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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: December 31, 2008

NOTICE: The *EQB Monitor* Publication Calendar for 2009 is included in this edition.

Project Title: City of St. Michael Naber Avenue Extension and Interstate 94 Interchange

Description: The proposed project will extend Naber Avenue from 50th Street NE to Wright County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 37 in the City of St. Michael, and includes construction of a new interchange with full access to Interstate 94. The proposed project also includes improvements to the Naber Avenue/50th Street intersection as well as the relocation of 55th Street to the north of its existing alignment. The extension of Naber Avenue will be constructed as a four-lane roadway. An existing BNSF Railway line will also be relocated to accommodate the proposed interchange.

Copies of the EA/EAW will be distributed to the EQB distribution list and other interested agencies. The EA/EAW can be viewed at the following locations: St. Michael City Hall, 3150 Lander Avenue NE, St. Michael; Roy Simms Community Library, 403 Central Avenue E, St. Michael; Mn/DOT District 3 Offices, 3725 12 Street N, St. Cloud. Comments should be directed to the contact person listed below.

The City of St. Michael will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 17, 2008 at the St. Michael City Hall (3150 Lander Avenue NE, St. Michael) from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The public hearing will be held in an open house format. Comments received will become part of the official record. The public comment record will be open through January 5, 2009.

RGU: Minnesota Department of Transportation

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Project Title: Odawa Pond (82-439W) Restoration

Description: The project consists of dredging sediment from DNR public waters wetland 82-439W and restoration of the wetland buffer. The wetland is in Odawa Park in the Park Hills neighborhood of Woodbury. The depth of dredging will be between 0>5 feet and 2.5 feet based on previous sediment sampling.

RGU: City of Woodbury

Contact Person:

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EIS NEED DECISIONS

The responsible governmental unit has determined the following projects do 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*.

- Chisago County, Sno Barons Annual Hay Day Event, November 5, 2008(August 11, 2008)
- City of New Prague, Southwest Area Commercial Development, November 3, 2008(September 22, 2008)
- Rochester Common Council, Highland Preserve, November 17, 2008 (September 22, 2008)

DRAFT AUAR AVAILABLE

Project Title: Woodbury Northeast Area AUAR

Description: The Woodbury Northeast AUAR area is approximately 580 acres of contiguous, mostly undeveloped land located along Interstate 94 in northeastern Woodbury. The AUAR assesses the potential environmental impacts of three development scenarios:

Scenario 1 - This scenario is consistent with the current Comprehensive Plan.

Scenario 2 - This scenario is consistent with the development plans of property owners in the area.

Scenario 3 - This alternative scenario looks at a greater mix of land uses than is in the currently approved land use plan.

The major environmental issues associated with development in the Northeast Area that are identified are related to infrastructure (traffic, surface water management, and water), karst topography and open space preservation.

Copies of the AUAR are available for public review at the following locations:

Woodbury City Hall, Community Development Department, 8301 Valley Creek Road, Woodbury, MN 55125

R. H. Stafford Library, 8595 Central Park Place, Woodbury, MN 55125

The AUAR is also available on the city website at www.ci.woodbury.mn.us.

To afford an opportunity for all interested persons, agencies and groups to comment on the AUAR, a community meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 8, 2008 in the Council Chambers at Woodbury City Hall, 8301 Valley Creek Road, Woodbury, MN 55125. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

RGU: City of Woodbury

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Project Title: Lake Elmo Village Area Draft AUAR

Description: The Village Area Draft Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) is an assessment of potential environmental impacts associated with the development of the 1,275-acre Village Area located in east-central Lake Elmo. The AUAR addresses four development scenarios that provide a range of development options – from 600 to 1, 600 residential units – with each scenario providing for 300,000 sq. ft. of commercial space, 150,000 sq. ft. of office space, and 200,000 sq. ft. of institutional space.

Document Availability: The AUAR is available for review at Lake Elmo City Hall (3800 LaVerne Avenue North) and at the Rosalie E Wahl Public Library (3479 Lake Elmo Avenue North). The AUAR is also available on the city's website www.lakeelmo.org

RGU: City of Lake Elmo

Comment Period: Comments on the AUAR must be sent to the City of Lake Elmo by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 31, 2008. Written comments should be mailed to Kyle Klatt,, Planning Director, 3800 LaVerne Ave, Lake Elmo, MN 55402 or transmitted via e-mail to AUARdraftcomments@lakeelmo.org.

Contact Person:

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PETITION FILED

The following petitions have 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.

- Beltrami County, Balm Lake Shores project

NOTICES

Public Meeting Notice – Northern Regional Landscape Committee Minnesota Forest Resources Council

The Northern Regional Landscape Committee of the Minnesota Forest Resources Council (MFRC) will meet on Wednesday, December 10, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in International Falls at the Holiday Inn.

For more information, please contact Lindberg Ekola, at 320-256-8300 or go to the calendar on the MFRC website at <http://www.frc.state.mn.us>

Public Meeting Notice – Northern Regional Landscape Committee Minnesota Forest Resources Council

The Northern Regional Landscape Committee of the Minnesota Forest Resources Council (MFRC) will meet on Wednesday, December 17, 2008, from 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in Duluth at the Natural Resources Institute (NRRI) building.

For more information, please contact Lindberg Ekola, at 320-256-8300 or go to the calendar on the MFRC website at <http://www.frc.state.mn.us>

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Notice of Annual Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the staff of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission will convene the annual public hearing on the Power Plant Siting and Transmission Line Routing Program from 10:00 to 12:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 30, 2008, in the Small Hearing Room at the Commission's offices on the third floor of the Metro Square Building, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55101.

The annual hearing is intended to advise the public of matters relating to the siting of large electric power generating plants and routing of high voltage transmission lines and to afford interested persons an opportunity to be heard regarding any aspects of the Commission's activities, duties, or policies pursuant to the Power Plant Siting Act, Minnesota Statutes section 216E.001-.18, or its Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Rules, Minnesota Rules chapter 7849.5020 to 7849.6500.

The Commission has prepared an Agenda for the meeting, available on its webpage at www.puc.state.mn.us.

At the hearing the public will be afforded an opportunity to be heard through the presentation of oral or written statements. Written statements may also be submitted for inclusion in the annual hearing record by delivery to the Commission's offices at the address above by the close of business on January 31, 2008. The staff recognizes that the time and location makes it difficult for all interested persons to attend, and emphasizes that written comments are encouraged and will be given equal consideration.

Direct all inquiries and written comments regarding the annual hearing to: Bob Cupit, Phone 651-201-2255, email: bob.cupit@state.mn.us.

EQB Monitor Publication Calendar for 2009

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33-1	January 5	January 12	February 11
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33-3	February 2	February 9	March 11
33-4	February 13 (Friday)	February 23	March 25
33-5	March 2	March 9	April 8
33-6	March 16	March 23	April 22
33-7	March 30	April 6	May 6
33-8	April 13	April 20	May 20
33-9	April 27	May 4	June 3
33-10	May 11	May 18	June 17
33-11	May 22 (Friday)	June 1	July 1
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