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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: January 31, 2007

Project Title: Nature's Preserve

Description: Nature's Preserve is a proposed 167 single-family residential development on 161 acres in Chisago City, Chisago County, Minnesota. The site is located on Stacy Trail (CSAH 19) adjacent to Mattson Lake and includes streets, municipal utility extensions and open space.

RGU: City of Chisago

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PETITIONS 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.

- Wabasha County, Chippewa Heights Plat
- City of Medina, Rising Sun Memorial Park project
- St. Louis County, Preserve at Spruce Lake Plat

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EAW NEED DECISIONS

The noted responsible governmental unit has made a decision regarding the need for an EAW in response to a citizen petition.

- City of Duluth, East Buffalo Street Extension-Duluth, MN, exempt
- Polk County, Oak Lake Campground - Knute Township, denied

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*.

- Benton County Board of Commissioners, Ronneby Quarry, December 15, 2006 (September 25, 2006)
- Steele County Board of Commissioners, Crystal Springs RV Resort, December 12, 2006 (October 9, 2006)
- Harris City Council, Highlands of Harris Residential Development, December 11, 2006 9October 9, 2006)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Al-Corn Clean Fuel Facility Expansion, December 15, 2006 (November 6, 2006)
- City of Eagan, Trunk Hwy. 149 from Albano Trail to TH 55, July 6, 2006 (May 22, 2006)
- Chanhassen City Council, Chanhassen High School, December 11, 2006 (November 6, 2006)

SCOPING DECISION

Notice of Availability Minnesota Highway 23 & 71 Scoping Decision Document.

A Scoping Decision Document (“SDD”) has been issued by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) for proposed improvements to the 3.5-mile common section of Trunk Highway 23 and U.S. Highway 71 (“Highway 23/71”) in Kandiyohi County. The project corridor extends from the Highway 23/71 northern split in Dovre Township to the southern split of TH 23/71 and Business 71 in the City of Willmar.

Several alternatives are currently being studied for this project, including no build and multiple freeway options. The freeway options require an interchange to be constructed at one or more locations in the corridor. These alternatives will be analyzed for safety and future traffic conditions, as well as potential social, economic, and environmental impacts, such as private property impacts and effects to water resources and other natural environment features. The SDD describes the alternatives that will be carried forward in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and the degree of additional study needed to assess potential social, economic, and environmental impacts.

Copies of the Highway 23/71 SDD have been made for public review and are also located on the project website at www.projects.dot.state.mn.us/seh/2371. Local units of government and libraries that receive the document have been asked to make it available for public review. The Highway 23/71 SDD can be made available in alternative formats to individuals with disabilities by calling Lowell Flaten, the Mn/DOT Project Manager, at (320) 214-3698 or to individuals who are hearing or speech impaired by calling the Minnesota Relay Service at (800) 627-3529 or (651) 296-9930 TTY.

NOTICES

Metropolitan Airports Commission Approved 2007 Capital Improvement Program

The Metropolitan Airports Commission, at its meeting on December 18, 2006, approved the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) to be accomplished on its airport system in 2007 along with a 2008 Capital Improvement Program. The 2008 projects have been approved for further study and development of plans and specifications for implementation in the following year.

Staff has also been authorized to conduct studies and develop preliminary plans and specifications for year 2009 projects. The documentation necessary to encumber Federal funding for eligible projects will be initiated in conjunction with the development of the preliminary and final plans. A copy of the CIP spreadsheet that lists the projects and estimated project costs and a short narrative of each project proposed for 2007 and 2008 is available.

EQB Monitor Publication Calendar for 2007

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31-10	April 30	May 7	June 6
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31-12	May 25 (Friday)	June 4	July 4
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