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CORRECTION: This bulletin includes a corrected date for accepting public comments on the Southwest Light Rail Transit Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS).

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Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Comment Deadline: June 24, 2015

Project Title: Chambers' Grove Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Project

Project Description: The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) intends to use natural channel design techniques to enhance spawning habitat for Lake Superior migratory fish species, particularly lake sturgeon, by constructing three riffle features about 1.4 miles below the Fond du Lac Dam on the St. Louis River in Duluth, Minnesota. Project will include removing an engineered retaining wall along the shoreline and naturalizing the bank with vegetation. Designs will include access features planned by the City of Duluth. This project supports the Lower St. Louis River Area of Concern Remedial Action Plan.

MDNR will accept written comments on the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) during the public review and comment period, which concludes Wednesday, June 24, 2015, at 4:30 p.m.

Written comments should be submitted to Ronald Wieland, EAW Project Manager, 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 "Chambers' Grove 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
- DNR Northeast Region, 1201 East Highway 2, Grand Rapids
- Minneapolis Central Library, Government Documents, 2nd Floor, 300 Nicollet Mall.
- Duluth Public Library, 520 W. Superior St., Duluth.

The EAW is also posted on the MDNR's website. The URL will be <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/environmentalreview/chambers-grove/index.html>

Additional copies may be requested by calling (651) 259-5157.

RGU: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

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Project Title: Interstate 94/Highway 75 Interchange Reconstruction Project

Project Description: The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is planning to reconstruct the TH 75/I-94 interchange in the City of Moorhead, including the construction of auxiliary lanes on I-94 between Hwy 75 and 20th Street. TH 75 is proposed to be resurfaced and widened from 24th Avenue South to 35th Avenue South.

The EAW provides information regarding the project's environmental setting, the potential for environmental impacts and proposed mitigation measures for potential impacts. It will be available to view during business hours at the following locations:

- Minnesota Department of Transportation District 4, 1000 Highway 10 West, Detroit Lakes
- Moorhead Public Library, 118 5th Street South, Moorhead
- Fergus Falls Public Library, 205 E Hampden, Fergus Falls
- Hennepin County Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis

A public hearing regarding the EAW will be held on June 16 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 1080 28th Avenue South, Moorhead, MN. Members of the public are welcome to share comments at the hearing or send them directly to the MnDOT project engineer.

The document can also be accessed from the following website:
<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d4/projects/moorhead/>

To request the document in an alternate format please contact Janet Miller at 651-366-4720 or 1-800-657-3774 (Greater Minnesota), 711 or 1-800-627-3529 (Minnesota Relay). You also may send an email to ADArequest.dot@state.mn.us.

RGU: Minnesota Department of Transportation

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Project Title: City of Winsted, MN Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements

Project Description: The city of Winsted (City) is proposing to upgrade the City's existing municipal wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) and to move the existing continuous wastewater discharge from South Lake to an unnamed ditch that flows into Crane Creek (Project). The unnamed ditch is classified as a Class 2B, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 Water. Both the average wet weather design flow for the existing and proposed WWTF is 820,000 gallons per day. The Project includes construction of the following new equipment: pretreatment building, biological phosphorus removal tank, tertiary filtration system, reaeration system, effluent lift station and force main connecting to a new discharge outfall (SD003) located at the unnamed creek. Further, the project includes replacement of the following: oxidation ditches, clarifier tank and ancillary equipment, Return Activated Sludge/Waste Activated Sludge (RAS/WAS) pumps and piping, and ultraviolet (UV) disinfection equipment. The Project improves WWTF treatment capability, meets more stringent effluent limits for a new continuous discharge, and removes the wastewater discharge from South Lake, which is a shallow lake with excess nutrients.

A copy of the EAW will be posted on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) website, at the following: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html>. Written comments on the EAW should be submitted to Nancy Drach. A copy of the EAW may also be obtained by contacting Beth Tegdesch at 651-757-2100.

In addition to the EAW, the MPCA's draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)/State Disposal System (SDS) Permit will also be available for public comment beginning shortly after EAW publication. The contact person for the NPDES/SDS Permit is Ashley Wahl at 507-476-4264.

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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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 (EIS). The dates given are, respectively, the date of the determination and the date the environmental assessment worksheet (EAW) notice was published in the EQB Monitor.

