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Environmental Assessment Worksheet

The following EAW has a comment deadline of April 27, 2016

Project Title: Grey Cloud Channel Restoration Project

Project Description: The Grey Cloud Channel Restoration Project, located east of the main channel of the Mississippi River, on Grey Cloud Island, Washington County, proposes to restore the ecological functions of a break-out reach by reestablishing flow connectivity. Project activities include construction of a new crossing and upgrades to Grey Cloud Island Drive South (County Road 75).

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Environmental Assessment/Environmental Assessment Worksheet

Comment Deadline: April 27, 2016

Project Title: Interstate 35W and Lake Street Improvement Project, Hennepin County

Project Description: This project generally extends from 42nd Street to I-94 along I-35W in Minneapolis. The scope includes: construction of a Lake Street multimodal transit station; a pedestrian/bicycle connection between the Midtown Greenway and the transit station; replacement of existing roadway pavement and numerous bridges; completion of MnPASS lanes; a new southbound exit to Lake Street, a new northbound exit to 28th Street; stormwater treatment areas; and construction/replacement of noise walls.

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, is available on the MnDOT project website at www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i35wminneapolis and the Hennepin County project website at www.35lake.com/ea. Copies of the EA will also be available for review during the public hearing/open house meetings and are also available for public viewing during business hours at the following locations:

- Franklin Library, 1314 E. Franklin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55404
- Walker Library, 2880 Hennepin Avenue, MN 55408
- Hosmer Library, 347 E. 36th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55408
- Minneapolis Central Library, Technical & Science Division, Government Docs., 2nd Floor, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401
- Hennepin County Law Library, 300 South 6th Street (C-tower), Minneapolis, MN 55487
- MnDOT Library, 395 John Ireland Boulevard, St. Paul, MN 55155
- MnDOT Metro District Water's Edge Building Lobby, 1500 W. County Road B2, Roseville, MN 55113
- Minneapolis Public Works, 350 South 5th Street, RM 203 City Hall, Minneapolis, MN 55415

To afford an opportunity for all interested persons, agencies and groups to comment on the EA, two public hearing/open house meetings have been scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, 2016 and Tuesday, April 19, 2016 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Colin Powell Center, 2924 4th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55408. There will be a presentation at 6:30 p.m. at both meetings.

The EA describes the proposed project, impacts, and mitigation. The EA includes documentation on the Section 106 findings regarding historic properties, as well as a Draft Programmatic Agreement which outlines the future design review process. The EA document also includes information on the Section 4(f) impacts and the preliminary de minimis finding, i.e., that adverse impacts to the park (Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park) would not result from the proposed project. Any comments received regarding this issue during the public comment period will be taken by the Federal Highway Administration in making its final de minimis determination. More information about Section 4(f) and the de minimis finding is available on the project websites.

To request an ASL or foreign language interpreter or other reasonable accommodation, call Janet Miller at 651-366-4720 or 1-800-657-3774 (Greater Minnesota); 711 or 1-800-627-3529 (Minnesota Relay). You may also send an e-mail to janet.rae.miller@state.mn.us. (Please

request at least one week in advance).

To request this document in an alternative format, please contact 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. Please request at least one week in advance.

Copies of the EA are being distributed to agencies on the current Minnesota EQB list and other interested parties. The comment period will begin on **March 28, 2016**. Comments will be accepted through **April 27, 2016**. Comments on the EA can be mailed, prior to the close of the public comment period on April 27, 2016, to Rick Dalton, Environmental Coordinator, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Metro District, 1500 W. County Road B2, Roseville, MN 55113. Comments can also be sent by e-mail to: richard.dalton@state.mn.us.

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Notices

Minnesota Department of Agriculture - Notification of Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms

| MDA Notification | Applicant | Crop | Project Category | County(s) |
|------------------|-------------------------------|---------|---|----------------------------------|
| 16-NO-030 | Pioneer HI-BRED International | soybean | MG-Selectable Marker OO-Method Development PQ-Altered Feed Properties HT-Herbicide Properties IR-Insect Resistant | Clay 10 acres Redwood 5 acres |

Pioneer HI-BRED International, filed a Notification for Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 16-NO-030. Notification is for genetically modified soybean, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic soybean, referenced as Application Number 16-026-102rm. For additional information contact Clifford Watrin, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531, clifford.watrin@state.mn.us

| MDA Notification | Applicant | Crop | Project Category | County(s) |
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| 16-NO-031 | Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC | Corn | AP – Agronomic Properties | Blue Earth, Dakota, Faribault, Goodhue, Mower, Rice (Up to 10 acres each) |

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