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

Project Title: Roberts Road (S.P. 220-080-04) Construction Project

Description: The City of Sartell and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) encourage the public to attend an open house and public hearing for the proposed construction of Roberts Road (S.P. 220-080-04). The proposed project is located in the City of Sartell, Stearns County, Minnesota. The open house and public hearing will be held on Monday, January 27th, 2009 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Sartell City Hall located at 125 Pine Cone Road North. The Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. following the open house portion at the same location.

The purpose of the open house and hearing is to inform the public about the project, and encouraged the public to comment and ask questions. Maps, drawings, and other pertinent information, including the Environmental Assessment and Environmental Assessment Worksheet and other project documents developed for the proposal, as well as written views received from local, state, and federal agencies, will be available for public inspection. During the open house the public will be able to discuss the project in an informal matter with Sartell officials along with representation from WSB & Associates, Inc., who conducted the study. Comments will be received either written or verbally (by a recorder), and will become part of the official public hearing record. The comments will be considered when making future project related decisions.

The purpose of the proposed action is to provide an urban east-west transportation facility (collector) consistent with local and regional roadway plans near the southern boundary of the City of Sartell, which will improve response time for emergency vehicles, add capacity and

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improve the transportation system roadway deficiencies resulting from future traffic volumes, while also improving mobility, accessibility and safety for travelers.

The tentative schedules for the right-of-way acquisition and construction will be discussed.

An informal open house will be held between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. The formal public hearing will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment which documents the purpose and need of the project along with the anticipated social, economic, and environmental impacts are available for public viewing during business hours at the following locations:

City of Sartell
125 Pine Cone Road North
Sartell, Minnesota 56377

Great River Regional Library
1300 W St. Germain
St. Cloud, Minnesota 56301

Comments can be mailed, prior to the close of the public comment period on January 15, 2009, to Ms. Anita Rasmussen, City of Sartell address presented above or Mr. Chad Hausmann, Project manager, at 4140 Thielman Lane, Suite 204, St. Cloud, MN 56301.

Individuals with a disability who need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this event please contact the Project Manager at the phone number listed above or through the Minnesota Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529 by January 7, 2009.

RGU: City of Sartell

Contact Person:

Chard Hausmann
Project Manager
4140 Thielman Lane, Suite 204
St. Cloud, MN 56301

Project Title: Docks of White Bear Lake

Description: Docks of White Bear Lake, Inc., proposes to increase its current marina operation by adding 100 slips within its current riparian boundary, which will result in an increase from 200 to 300 slips. The marina is located on White Bear Lake.

RGU: White Bear Lake Conservation District (WBLCD)

Contact Person:

Alan Kantrud
Attorney for WBLCD
1830 County Road B East
Maplewood, MN 55109
Phone: 651-249-2052

Project Title: 50th Avenue (S.P. 220-117-01) Project

Description: The City of Sartell and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) encourage the public to attend an open house and public hearing for the proposed construction of 50th Avenue (S.P. 220-117-01). The proposed project is located in the City of Sartell, Stearns County, Minnesota. The open house/public hearing will be held on Monday, January 12th, 2009 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Sartell City Hall located at 125 Pine Cone Road North. The Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 pm following the open house portion.

The purpose of the open house and hearing is to inform the public about the project, and encouraged the public to comment and ask questions. Maps, drawings, and other pertinent information, including the Environmental Assessment and Environmental Assessment Worksheet and other project documents developed for the proposal, as well as written views received from local, state, and federal agencies, will be available for public inspection. During the open house the public will be able to discuss the project in an informal matter with Sartell officials along with representation from WSB & Associates, Inc., who conducted the study. Comments will be received either written or verbally (by a recorder), and will become part of the official public hearing record. The comments will be considered when making future project related decisions.

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The tentative schedules for right-of-way acquisition and construction will be discussed.

An informal open house will be held between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. The formal public hearing will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment/Environmental Assessment Worksheet which documents the purpose and need of the project along with the anticipated social, economic, and environmental impacts are available for public viewing during business hours at the following locations:

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RGU: City of Sartell

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EA AVAILABLE

Project Title: Trunk Highway 7/Wooddale Avenue Grade-Separated Interchange Project, City of St. Louis Park, Hennepin County

Description: The Minnesota Department of Transportation is proposing to construct a grade-separated, tight urban diamond interchange to replace the current at-grade Trunk Highway 7/Wooddale Avenue intersection in St. Louis Park, Hennepin County, Minnesota. The proposed action includes a dedicated pedestrian/bicycle path and the realignment of existing frontage roads to provide better access spacing.

