacts, and mitigation.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment are available for public viewing on the project website: <u>http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i35wroseville/index.html</u> and during business hours at the following locations:

- MnDOT Metro District Water's Edge Building, 1500 West County Road B2, Roseville, MN 55113
- Roseville City Hall, 2660 Civic Center Drive, Roseville, MN 55113
- New Brighton City Hall, 803 Old Highway 8, New Brighton, MN 55112
- Arden Hills City Hall, 1245 West Highway 96, Arden Hills, MN 55112
- Mounds View City Hall, 2401 County Road 10, Mounds View, MN 55112
- Shoreview City Hall, 4600 Victoria Street North, Shoreview, MN 55126
- Blaine City Hall, 10801 Town Square Drive Northeast, Blaine, MN 55449
- Lexington City Hall, 9180 Lexington Avenue, Lexington, MN 55014
- Circle Pines City Hall, 200 Civic Heights Circle, Circle Pines, MN 55014
- Lino Lakes City Hall, 600 Town Center Parkway, Lino Lakes, MN 55014
- Ramsey County Library Roseville, 2180 North Hamline Avenue, Roseville, MN 55113
- Ramsey County Library New Brighton, 400 10th Street Northwest, New Brighton, MN 55112
- Ramsey County Library Mounds View, 2576 County Road 10, Mounds View, MN 55112
- Ramsey County Library Shoreview, 4570 North Victoria Street, Shoreview, MN 55126
- Anoka County Library Northtown, 711 County Road 10 Northeast, Blaine, MN 55434
- Anoka County Library Centennial, 100 Civic Heights Circle, Circle Pines, MN 55014
- Hennepin County Library, Technology and Science, Government Documents, 2nd Floor, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401
- MnDOT Library, 395 John Ireland Boulevard, St. Paul, MN 55155

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Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Minnesota Department of Transportation

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Environmental Assessment Worksheet Need Decision

The proposer for the project identified below has initiated the environmental review process for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) to be prepared by the noted responsible governmental unit.

• Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Tire Aggregate, LLC Waste Tire Facility (Discretionary EAW prepared by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency)

Environmental Impact Statement Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental unit has determined the following project does not require preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. The dates given are, respectively, the date of the determination and the date the Environmental Assessment Worksheet notice was published in the EQB *Monitor*.

- Minnesota Department of Transportation, Interstate 35W and Lake Street Improvement Project, 8-10-16 (3-28-16)
- City of Duluth, 2016-2017 Spirit Mountain Recreation Area Improvements Duluth, MN, 8-9-16 (6-13-16)

Final Environmental Impact Statement

Project Title: Detroit Lakes - Becker County Airport Runway Shift/Extension & Associated Improvements

Comment Deadline: September 13, 2016

Project Description: A Final State Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been prepared for the subject project in accordance with the State of Minnesota Administrative Rule 4410, Section 2700. The proposed project falls within a mandatory EIS category under Minnesota Administrative Rule 4410, Section 4400, which declares that a State EIS is required "for construction of a paved and lighted airport runway of 5,000 feet of length or greater." Because the project will utilize Federal funding and therefore also requires a Federal Environmental Assessment (EA), the Federal EA will be utilized as the State EIS to reduce duplication between Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 116D, and the National Environmental Policy Act, United States Code 1976, Title 42, Sections 4321 to 4361, as permitted under Minnesota Administrative Rule 4410, Section 3900.

The Final Federal EA / State EIS has been revised to respond to timely substantive comments on the Draft Federal EA / State EIS, which was made available for public review and comment from June 6 to July 18, 2016, a period of 42 days, and to satisfy standards identified in

Minnesota Administrative Rule 4410, Section 2300. The joint Federal EA / State EIS identifies a preferred alternative and evaluates the effects of this alternative on the surrounding natural, social, and economic environments. The proposed action includes the following:

- A shift, extension, widening, and reconstruction of the Airport's primary runway and parallel taxiway to meet FAA and MnDOT design standards and operator runway length requirements;
- Removal and replacement of two taxiways connecting the primary runway and parallel taxiway;
- Implementation of an instrument approach to the Airport's primary runway with CAT-I minimums (1/2 statute mile visibility and 200-foot cloud ceiling height) to meet MnDOT requirements;
- Relocation of the Airport's Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS);
- Relocation of runway edge lights, runway end identifier lights (REILS), and visual approach slope indicator units (VASI);
- Installation of a medium intensity approach lighting system with runway alignment indicator lights (MALSR);
- Construction of an access road for the MALSR to accommodate maintenance; and
- Property acquisition to accommodate the runway and approach improvements.

Copies of the Final Federal EA / State EIS have been distributed to agencies that received copies of and/or submitted substantive comments on the Draft Federal EA / State EIS. A copy may also be obtained by contacting Evan Barrett at 952-641-8820 or via email at <u>evan.barrett@meadhunt.com</u>. Copies of the document are also available for review at the Detroit Lakes Public Library at 1000 Washington Avenue, Detroit Lakes, MN; and at the City Administration Building, 1025 Roosevelt Avenue, Detroit Lakes, MN. Written comments on the adequacy of this final document will be accepted through September 13, 2016. Comments may be directed to Evan Barrett, AICP, Mead & Hunt, Inc., 7900 W 78th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55439; or via email to <u>evan.barrett@meadhunt.com</u>. Following the close of the Final Federal EA / State EIS comment period, the City of Detroit Lakes, as the responsible government unit, will then make a determination of the adequacy of the State EIS. A notice of the Adequacy Determination will be published in the EQB *Monitor*.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Detroit Lakes

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