- City of Minneapolis, Ritz Block, 5-1-15 (3-2-15)
- City of Minneapolis, Superior Plating Site Redevelopment, 5-1-15 (3-2-15)

Scoping Environmental Assessment Worksheet and Draft Environmental Impact Statement Scoping Document

Comment Deadline: June 24, 2015

Project Title: Detroit Lakes - Becker County Airport (Wething Field) Runway 13/31 Extension

Project Description: The City of Detroit Lakes has prepared an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) and Draft Scoping Decision document for proposed improvements at Detroit Lakes – Becker County Airport (FAA identifier DTL). Under Minnesota Administrative Rule 4410, Section 4400, a State Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required “for construction of a paved and lighted airport runway of 5,000 feet of length or greater.” The EAW has been prepared in order to scope the EIS in coordination with relevant government agencies and the general public. The preferred alternative has not yet been identified. Following project scoping, the Airport will complete a combined Federal Environmental Assessment (EA) / State EIS that identifies a preferred alternative, and evaluates the effects of this alternative on the surrounding natural, social, and economic environments. At a minimum, the proposed action for the project is expected to include the following:

- A shift, extension, widening, and reconstruction of the Airport’s primary runway and parallel taxiway to meet FAA and MnDOT design standards and operator runway length requirements;
- Reconstruction of the primary runway to replace aging and deteriorating pavement.
- An instrument approach to the Airport’s primary runway with precision CAT-I minimums (1/2 statute mile visibility and 200-foot cloud ceiling height) to meet MnDOT State Aviation System Plan (SASP) requirements; and
- Property acquisition to accommodate the runway and approach improvements.

Copies of the EAW and Draft Scoping Decision document have been distributed to agencies listed on the current Minnesota EQB distribution list. These documents may be accessed electronically on the project consultant’s FTP site at <ftp://DTL-EA:Detroit2014@ftp.meadhunt.com>. A copy may also be obtained by contacting Evan Barrett at 952-641-8820. The City of Detroit Lakes will host a public meeting regarding the proposed project from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on June 22, 2015, at Detroit Lakes City Council Chambers located at 1025 Roosevelt Avenue, Detroit Lakes, MN.

RGU: City of Detroit Lakes

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Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement

CORRECTION: Comment Deadline: July 6, 2015

Project Title: Southwest Light Rail Transit (METRO GreenLine Extension)

Project Description: The Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) describes the transportation and environmental impacts associated with the construction of the approximately 16-mile Southwest Light Rail Transit (LRT) (METRO Green Line Extension) project as an extension of the METRO Green Line (Central Corridor LRT). The Southwest LRT would operate from downtown Minneapolis through the communities of St. Louis Park, Hopkins, Minnetonka, and Eden Prairie, passing in close proximity to Edina.

The Supplemental Draft EIS augments the information and analyses provided in the Southwest Transitway Draft EIS, focusing on design adjustments that may result in new significant adverse impacts of the proposed project since publication of the Draft EIS in October 2012. The following three areas are analyzed in the limited-scope Supplemental Draft EIS: (1) adjustments to the proposed light rail alignment and station improvements in a segment in Eden Prairie, generally between the intersections of Technology Drive and Mitchell Road and of Flying Cloud Drive and Valley View Road; (2) the location of a proposed OMF in Hopkins; and (3) adjustments to proposed light rail and freight rail alignments and LRT stations in a segment in St. Louis Park and Minneapolis, generally between Louisiana Avenue South and Penn Avenue South. This Supplemental Draft EIS also updates the project's Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation that was included in the project's Draft EIS. This update reflects: 1) design adjustments to the LPA identified by the Council in April and July 2014; 2) preliminary findings of effect made by FTA as part of the project's Section 106 assessment of historical and archaeological resources; 3) continued consultation with officials with jurisdiction for Section 4(f) protected properties; and 4) revised preliminary determinations for Section 4(f) protected properties, including preliminary non-de minimis and de minimis use determinations and temporary occupancy exception determinations.

Documents Available for Public Review

The Supplemental Draft EIS is available for review online at <http://metro council.org/swlрт/sdeis>. Hard copies of the Supplemental Draft EIS are available for public review at the following locations:

