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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: June 4, 2008

Project Title: Priced Dynamic Shoulder Lane Addition, Interstate 35W, City of Minneapolis

Description: The Minnesota Department of Transportation is proposing to reconfigure the existing northbound lanes of Interstate 35W between 42nd Street and the Trunk Highway 65 exit ramp to downtown Minneapolis and westbound Interstate 94. This reconfiguration will allow for the addition of a Price Dynamic Shoulder Lane (PDSL). The new PDSL will operate as a toll lane for single passenger vehicles. Multi-passenger vehicles and motorcycles will not be subject to a toll.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW), which documents the purpose and need of the project, alternatives considered, and the anticipated social, economic, and environmental impacts are available for public review during regular business hours at the following locations:

- Minnesota Department of Transportation, Metro District, 1500 West County Road B2, Roseville, MN
- Minnesota Department of Transportation Library, 395 John Ireland Boulevard, St. Paul, MN
- Legislative Reference Library, 645 State Office Building, St. Paul, MN 55155
- Minneapolis Public Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN
- Edina Library, 4701 West 50th Street, Edina, MN 55424

Copies of the EAW are being distributed to agencies on the current MEQB list and others. The comment period will begin on May 5, 2008. Comments will be accepted through June 4, 2008.

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Minnesota Environmental Quality Board
658 Cedar St., 300 Centennial Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155-1388
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The EAW can be made available in alternative formats to individuals with disabilities by calling Monty Harmi, Project Manager, at 651-234-7631 or to individuals who are hearing or speech impaired by calling the Minnesota Relay Service at 800-627-3529 or 651-296-9930 TTY.

RGU: Minnesota Department of Transportation

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Project Title: Collector Distributor Lane Addition, Northbound Interstate 35W

Description: The Minnesota Department of Transportation is proposing to add a new lane to northbound I-35W utilizing the existing shoulder. The new lane will run between the entrance ramp at 90th Street and the exit loop-ramp to westbound I-494. In addition, an auxiliary lane will be added immediately east of this new lane and run between the 82nd Street entrance ramp and the I-494 eastbound exit ramp. Finally, a collector-distributor lane will be added through the I-494 loop-ramp weave area between the eastbound and westbound entrance loop-ramps.

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- Legislative Reference Library, 645 State Office Building, St. Paul, MN 55155
- Oxboro Library - Hennepin County Library, 8801 Portland Ave South, Bloomington, MN 55420
- Penn Lake Library – Hennepin County Library, 8800 Penn Ave South, Bloomington, MN 55431
- Minneapolis Public Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401

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Minnesota Department of Transportation

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Project Title: Lane Addition to Southbound Interstate 35W across the Minnesota River

Description: The Minnesota Department of Transportation is proposing to add an additional lane to southbound Interstate 35W over the Minnesota River. The new lane will begin at the southbound entrance ramp of 106th Street and will terminate at the exit ramp of westbound Trunk Highway 13.

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- Minnesota Department of Transportation, Metro District 1500 West County Road B2, Roseville, MN
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- Legislative Reference Library, 645 State Office Building, St. Paul, MN 55155
- Wescott Dakota County Library, 1340 Wescott Road, Eagan, MN 55123
- Oxboro Library - Hennepin County Library, 8801 Portland Ave South, Bloomington, MN 55420
- Penn Lake Library – Hennepin County Library, 8800 Penn Ave South, Bloomington, MN 55431
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Minnesota Department of Transportation

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Contact: Bruce Johnson, Project Manager
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Project Title: SportsTown USA, proposed by Donnelly Development, Inc.

Description: The project consists of a mixed-use commercial development that will blend sports, entertainment, and retail together, creating a unique and innovative experience. The development will be pedestrian-centered and family-oriented, providing a unique destination for athletes, visitors, and the local community.

A copy of the document will be available for review at the City Hall, 10801 Town Square Dr., NE, Blaine, MN 55449. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., telephone: 763-784-6700.