Copies of the EA, which documents the purpose and need of the project, alternatives considered, and the anticipated social, economic, and environmental impacts, are available for public review beginning December 15, 2008 at the following locations:

- Mn/DOT Metro District Offices, 1500 W. County Road B-2, Roseville, MN
- St. Louis Park City Hall, 5005 Minnetonka Boulevard, St. Louis Park, MN
- St. Louis Park Library, 3240 Library Lane, St. Louis Park, MN

To afford an opportunity for all interested persons, agencies and groups to comment on the EA, a public hearing/open house meeting has been scheduled for January 6, 2009 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the St. Louis Park City Hall, 5005 Minnetonka Blvd. St. Louis Park. Individuals with a disability who need a reasonable accommodation to participate in the public meeting, please contact the Mn/DOT Project Manager or the Minnesota Relay Service at the telephone numbers listed below.

The EA can be made available in alternative formats to individuals with disabilities by calling Wayne Norris, Mn/DOT Project Manager at (651) 234-7724 or to individuals who are hearing or speech impaired by calling the Minnesota Relay Service at (800) 627-3529 or (651) 296-9930 TTY.

Copies of the EA are being distributed to agencies on the current MEQB list and others. The comment period will begin on **December 15, 2008**. Comments will be accepted through **January 14, 2008**.

Project Proposer: City of St. Louis Park

RGU: Minnesota Department of Transportation

Contact Person:

Wayne Norris, Project Manager
Minnesota Department of Transportation, Metro District
1500 West County Road B2
Roseville, MN 55113-3174
Phone: 651-234-7724
Email: wayne.norris@dot.state.mn.us

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*.

- Ironton City Council, Old Ironton Water Tower Demolition, December 3, 2008 (September 8, 2008)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Citizens' Board, Central Lakes Region Sanitary District Wastewater Treatment Facility Project, November 25, 2008 (February 25, 2008)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Citizens' Board, MinnErgy, LLC Ethanol Production Facility, Eyota, Minnesota, November 25, 2008 (June 2, 2008)
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Cuyuna State Recreation Area Mountain Bike Trail System Project, December 11, 2008 (October 20, 2008)

SCOPING DOCUMENT & DRAFT SCOPING DECISION DOCUMENT AVAILABLE

Stearns County Southwest Beltway Project Future County State Aid Highway 84

Scoping Document and Draft Scoping Decision Document

Notification of Availability

Stearns County Public Works, in partnership with the St. Cloud Area Planning Organization and the cities of St. Joseph and Waite Park, has prepared a Scoping Document (SD)/Draft Scoping Decision Document (DSDD) for a proposed minor arterial roadway (Southwest Beltway) that would connect Trunk Highway (TH) 15 in Waite Park to County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 133 in St. Wendel and Le Sauk townships. The SD/DSDD identifies the purpose and need for the project, issues associated with the project, and alternatives to be studied in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The SD/DSDD can be viewed at the following locations: Stearns County Public Works, 455 28th Avenue South, Waite Park; Waite Park City Hall, 19 13th Avenue North, Waite Park; St. Joseph City Hall, 25 College Avenue North, St. Joseph; St. Cloud Area Planning Organization, 1040 County Road 4, St. Cloud; Great River Regional Library, 1300 West St. Germain Street, St. Cloud; Al Ringsmuth Library, 253 North 5th Avenue, Waite Park and Minneapolis Public Library – Technology and Science, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis. The document will also be available on the project website: <http://www.co.stearns.mn.us/5834.htm>

A public scoping meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 7, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Waite Park City Hall, 19 13th Avenue North, Waite Park. An informal open house format will be used. Stearns County Public Works staff and consultant personnel will be available to provide information about the project and to answer individual questions. The SD/DSDD document along with maps, drawings and supporting

documents will be available for public review and comment. Comments received will inform the preparation of a final Scoping Decision by Stearns County regarding the content of the EIS.