- **Eden Prairie City Hall:** 8080 Mitchell Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55344
- **Eden Prairie Public Library:** 565 Prairie Center Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55344
- **Minnetonka City Hall:** 14600 Minnetonka Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55345
- **Minnetonka Public Library:** 17524 Excelsior Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55345
- **Hopkins City Hall:** 1010 First Street South, Hopkins, MN 55343
- **Hopkins Public Library:** 22 Eleventh Avenue North, Hopkins, MN 55343
- **Edina City Hall:** 4801 West 50th Street, Edina, MN 55424
- **St. Louis Park City Hall:** 5005 Minnetonka Blvd, St. Louis Park, MN 55416
- **St. Louis Park Public Library:** 3240 Library Lane, St. Louis Park, MN 55426
- **Southwest LRT Project Office:** 6465 Wayzata Blvd., Suite 500, St. Louis Park, MN 55426
- **Minneapolis City Hall:** City Engineer's Office, 350 South Fifth Street, Room 203, Minneapolis, MN 55414
- **Minneapolis Central Library:** 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN
- **Walker Public Library:** 2880 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55408
- **Linden Hills Public Library:** 2900 West 43rd Street, Minneapolis, MN 55410
- **Sumner Public Library:** 611 Van White Memorial Blvd., Minneapolis, MN 55411
- **Franklin Public Library:** 1314 East Franklin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55404

- **Metropolitan Council Library:** 390 Robert Street North, St. Paul, MN 55101
- **Minnesota Department of Transportation Library:** 395 John Ireland Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155
- **Minnesota Legislative Reference Library:** 645 State Office Building, 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. St. Paul, MN 55155

Comment Period, Public Hearings and Instructions for Commenting

Comments on the Supplemental Draft EIS will be accepted from May 22 through July 6, 2015. Comments can be submitted by three methods:

Email: Written comments can be submitted to SWLRT@metrotransit.org

- U.S. Mail: Nani Jacobson Assistant Director, Environmental and Agreements
Metro Transit - Southwest LRT Project Office
6465 Wayzata Blvd., Suite 500
St. Louis Park, MN 55426
- Public Hearings: Formal testimony at one of three public hearings in June. The public hearings will each be preceded by an open house, where people can learn more about the Southwest LRT Project and the Supplemental Draft EIS.

Public open houses and hearings on the Supplemental Draft EIS are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, June 16, 2015: Hopkins Center for the Arts
1111 Mainstreet
Hopkins, MN 55343
Open House: 5:00 PM
Public Hearing: 6:00 PM

Wednesday, June 17, 2015: Eden Prairie City Hall
8080 Mitchell Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55344
Open House: 5:00 PM
Public Hearing: 6:00 PM

Thursday, June 18, 2015: Dunwoody College of Technology
818 Dunwoody Blvd
Minneapolis, MN 55403
Open House: 5:00 PM
Public Hearing: 6:00 PM

Translation services for non-English speakers and ADA accommodations will be provided on request. 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 five days prior to the hearing.

RGU: Metropolitan Council

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Notices

Notice of Sale of State Dimension Stone Leases in Lake County

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) hereby provides notice of a sale of leases to explore for, mine, and remove dimension stone in school trust fund lands and state administered tax forfeited lands in Lake County, Minnesota. The dimension stone from the proposed sites consists of solid bedrock that could be cut into large blocks at or near the land surface. Finished end uses of this stone include items such as counter tops, memorials, tiles, and wall panels. The sale is scheduled to be held on June 30, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. The sale will take place in the 4th floor conference room, MDNR, 500 Lafayette Road, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155-4045. The lands offered for lease comprise two sites in Lake County as follows: L-231, located in Section 16, Township 61, Range 11; and L-159, located in Section 1, Township 59, Range 7 and Section 36 of Township 60, Range 7.

The commissioner of natural resources will receive sealed bids for leases covering minerals in state lands in accordance with Minnesota Rules, parts 6125.8000 through 6125.8700 and Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 93.

Each bid must be submitted on a form obtained from the MDNR. Each bid form must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or bank money order payable to the Department of Natural Resources in the sum of the following amounts: (a) an application fee of \$100.00 for each industrial mineral lease site bid upon; and (b) rental for one full calendar year for each dimension stone lease bid upon. All bids must be received by the Division Lands and Minerals, MDNR, Fourth Floor, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul MN, 55155-4045 before 4:30 p.m. on June 29, 2015.

On June 30, 2015, at the time specified above, the commissioner of natural resources or his representative will publicly open the bids and announce the amount of each bid separately. At a subsequent time, the commissioner will decide whether to award any leases. No bids will be accepted that do not equal or exceed the base royalty rates set forth for this sale and that do not comply with all the provisions of the rules. The State reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Bid forms, instructions on how bids are to be submitted, copies of the rules (Minn Rules parts 6125.800 through 6125.8700), copies of the List of Lands to be Offered at Sale, and the Lessee Forms to be used in conjunction with the sale, may be obtained from the Division of Lands and Minerals, MDNR, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155-4045 and on the internet through the MDNR website at http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lands_minerals/index.html. Email inquiries may be sent to Gloria.Johnson@state.mn.us.