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Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Comment Deadline: March 18, 2015

Project Title: 610 West Apartments

Project Description: The 610 West residential development is proposed on approximately 10.85 acres south of Oak Grove Parkway between 96th Lane and Hampshire Avenue North. The project proposes up to 520 apartment units within four separate buildings and a 20,000 square foot clubhouse with amenities. The project proposes 216 surface and 505 underground parking stalls. The EAW can be found on the City's website at www.brooklynpark.org/610westeaw.

RGU: City of Brooklyn Park

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Project Title: Stewart River Stabilization and Habitat Improvement

Project Description: The Stewart River Stabilization and Habitat Improvement Project will stabilize a 4500 foot long reach of river. Channel form will be restored, pool and riffle habitat created, stream banks stabilized to reduce further erosion, and native vegetation reestablished in the riparian corridor. Restoring the Stewart River will have lasting beneficial effects on the health of Lake Superior.

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Project Title: TH 23 Passing Lanes from 1-90 to Willmar

Project Description: The Minnesota Department of Transportation is proposing the construction of passing lanes at six designated locations on TH 23 between I-90 and Willmar in southwest Minnesota. The passing lane improvements will affect approximately 11.4 miles of the 140 mile corridor. The primary purpose of the project is to improve highway mobility and safety by offering safe passing opportunities for vehicles traveling behind slower moving traffic.

The State Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) describes the proposed project, impacts, and mitigation.

Copies of the EAW are available for public review beginning February 16, 2015, at the following locations:

- Montevideo/Chippewa County Library, 224 So. First St., Montevideo, MN 56265;
- Willmar Public Library, 410 Fifth St. SW, Willmar, MN, 56201-3298;
- Marshall-Lyon County Library, 201 C Street, Marshall, MN 56258
- MnDOT District 8A Office Building Lobby, 2505 Transportation Road, Willmar, MN 56201;
- MnDOT District 8B Office Building Lobby, 1800 East College Drive, Marshall, MN 56258;
- Minneapolis Public Library, Technical & Science Division, Government Docs., 2nd Floor, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401-1992;
- MnDOT Library, 395 John Ireland Boulevard, St. Paul, MN 55155.

The EAW is also available at the project website:
<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d8/projects/hwy23passinglanes/>

The EAW comment period will begin on February 16, 2015. Written comments will be accepted through March 18, 2015. Comments should be submitted to the MnDOT District 8 Project Manager listed below. To afford an opportunity for all interested persons, agencies and groups to learn more about the project, a public informational meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at the Granite Falls City Hall – Council Chambers, 641 Prentice Street, Granite Falls MN 56241. The open house style meeting will be held from 4:00 to 6:00. MnDOT representatives will be present to answer questions.

RGU: Minnesota Department of Transportation

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Relay). You may also send an email to ADArequest.dot@state.mn.us. (Please request at least one week in advance).

Project Title: Roseau River Wildlife Management Area (RRWMA) Pool Enhancement Project

Project Description: The Roseau River Wildlife Management Area (RRWMA) is located within four miles of the Canadian border in the northwestern corner of Roseau County, MN.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and the Roseau River Watershed District plan to construct a new outlet channel and modify some existing water level management structures at Roseau River WMA to reduce peak flows, improve timing of outflows and use of existing storage, reduce water level fluctuations during the growing season, and provide better water level management to improve habitat conditions.

The MDNR will accept written comments on the Environmental Assessment Worksheet during the public review and comment period, which concludes Wednesday, March 18, 2015, at 4:30 p.m.

Written comments should be submitted to Irina Woldeab, Environmental Planner, Environmental Policy and Review Unit, Division of Ecological and Water Resources, Department of Natural Resources, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN, 55155-4025. Electronic or e-mail comments may be sent to Environmentalrev.dnr@state.mn.us with "Roseau River WMA EAW" in the subject line. If submitting comments electronically, include name and mailing address. Written comments may also be sent by fax to (651) 296-1811.

A copy of the EAW is available for public review at:

- DNR Library, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155-4025
- DNR Northwest Region, 2115 Birchmont Beach Road NE, Bemidji, MN 56601-8669
- Minneapolis Central Library, Government Documents, 2nd Floor, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401-1992
- Crookston Public Library, 110 No. Ash St., Crookston, MN 56716

The EAW is also posted on the DNR's website at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/index.html>

(Click on "Public Input", then select "Roseau River WMA EAW" from the scroll-down list under "Environmental Review").

Additional copies may be requested by calling (651) 259-5089.

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EIS Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental unit has determined the following project does not require preparation of an EIS. The dates given are, respectively, the date of the determination and the date the EAW notice was published in the EQB Monitor.

- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Whitewater State Park Campground Development, 1/29/15 (9/29/14)
 - Minnesota Department of Transportation, 1-94 Reconstruction in St. Paul, 1/22/15 (7/21/14)
 - Washington County, Lake Elmo Avenue (County Road 17) Corridor and Utility Improvements, 1/20/15 (11/10/14)
 - Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, University of Minnesota Twin Cities Combined Heat and Power Project, 1/29/15 (10/27/14)
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AUAR Order

Project Title: O'Donnell-LaBeaux

Project Description: As the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU), the City of St. Michael is issuing this order for an Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) process on 78 acres of privately-owned land situated in the southeastern portion of the City of St. Michael, Wright County, Minnesota. This order specifies the boundaries of the geographic area and the anticipated nature, location, and intensity of development and associated infrastructure within those boundaries.