Comments on the SD/DSDD should be submitted by Wednesday, January 14, 2009. Comments should be submitted to: Jodi Teich, Assistant County Engineer, Stearns County Public Works Department, PO Box 246, St. Cloud, MN 56302, fax: 320-255-6186, email: jodi.teich@co.stearns.mn.us.

NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE OF STATE METALLIC MINERALS LEASES

Notice is hereby given that a sale of leases to explore for, mine and remove metallic minerals in trust fund lands, lands and minerals forfeited for non-payment of taxes, lands and minerals otherwise acquired, and other state-owned land under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Natural Resources, and located in portions of Beltrami, Koochiching, Lake, Lake of the Woods, Roseau, and Saint Louis Counties, is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. The sale will take place in the East-West Conference Room located on the 4th floor of the DNR Central Office Building, 500 Lafayette Road, Saint Paul, Minnesota.

The Commissioner of Natural Resources will receive sealed bids and applications for leases covering minerals in state lands, in accordance with Minnesota Rules, parts 6125.0100 through 6125.0700, which are the metallic minerals rules issued under the authority of Minnesota Statutes.

Each bid must be submitted on a form obtained from the Commissioner. 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 mining unit bid upon; and b) rental for one full calendar year for each mining unit bid upon. All bids must be received by the Commissioner at the office of the Division of Lands and Minerals, Fourth Floor, DNR Building, 500 Lafayette Road, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155-4045, before 4:30 p.m. of Tuesday, January 13, 2009.

On Wednesday, January 14, 2009, at the time specified, the Commissioner or his representative will publicly open the bids and announce the amount of each bid separately. At a subsequent time leases will be awarded by the Commissioner, with the approval of the State Executive Council, to the highest bidder for the respective mining units, but no bids will be accepted that do not equal or exceed the base royalty rates set forth in the rules or that do not comply with all provisions of the rules. The right is reserved to the State, through the Executive Council, to reject any or all bids.

The purpose of Minnesota's metallic minerals rules is to promote and regulate the prospecting for, mining and removal of metallic minerals on state-owned and state-administered lands. These rules, and the leases issued under the rules, authorize exploration and development of these minerals and impose certain requirements on the lessee. The requirements include: the payment of minimum rentals which increase with the passage of time, the payment of royalty for all ore mined and removed, the submission of data and other reports, and the submission of exploration plans. In addition, the state lessee must comply with all applicable regulatory laws. No land or water areas within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness or Voyageurs National Park are included in this or any state mineral lease sale.

After the conclusion of the sale, the Commissioner shall request each high bidder to provide evidence the bidder is qualified to hold state mineral leases pursuant to Minnesota Rules, part 6125.0410. The rules state that a lease will only be issued to an applicant qualified to do business in Minnesota and qualified to conduct exploratory borings in Minnesota. In addition, the Commissioner may request evidence that the lease applicant is technically and financially capable of performing under the terms of a state mineral lease. The requested evidence must be provided within 45 days of the request from the Commissioner or the bids from that high bidder will be rejected.

Upon the award of a lease, the application fee submitted with the bid will be deposited as a fee for the lease. All bids not accepted will become void, and the application fee and rental payment accompanying such bids will be returned to the respective bidders; provided, however, the application fee and rental payment accompanying a bid shall not be returned if the bidder was the high bidder and subsequently withdrew the bid prior to the awarding of a lease.

Bid forms, instructions on how bids are to be submitted, copies of the rules (Minnesota Rules, parts 6125.0100 through 6125.0700) and copies of the Mining Unit Book, listing the land areas designated by the Commissioner as mining units, may be obtained from the Transactions Section, Division of Lands and Minerals, DNR Building, 500 Lafayette Road, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155-4045. E-mail inquiries may be sent to Gloria.Johnson@dnr.state.mn.us.

The Mining Unit Book will be available at least thirty days prior to January 14, 2009. Application for each copy of the Mining Unit Book must be accompanied by a check or money order payable to the Department of Natural Resources in the sum of \$20.00 as a fee for such Mining Unit Book plus shipping and applicable State of Minnesota Sales Tax. Unit books will also be available for inspection at the Hibbing and Saint Paul offices of the Division of Lands and Minerals, and on the internet through the DNR website at www.dnr.state.mn.us/lands_minerals.

/s/

By: Marty K. Vadis, Director
Division of Lands and Minerals
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

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 inquires 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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