RGU: City of Blaine

Contact Person:

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Project Title: Hubs Landing and Marina

Description: Hubs Landing and Marina proposes to expand their existing marina located on the east bank of the Mississippi River, upriver from the TH 61 Hastings Bridge. The project increases the total river footprint by 11,700 square feet and increases the number of boat slips from 50 to 80. Approximately 700 feet of shoreline would be reclaimed with material dredged from the river bottom and includes the removal of old concrete debris with riprap and native vegetation.

Additional information regarding the project can be found on the city's website at www.ci.hastings.mn.us.

RGU: City of Hastings

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Project Title: Clear Lake/Clearwater Wastewater Treatment Expansion

Description: The Clear Lake/Clearwater Sewer Authority is proposing to expand and upgrade its existing wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) in two phases. Construction of Phase I, proposed for 2008, would expand the WWTF's existing design average wet weather flow (AWWF) of 240,000 gallons per day (gpd), to 484,000 gpd. The Phase II expansion, which would not begin until 2015 or later, is proposed to have a design AWWF of 1,345,000 gpd. Both phases would be constructed at the existing WWTF site, and would discharge out of the existing outfall to the Mississippi River.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet will be posted on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Web site, at the following: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html>.

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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Project Title: Langdon Farms

Description: Langdon Farms is proposing to build a new hog finishing barn in Section 32 of Ripley Township, Dodge County. The total confinement, power ventilated barn would have two rooms capable of housing 2,000 hogs per room, for a total maximum capacity of 4,000 hogs (1,200 animal units). Manure would be collected and stored in reinforced concrete pits located beneath the barn, and pumped from the facility once or twice per year for land application at agronomic rates to designated cropland.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet will be posted on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Web site, at the following: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html>.

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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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*.

- Douglas County Board of Commissioners, Lakes and Hills of Douglas County Planned Unit Development, April 8, 2008 (January 14, 2008)

NOTICE OF FINAL EIS AVAILABILITY

Project Title: Astra Village Office, Commercial and Housing Development

Description: The City of Brooklyn Park has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the proposed Astra Village multi-use development to be located on 155 acres between Hampshire and Regent Avenues and Highway 610 and 93rd Avenue in that community.

The proposed project may consist of up to 1,968,000 square feet of office space, a 150-room hotel, 92,000 square feet of commercial space, and 950 housing units,

The issues studied in the Draft EIS were: land use, physical impacts of water resources, surface water runoff, wastewater, geologic impacts and soil conditions, traffic, compatibility with plans and regulations, infrastructure and public services, noise and dust.

The Final EIS includes responses to comments received on the Draft EIS.

Review Copies: Copies of the Final EIS are available for public review at the Brooklyn Park City Hall, Community Development Department, 5200 85th Avenue N., Brooklyn Park, MN. 55443; 763-493-8056.

Public Comment Meeting: A public informational and comment meeting on the Draft EIS was held on Wednesday, April 2, 7:00 PM, at the Brooklyn Park City Hall.

Public Comment Period: The public comment period began March 10 and ended April 14.

Contact:

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NOTICES

Notification of Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
08-NO-073	Syngenta	Corn	Herbicide Tolerance	Goodhue
08-NO-074	Pioneer	Corn	Insect Resistance	Freeborn, Steele
08-NO-075	Forage Genetics International	Alfalfa	Herbicide Tolerance Decreased Lignin Level	Sherburne
08-NO-076	Pioneer	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerance	Dakota
08-NO-077	Betaseed	Sugar Beet	Virus Resistance	Polk
08-NO-078	Syngenta	Corn	Insect Resistance	Goodhue

For more information contact Mary Hanks, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651/201-6277, mary.hanks@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, May 7, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 2 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>.

North Central Regional Landscape Committee Minnesota Forest Resources Council

The North Central Regional Landscape Committee of the Minnesota Forest Resources Council (MFRC) will meet on Wednesday, May 14, 2008, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Grand Rapids at the Forest History Center.

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>.