The City of St. Michael issued a draft AUAR order to initiate scenario scoping under Minnesota Rules 4410.3610, Subp. 5a on December 10, 2014 because a specific development project proposed in the AUAR area exceeds the EIS threshold set forth at Minnesota Rules 4410.4400, Subp. 14a, and because that specific project covers at least 50 percent of the AUAR area. The comment period for that scoping process ended on January 21, 2015. The City of St. Michael did not receive substantive comments regarding the scope of scenarios for this AUAR.

The AUAR area is bordered on the east by LaBeaux Ave. NE (CSAH 19) and residential development, on the north and south by agricultural land and large residential lots, and on the west by Gonz Lake. The AUAR area includes one parcel of land (PID 114-500-231100) located at 2381 LaBeaux Ave NE, within the south ½ of Section 23, T120N, R24W.

The AUAR will assess environmental effects associated with one development scenario, known as the PUD Development Scenario. The PUD Development Scenario is consistent with the City's comprehensive plan and the property owner's concept plan for the area. The development assumptions for this scenario include:

1. up to 130 single-family residential units;
2. up to 84 single-family units within the Shoreland Overlay District of Gonz Lake, which is Minnesota DNR Public Water 86-19P;
3. up to 46 units located outside the Shoreland Overlay District;
4. protection of open space within the shoreland area;
5. municipal streets and municipal sewer and water service; and
6. stormwater treatment ponding and other best management practices to manage runoff.

The specific development project to be analyzed in this review includes 130 single-family lots and is described by the development assumptions provided above.

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Draft AUAR (Ordered)

Comment Deadline: March 18, 2015

Project Title: Fox Hollow Estates

Draft Order for Review: As the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU), the City of St. Michael is issuing this draft order for an Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) process on 113 acres of privately-owned land situated in the northeastern portion of the City of St. Michael, Wright County, Minnesota. This order specifies the boundaries of the geographic area and the anticipated nature, location, and intensity of development and associated infrastructure within those boundaries.

This draft AUAR order is issued to initiate scoping, which is required under Minnesota Rules 4410.3610, Subp. 5a because a specific development project proposed in the AUAR area exceeds the EIS threshold set forth at Minnesota Rules 4410.4400, Subp. 14a, and because that specific project covers at least 50 percent of the AUAR area.

Project Description: The AUAR area is bordered on the west by Ogren Ave. NE and agricultural land, on the north by Foster Lake (Minnesota DNR public water 86-1P) and undeveloped land, on the east by Foster Lake and large lot residential development, and on the south by CSAH #35/45th Street NE, Fox Hollow Golf Club, and residential/agricultural land.

The AUAR area is located in the northeast quadrant of Ogren Ave. NE and 45th Street NE (CSAH 36). The AUAR area includes parts of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3, the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9, and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10, T120N, R23W. The AUAR area includes seven parcel of land (PIDs 114-800-044400, 114-800-091102, 114-800-091100, 114-800-044401, 114-800-033401, 114-800-091101, and 114-800-102200).

The AUAR will assess environmental effects associated with two development scenarios. The Residential PUD Scenario is consistent with the property owner's concept plan for the area and will include:

1. up to 141 single-family residential units;
2. a portion of the single-family units located within the Shoreland Overlay District of Foster Lake, which is Minnesota DNR public water 86-1P;
3. municipal streets and municipal sewer and water service;
4. trails, parkland, and wetland buffers; and
5. stormwater ponding and other best management practices to manage runoff.

The specific development project to be analyzed in this review includes 141 single-family lots and is described by the development assumptions provided above. The Residential PUD Scenario would convert 9 holes of the 27-hole Fox Hollow Golf Club to residential and associated land uses.

The Golf Course-Commercial Scenario is consistent with the City's current comprehensive plan and will include:

1. commercial development in southwestern 5 acres of the AUAR area, involving:
 - a. up to 54,450 square feet of retail development floor space based on floor area ratio of 0.25;
 - b. municipal streets, sewer, and water service; and
 - c. stormwater ponding and other best management practices to manage runoff;
- and
2. perpetuation of the existing 9-hole golf course in the remainder of the AUAR area

This draft AUAR order allows for government units and interested persons to submit comments that may suggest additional development scenarios and relevant issues to be analyzed in the review. The content and format of this AUAR will be similar to that of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW), but the AUAR will include a more detailed analysis and a mitigation plan.

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Environmental Assessment/Environmental Assessment Worksheet

Comment Deadline: March 18, 2015

Project Title: CSAH 116 Reconstruction Project

Project Description: Anoka County is proposing expansion of 2.3 miles of CSAH 116 (Bunker Lake Boulevard) from two to four lanes within the cities of Andover and Ham Lake. The project will include a raised median, turn lanes, reconstruction of the traffic signal at Jefferson Street, and pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

RGU: Anoka County

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Notice

Public Utilities Commission

Notice of Permit Decision in the Matter of the Application of ITC Midwest LLC for a Route Permit for the Minnesota – Iowa 345 kV Transmission Line Project in Jackson, Martin, and Faribault Counties, Minnesota

Public Utilities Commission Docket No. ET-6675/TL-12-1337

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN at a meeting on October 23, 2014, and in an Order issued November 25, 2014, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission: (i) found that the environmental impact statement prepared by the Department of Commerce met the requirements of Minnesota Rules, part 7850.2500, subpart 10; and (ii) issued a high-voltage transmission line route permit for the Minnesota – Iowa 345 kV Transmission Line Project, authorizing ITC Midwest LLC to construct and operate approximately 75 miles of 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line located in Jackson, Martin, and Faribault counties.

Questions about this project may be directed to Commission staff member Scott Ek at scott.ek@state.mn.us or 651-201-2255.