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### EQB Announcements

## Citizen Board Member Opening - 4th Congressional District

Applications are now open for an EQB Citizen Board Member in the 4th Congressional District. The 4th Congressional District includes St. Paul and surrounding suburbs such as Woodbury, Maplewood, Roseville, New Brighton, White Bear Lake, and Stillwater.

The position is for a four-year term starting January 1, 2020. The position is open until filled. For details and to apply: <https://commissionsandappointments.sos.state.mn.us/agency/details/107>

## Minnesota Environmental Congress Website Live!

**Join us at the Environmental Congress to learn about innovative climate work happening across the state and explore ways to apply solutions in your community.**

This free, daylong conference will include sessions on community preparedness, innovative practices in agriculture, transitioning to a low-carbon transportation system, protecting our water resources, and more. Participants will lead discussion groups in the afternoon and contribute ideas on how we can work together in new, equitable, and creative ways to take meaningful action. The Congress is a space to harness the energy and hopes of fellow Minnesotans and cooperatively build a healthy future for our communities, wildlife, lands, and waters.

**All are welcome! Sign up at our website below to receive news updates:**

[www.eqb.state.mn.us/environmentalcongress](http://www.eqb.state.mn.us/environmentalcongress)

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## EQB Environmental Review Implementation Subcommittee Meeting – October 16, 2019

We invite you to join the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) at their next Board meeting on October 16 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm at the MPCA in St. Paul! The October 16, 2019 EQB meeting will address two informational items and feature a public input period:

1. Environmental Review Implementation Subcommittee
2. Climate Change and Environmental Review
3. Public Input and Discussion of Next Steps on Climate Change

You can view our [full agenda on the EQB website](#)

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## Environmental Assessment Worksheet

### Project Title: Middle Sand Creek Corridor Restoration Project, Coon Rapids MN

**Comment Deadline:** November 6, 2019

**Project Description:** A combination of bank stabilization and natural channel design methods will be employed along a 3/4-mile reach of Sand Creek to address aquatic life impairments by improving stream stability and enhancing in-stream and riparian habitat. Work includes channel re-shaping, floodplain excavation, native plant restoration, and installation of vegetated riprap, toe wood, root wads, and j-hooks.

The EAW is available for review at the Coon Creek Watershed District (District) office during regular business hours or on the District website ([www.cooncreekwd.org](http://www.cooncreekwd.org)). Written comments on this EAW will be accepted by the District until 4:30 pm on November 6, 2019 and should be sent to Tim Kelly at 13632 Van Buren Street NE, Ham Lake, MN 55304 or [tkelly@cooncreekwd.org](mailto:tkelly@cooncreekwd.org).

**Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU):** Coon Creek Watershed District

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## Environmental Assessment/Environmental Assessment Worksheet

### Project Title: METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project

**Comment Deadline:** November 6, 2019

**Project Description:** The Metropolitan Council (Council) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have issued an Environmental Assessment (EA)/Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project. Gold Line BRT is a proposed nine- or ten-mile bus rapid transit line that will connect Saint Paul, Maplewood, Landfall, Oakdale and Woodbury with bus-only lanes generally north of and near Interstate 94. Gold Line is proposed to provide 21 full-amenity stations and frequent all-day service, seven days a week.

The Environmental Assessment evaluates potential environmental, social, economic and transportation benefits and impacts from the project's construction and operations. Upon consideration of the comments received on the EA/EAW, the FTA and the Council will determine the adequacy of the environmental document. If further documentation is necessary, preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), revising the EA/EAW, or providing clarification in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions would accomplish

this. If an EIS is not necessary, the Council will prepare a Negative Declaration on the need for an EIS to fulfill Minnesota state environmental requirements. Further, if, upon consideration of comments received on the EA/EAW, the FTA agrees with the Council's findings, the FTA will issue a Finding of No Significant Impact.

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 November 6, 2019. Written comments can be submitted via: Email: [goldline@metrotransit.org](mailto:goldline@metrotransit.org) Online: [metrotransit.org/gold-line-environmental](http://metrotransit.org/gold-line-environmental) Mail: Gold Line Project Office, c/o Chelsa Johnson, 121 7th Place E., Suite 102, St. Paul, MN 55101

The Council will host two public open house events on the EA/EAW on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at East Side Learning Hub at Harding High School located at 1526 6th St. E., St. Paul 55106 and Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at Landfall Community Center located at 2 Fourth Ave, Landfall, 55128. The open house events will begin at 5:00 p.m. and end at 7:00 p.m. All venues are ADA accessible. Gold Line Project Office will also host drop-in hours on Monday October 28, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Attendees will have the opportunity to talk to project staff and submit written comments at the events. If you require any assistance to participate in these meetings, such as a translator or other accommodations, please contact Liz Jones at 652-602-1977 or [Elizabeth.jones@metrotransit.org](mailto:Elizabeth.jones@metrotransit.org)

**Document Availability:** The METRO Gold Line BRT EA/EAW can be viewed at the following locations: Gold Line website: [metrotransit.org/gold-line-environmental](http://metrotransit.org/gold-line-environmental) George Latimer Central Library, 90 W. 4th St., Saint Paul, MN 55102 Dayton's Bluff Library, 645 E 7th St., St. Paul, MN 55106 Sun Ray Library, 2105 Wilson Ave., St. Paul, MN 55119 Maplewood Library, 3025 Southlawn Dr., Maplewood, MN 55109 Landfall City Hall, 1 4th Ave., Landfall, MN 55128 Oakdale Library, 1010 Heron Ave. N., Oakdale, MN 55128 R.H. Stafford Library, 8595 Central Park Pl., Woodbury, MN 55125 Gold Line Project Office, 121 7th Pl. E., Suite 102, St. Paul 55101 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 additional translation or ADA accommodations, please contact Liz Jones, Gold Line BRT Public Outreach Coordinator, at 652-602-1977 or [Elizabeth.jones@metrotransit.org](mailto:Elizabeth.jones@metrotransit.org) at least ten days prior to the comment period close.

**Link to document:** <https://www.metrotransit.org/gold-line-ea>.

**Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU):** Metropolitan Council

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## Alternative Urban Areawide Review Draft Order and Scoping for Large Projects

### Project Title: Capstone 500

**Comment Deadline:** November 6, 2019

**Project Description:** The AUAR area will cover 560 acres in the City of St. Michael and address two development scenarios. Scenarios 1 and 2 both include residential development, commercial

development, and parks and ball fields. Scenario 2 will maintain some land in agriculture and be consistent with the adopted Comprehensive Plan.

**Link to document:** No link available. Contact the RGU for a copy of the document.

**Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU):** City of St. Michael

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