

# EQB Monitor

## EQB announcements and Environmental review notices

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### ***EQB announcement***

#### *Environmental Quality Board Meeting October 20, 2021 from 1-4pm*

We invite you to join the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) at their next meeting on October 20, 2021 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

*In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the EQB will convene its October Board meeting virtually through the Webex platform. Instructions for participating in the meeting via Webex are available on [EQB's website](#).*

[Access link to October 20, 2021 Board Meeting](#)

[October 2021, EQB Meeting Packet](#)

*Accessibility: This material can be provided in different forms, like large print, braille, or on a recording. Please contact EQB staff at least one week prior to the event at [info.egb@state.mn.us](mailto:info.egb@state.mn.us) to arrange an accommodation.*

# ***Environmental review notices***



## **Environmental review project notices**

EQB publishes environmental review notices provided by responsible governmental units. For more information on a project undergoing environmental review, click on the individual project links below. You can also find information about active projects in your community on the [Environmental Review Projects Interactive Map](#).

### **Upper South Branch Buffalo River Restoration Project**

**Location:** Deerhorn, Atherton, and Manston Townships, Wilkin County

**Process:** Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW)

**Step:** EAW Available

**End of Comment Period:** November 11, 2021

**Project Description:** In an attempt to improve water quality, channel conveyance, and habitat, while reducing flooding and sedimentation, the Buffalo-Red River Watershed District proposes to complete channel restoration using natural channel design principles, install expanded buffer strips along the South Branch Buffalo River, and install side water inlets and other sediment control BMPs within the South Branch Buffalo River Watershed. An EAW has been prepared and is available for review on the BRRWD website ([www.brrwd.org](http://www.brrwd.org)). Written comments concerning the EAW will be received until November 11, 2021. The comments shall address the accuracy and completeness of the material contained in the EAW, potential impacts that may warrant further investigation before the project is commenced, and the need for an Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed project.

**Link to Public Documents:** [Upper South Branch Buffalo River Restoration Project EAW](#)

**Location of Public Documents:** Buffalo-Red River Watershed District Office, 1303 4th Ave NE, Barnesville, MN 56514

**Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) and Contact:** Buffalo-Red River Watershed District, [Kristine Altrichter](#), 218-789-3100

## Upper Buffalo River Restoration Project

**Location:** Riceville and Callaway Townships, Becker County

**Process:** EAW

**Step:** EAW Available

**End of Comment Period:** November 11, 2021

**Project Description:** The Buffalo Red River Watershed District (BRRWD) proposes to restore the historic hydrologic connection to the Upper Buffalo River thereby reducing erosion and sedimentation and improving water quality and habitat downstream. The Upper Buffalo River Restoration Project will restore approximately 9 miles of the river using natural channel design principles.

**Link to Public Documents:** [Upper Buffalo River Restoration Project EAW](#)

**Location of Public Documents:** Buffalo-Red River Watershed District Office, 1303 4th Ave NE, Barnesville, MN 56514

**RGU and Contact:** Buffalo-Red River Watershed District, [Kristine Altrichter](#), 218-789-3100

## Rush Line (Purple Line) BRT Project

**Location:** Ramsey County

**Process:** EAW

**Step:** Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Need Decision

**Joint Federal and State Review**

**RGU Decision:** Negative (no EIS ordered)

**Record of Decision Date:** October 7, 2021

**Link to Public Documents:** [Rush Line \(Purple Line\) BRT Project EIS Need Decision](#)

**Location of Public Documents:** Ramsey County office, 15 West Kellogg Boulevard, Suite 210, St. Paul, MN 55102

**RGU and Contact:** Ramsey County, [Andrew Gitzlaff](#), 651-266-2772

## Trunk Highway 13: Dakota Avenue to Nicollet Avenue Project

**Location:** Savage and Burnsville, Dakota and Scott Counties

**Process:** EAW

**Step:** Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Need Decision

**Joint Federal and State Review**

**RGU Decision:** Negative (no EIS ordered)

**Record of Decision Date:** October 1, 2021

**Link to Public Documents:** No link to documents provided. See RGU contact information below.

**RGU and Contact:** Department of Transportation, [Carolyn Adamson](#), 651-440-4219

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## ***General notice***

Notices published in this section may be required under Minnesota Statute or Rule.

### **Metropolitan Airports Commission 2022-2028 Capital Improvement Program Assessment of Environmental Effects (AOEE)**

Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.614 requires the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) to prepare an Assessment of Environmental Effects (AOEE) for projects in the Commission's seven-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) 2022-2028 for airports included in its system. A copy of the AOEE may be downloaded on or after October 12, 2021, online: <https://metroairports.org/airport-authority/metropolitan-airports-commission/administration/publications>. A copy of the AOEE may be obtained by contacting Jenn Felger, MAC, 6040 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55450; 612-726-8189. Comments concerning the AOEE may be given at a public hearing to be held on Monday, Nov. 1, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. in room 3048A, Mezzanine level, Terminal 1, MSP Airport, or in writing to Jenn Felger at the MAC address or via email to [jenn.felger@mspmac.org](mailto:jenn.felger@mspmac.org). Comments on the AOEE must be received by the close of business on Friday, Nov. 12, 2021.

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## **Submit an environmental review notice to the *Monitor***

The *EQB Monitor* is published every Tuesday at 12:00 pm. Submissions to the [EQB Monitor](#) are due by 4:00 pm on the Tuesday one week prior to the intended publication date. Please see the [EQB Monitor schedule](#) for more details.

To submit a notice for publication:

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