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EQB Announcements

Citizen Environmental Review Survey

The Environmental Quality Board, which oversees the state's Environmental Review program, is undergoing a continuous improvement project to monitor and improve the effectiveness of Environmental Review. Minnesota citizens who have participated in the Environmental Review process are asked to consider taking 10 minutes to complete the survey at the link below. Engagement in the process may include: reviewed a document, attended a public meeting, wrote a comment, contacted staff, etc.

<http://survey.mn.gov/s.asp?k=151335922389>

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Petitions

The following petition has been filed with the EQB requesting preparation of an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW). The EQB has assigned the indicated unit of government to review the petition and decide on the need for an EAW.

- City of Menahga, Menahga High School Addition
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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.

- Department of Natural Resources, Wright Bog Horticultural Peat Project, 2-13-18 (12-11-17)

Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Project Title: Slip C Sediment Remediation

Comment Deadline: April 4, 2018

Project Description: The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, in partnership with the U.S Environmental Protection Agency's Great Lakes National Program Office and the United States Army Corps of Engineers, proposes to cap contaminated sediment in the Duluth/Superior Harbor Slip C using suitable sand dredged from the St. Louis River Federal Navigation Channel and aggregate from a nearby gravel pit. A copy of the Notice of Availability and the EAW can be found on the MPCA website at the following address: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/eaw>

Minn. R. part 4410.4300, subpart 27, item A.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

RGU Contact Person:

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Project Title: Slip 3 Sediment Remediation

Comment Deadline: April 4, 2018

Project Description: The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Great Lakes National Program Office and the United States Army Corps of Engineers, proposes to cap contaminated sediment in the Duluth/Superior Harbor Slip 3 using suitable sand dredged from the St. Louis River Federal Navigation Channel and aggregate from a nearby gravel pit. A copy of the Notice of Availability and the EAW can be found on the MPCA website at the following address: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/eaw>

Minn.R. part 4410.4300, subpart 27, item A.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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Project Title: Rose RV and Campground Park EAW

Comment Deadline: April 4, 2018

Project Description: Dave Rose proposes to develop a 4.55-acre site to provide an RV and campground park in the City of Tower adjacent to the East Two River channel. The RV and campground development would have a maximum of 20 sites. An approximately 2,880 square foot commercial building may be constructed as part of the project to provide an adequate storm shelter for site occupants, bathrooms and showers, and potentially dining and meeting space. A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) is available at the City of Tower located at 602 Main Street, Tower, Minnesota and the Duluth Public Library located at 520 West Superior Street, Duluth, Minnesota. The EAW can also be viewed on the City of Tower website at www.cityoftower.com. The City of Tower will accept written comments on the EAW during the public review and comment period, which concludes Tuesday, April 4, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. Written comments should be submitted to Linda Keith, City Clerk and Zoning Administrator, City of Tower.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Tower

RGU Contact Person:

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Project Title: County Highway 27 (CH 27) Reconstruction Project EAW

Comment Deadline: April 4, 2018

Project Description: Scott County is proposing to expand 1.5 miles of Scott County Highway (CH) 27, a two-lane rural section of roadway to a four-lane urban roadway with turn lanes, center median, paved shoulders, stormwater infrastructure (i.e. curb and gutter), and multi-use trails along both sides of the roadway. The project is located between County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 21 and CSAH 44. The project will also include modifications to local road access, modifications to a trail loop in Cleary Lake Regional Park, and stormwater infrastructure. Copies of the document can be viewed at the following Scott County Libraries and the Scott County Project website: <https://www.scottcountymn.gov/591/CH-27-Reconstruction> Prior Lake Library 16210 Eagle Creek Avenue SE Prior Lake, MN 55372 952-447-3375 Savage Library 13090 Alabama Avenue S Savage, MN 55378 952-707-1770

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Scott County

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Project Title: Malcolm Yards Mixed Use Residential

Comment Deadline: April 4, 2018

Project Description: This EAW studies the proposed Malcolm Yards Mixed Use Residential development located at 419 29th Avenue SE, 504 29th Avenue SE, 501 30th Avenue SE, 445 Malcolm Avenue, 501 Malcolm Avenue and 518 Malcolm Avenue in Minneapolis. The total project area encompasses a 10.1 acre site. The Malcolm Yards Mixed Use Residential project would include up to 800 attached residential units and 80,000 square feet of new commercial development constructed in two phases. The project area would be accessed from Malcolm Avenue and via new private connecting roads. Copies of the EAW will be available for review at the downtown Minneapolis Central Library located at 300 Nicollet Mall, and in the office of the City's CPED, Land Use, Design and Preservation Section at 250 S. 4th Street, Room 300 Public Service Center. Notice will be published in the EQB Monitor on Monday, February 26th, 2018. Public comments on the EAW must be made within the 30-day comment period, which ends at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March

28th, 2018. It is anticipated that the Zoning and Planning Committee at its regular meeting on April 19th, 2018, or at a subsequent meeting, will receive a report and recommendation from City staff, hear comment from all parties and consider the adequacy of this EAW and the need for an Environmental Impact Statement for this proposal. The City Council will act on the recommendation of this Committee at a subsequent meeting on April 27th, 2018. This EAW and supporting information will also be available for review on the City of Minneapolis web site: http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/planning/cped_eaw. Copies of this EAW can also be provided to individuals by email. For further information or to submit comments on the EAW, contact Hilary Dvorak, Principal City Planner, at 612.673.2639 or via email hilary.dvorak@minneapolismn.gov.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Minneapolis

