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Environmental Assessment Worksheets

The following EAWs have a comment deadline of June 1, 2016

Project Title: County Highway 2 & I-35 Interchange Project

Project Description: Scott County has prepared an EAW for the proposed reconstruction of the CH 2 and I-35 interchange in New Market Township in order to accommodate future capacity and operational needs. The proposed project includes reconstructing the current standard diamond interchange at CH 2/I-35 as a diverging diamond interchange (DDI) and reconstructing CH 2 from Newton Circle to about ¼ mile east of Dupont Avenue.

The proposed project is not currently programmed; however, Scott County plans to advance this project when funding becomes available. The purpose of the EAW was to identify the potential project impacts and provide the County, Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), City of Elko New Market, and New Market Township an interchange footprint that can be planned around in the interim as development opportunities are proposed in the area. Potential impacts discussed in the EAW are based on existing conditions and preliminary construction limits and are subject to change.

The EAW can be viewed at the following locations:

- Scott County's website: <https://www.scottcountymn.gov/605/CH-2-I-35-Interchange-Design>

- Elko New Market Library, 110 J. Roberts Way, Elko New Market, MN 55054
- Hennepin County Library – Minneapolis Central, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401

Written comments on the EAW will be accepted until June 1, 2016 and should be directed to: Craig Jenson Transportation Planner Scott County 600 County Trail East Jordan, MN 55352 cjenson@co.scott.mn.us

RGU: Scott County

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Project Title: Trunk Highway 23 New London to Paynesville 2-Lane to 4-Lane Conversion Project

Project Description: Minnesota Department of Transportation is preparing plans for a 2-lane-to 4-lane conversion of Trunk Highway 23 from New London to Paynesville. This project will expand TH 23 its current configuration as a two-lane roadway, to a four-lane roadway. The project length is approximately 7.4 miles. Trunk Highway 23 is an important inter-regional corridor that is a key artery for the regional economy. The project will provide additional capacity, improve the movement of freight, and increase roadway safety. The project will also provide the design consistency of a four-lane rural highway. There is no funding available for construction at this time. The EAW, which assesses the potential environmental impacts of the project, will be available to view electronically at <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d8/projects/hwy23gapsnewlondonpaynesville/index.html> and during business hours at the following locations: Minnesota Department of Transportation-District 8 Office, 2505 Transportation Road, Willmar, MN 56201; and Willmar Public Library, 410 Fifth St SW, Willmar, MN 56201.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a 30-day public comment period for the EAW shall begin on May 2, 2016. The purpose of this notice is to provide citizens the opportunity to comment on the EAW. Individuals or representatives of organizations are encouraged to submit written comments prior to 4:00 p.m. on June 1, 2016. Please submit comments to Ryan Barney, MnDOT Project Manager, 2505 Transportation Road, Willmar, MN [56201-320.214.6324](tel:56201-320.214.6324)-Ryan.Barney@state.mn.us

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Project Title: City of Morgan - Construction of Wastewater Stabilization Pond Facility

Project Description: The City of Morgan (City) proposes to construct a three (3) cell stabilization pond wastewater treatment facility (Pond WWTF) in the southwest quarter of Section 9, T111N, R34W, in Redwood County. The Pond WWTF will replace the City's existing mechanical wastewater treatment facility (Mechanical WWTF). The Pond WWTF will have an outfall pipe to discharge treated wastewater to Redwood County Ditch 109. The City will also construct a new lift station and forcemain to convey wastewater from the City to the Pond WWTF. The City designed the Pond WWTF to treat a design average wet weather flow of 260,000 gallons per day, 210 days of storage, and a controlled (seasonal-spring and or fall) discharge to Redwood County Ditch 109, the same receiving water as the Mechanical WWTF discharge. Once the new Pond WWTF is in operation, the City will close the Mechanical WWTF. After completion of the Pond WWTF, and within the next few years, the City will also reconstruct and/or upgrade the City's existing sanitary sewer collection system, watermain lines, and storm sewer collection system. The City has already completed, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture – Rural Development Program reviewed, a federally-require environmental review report ("ER Report") for the City's proposed reconstruction of the sanitary sewer, watermain, and storm systems. As a result, the MPCA is not conducting review now on the City's proposed activities previously evaluated in the ER Report.

A copy of the Notice of Availability and the EAW can be found on the MPCA website at the following address: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/topics/environmental-review/environmental-assessment-worksheets-and-environmental-impact-statements.html>

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Petition

The following petition has 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.

- City of East Bethel, CST Companies Project in East Bethel
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Environmental Assessment

There is no formal comment period for the Environmental Assessment (EA) below (Minnesota Rule 7850); however, persons may comment on the EA during the public hearing for the project. Public hearing dates, times, and comment periods are noted on the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's calendar: www.mn.gov/puc

In the Matter of the Application of Great River Energy for a Route Permit under the Alternative Permitting Process for the Palisade 115 kV Project in Aitkin County, Minnesota

eDockets No. ET2/TL-15-423

Please take notice that the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) issued the environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed Palisade 115 kV Transmission Project in Aitkin County, Minnesota.

The EA is a written document that describes the human and environmental impacts of the proposed transmission line project, and methods to mitigate such impacts.

Electronic versions of the EA and other relevant documents are available on the EERA website: <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=34249>, and on the State of Minnesota eDockets system: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> (enter the year "15" and the number "423").

Printed versions of the EA will be available at the following location:

- **Aitkin Public Library** – 110 First Avenue NE, Aitkin, MN

A public hearing for the proposed project will be held at 6:00 p.m. on May 5, 2016, at the Waukenabo Town Hall in Palisade, Minnesota. Notice of this hearing will be issued separately and available on the websites noted above.

If you have questions about the EA or would like more information, please contact:

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