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Supplemental Environmental Assessment/Environmental Assessment Worksheet

Project Title: Supplemental Environmental Assessment/Amended Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation for the Southwest Light Rail Transit (LRT) (METRO Green Line Extension) Project

Project Description: The Metropolitan Council (Council) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have issued a Supplemental Environmental Assessment (Supplemental EA)/Amended Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation for the METRO Green Line Extension Project. This Supplemental EA has been prepared in accordance with 23 CFR 771.130 by the Council and the FTA to address changes in project design from those analyzed in the Southwest Light Rail Transit Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS), Record of Decision (ROD), and Adequacy Determination (2016), which are a result of the Project's advancement into final engineering. This document analyzes whether there have been significant changes to the proposed action, the affected environment, and the anticipated impacts or the proposed mitigation measures required. Under the Minnesota Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), this Supplemental EA will serve as the state environmental document to evaluate the proposed changes to the Project. The analysis documented in this Supplemental EA/Amended Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation will be used by the Council to reach an informed and appropriate decision whether to issue a Negative Declaration for the revised project (pursuant to Minnesota Rules, part 4410.1700) or that a Supplemental EIS is warranted.

Comments on the accuracy and completeness of the information, potential impacts that may warrant further investigation before the project is commenced, and the need for an EIS on the project are being accepted through Monday, April 9, 2018. Written comments can be addressed to Ms. Kelcie Campbell listed below.

The Council will host a community town hall meeting on the Supplemental EA/Amended Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at Dunwoody College of Technology located at 818 Dunwoody Boulevard, Minneapolis 55403. The town hall meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. with an open house, followed by a short staff presentation at 6:00 p.m. Attendees will have the opportunity to submit written and verbal comments at the town hall. If you require assistance to participate, please contact Dan Pfeiffer at least seven business days for the scheduled meeting. Following the review period and consideration of the comments received, a Federal and State Notice of Decision will be made which will document the Council's and FTA's final decision regarding the environmental phase of the Project changes.

Document Availability: The Supplemental EA/Amended Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation, and all appendices, is available online at the project's website: www.swlrt.org. A printed copy of the Supplemental EA/Amended Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation is also available for review at the Southwest LRT Project Office, located in Suite 500 of the Park Place West Building, 6465 Wayzata Boulevard, St. Louis Park, MN 55426. The Project Office is open Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. A CD will be sent to interested businesses, individuals, and organizations, when requested. To request translation or ADA accommodations, please contact Dan Pfeiffer, Southwest LRT Assistant Public Involvement Manager, at 612-373-3897 or Daniel.Pfeiffer@metrotransit.org at least ten days prior to the comment period close.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Metropolitan Council

RGU Contact Person:

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Alternative Urban Areawide Review Update Adoptions

Project Title: CSAH 42/Akron Study Area

Project Description: The City of Rosemount has adopted the 2018 CSAH 42/Akron Area AUAR Update. The study area is 1500 acres and is located north of CSAH 42 with Akron Avenue bisecting the area. This environmental review will remain valid for five years.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Rosemount

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Notices

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

Project Description: Monsanto Company filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 18-NO-16. Notification is for genetically modified CORN, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic corn, referenced as Application Number 18-043-101n. The counties identified for release include the following: Blue Earth-1 location with 10 acres, Brown-2 locations with 10 acres/location, Dodge-1 location with 10 acres, Freeborn-1 location with 10 acres, Lyon-1 location with 10 acres, McLeod-1 location with 10 acres, Mower-2 locations with 10 acres/location, Redwood-1 location with 10 acres, Rice-2 locations with 10 acres/location, Steele-2 locations with 10 acres/location, Waseca-2 locations with 10 acres/location. Project categories include HT (Herbicide Tolerance).

Project Description: Pioneer Hi-Bred International filed a Notification for Release of a Genetically Engineered Organism with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number 18-NO-15. Notification is for genetically modified CORN, pending USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) approval for the environmental release of transgenic corn, referenced as Application Number 18-016-102rm. The counties identified for release include the following: Freeborn-2 locations with 10 acres per location. Project categories include HT (Herbicide Tolerance), IR (Insect Resistance), MG (Marker Gene), and OO (Other).

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Minnesota Department of Agriculture; Plant Protection Division

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Project Title: Lebanon Hills 115kV Substation/Transmission Line Project

Comment Deadline: March 19, 2018

Project Description: Great River Energy is proposing improvements to the transmission system in Eagan, Minn., to accommodate future reconfiguration of Great River Energy's Pilot Knob Substation and upgrades to the existing 69-kilovolt (kV) system. The Lebanon Hills Project will be constructed as described below: Rebuild the existing Dakota Electric Association Lebanon Hills Substation to facilitate 115-kV service. Rebuild approximately 0.85 mile of existing Great River Energy "DA-LE" 69-kV transmission line to a 115-kV double circuit along Cliff Road. Rebuild approximately 0.5 mile of Xcel Energy's existing 69-kV "0703" line to 115-kV double circuit line in Eagan.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Eagan

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