

# EQB Monitor

Weekly announcements and environmental review notices

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## EQB Announcements

### Join us for the October Environmental Review Implementation Subcommittee meeting

Wednesday, October 19, 1 – 4 p.m.

Join EQB for our Environmental Review Implementation Subcommittee meeting. More information about the meeting can be found on the [meeting webpage](#).



### EQB seeking feedback on Minnesota Rules 4410

EQB staff review Minnesota Rules 4410 and report to the Legislature annually about rules that are obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative of other federal or state statutes or rules.

EQB is holding a 30-day comment period, from September 27 to October 27, 2022, and asking for your feedback to help identify the obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative rules, and explain the need for change. Fill out this [short survey](#) to provide your feedback.

Questions? Contact [Katrina Hapka](#), 651-757-2418

## Just launched by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources!

The **Minnesota Conservation Explorer** is a tool to enhance the delivery of Minnesota's Natural Heritage Data and to automate the Natural Heritage Review process. This is a tool for the public to view and create maps of Natural Heritage Data for the purpose of conservation planning. Users can also submit a proposed project and request an automated assessment of potential impacts to Minnesota's rare features.



[Go to the Minnesota Conservation Explorer](#)

## Required public 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](#).

## **Proposed subdivision development on Whitefish Chain of Lakes**

**Location:** Timothy Township, Crow Wing County

**Process:** Petition

**Step:** Responsible governmental unit assigned

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** Crow Wing County, [Jacob Frie](#),  
218-824-1124

## **Sacred Heart School Demolition**

**Location:** Sacred Heart, Renville County

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

**Step:** EAW available

**End of comment period:** November 17, 2022

**Project description:** Renville County West School District, ISD 2890, proposes the demolition of the Sacred Heart Public School located at 630 1st Avenue, Sacred Heart, Renville County, Minnesota. The building is in a severe state of disrepair and represents a human health and safety risk.

**Link to public documents:** No link to documents provided. See responsible governmental unit contact information below.

**Location of public documents:** Sacred Heart City Hall, 309 1st Avenue,  
Sacred Heart, MN 56285

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** City of Sacred Heart, [Amy Hubbard](#),  
320-765-2559

## **METRO Blue Line Light Rail Transit (BLRT) Extension Project**

**Location:** Minneapolis, Robbinsdale, Crystal, and Brooklyn Park, Hennepin County

**Process:** Supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS)

**Step:** SEIS preparation notice

**Joint federal and state review:** Yes

**End of comment period:** November 7, 2022

**Project description:** The BLRT Extension is a light rail transit project (project) located in the cities of Minneapolis, Robbinsdale, Crystal, & Brooklyn Park. A Supplemental EIS (SEIS) is needed because it was necessary to move the project forward without using freight rail property & the modified route has potential for significant impacts. Based on technical considerations and community input, a modified route was recommended to advance by the Metropolitan Council and Hennepin County on June 22, 2022. The SEIS will study the following route: W. Broadway Ave in Brooklyn Park to Bottineau Blvd (County Road 81), CR 81 in Crystal & Robbinsdale to W. Broadway Ave in North

Minneapolis, and multiple potential routes (W. Broadway Ave or 21<sup>st</sup> Ave; Lyndale or a route east of I-94) to Target Field Station. A full description and map of the design and route options to be studied is available on the project website.

**Summary of preparation notice:** The purpose of this notice is to alert interested parties that a Supplemental EIS (SEIS) will be prepared for the METRO Blue Line Extension & invite comments on the scope of alternatives evaluated in the SEIS. The SEIS will evaluate changes to the METRO Blue Line Extension since publication of the METRO Blue Line Extension Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on July 15, 2016 & present new route options. The SEIS scope includes Build Alternatives & a no-build option. The full range of environmental, social, & economic impacts will be evaluated as was presented in the FEIS (2016). Fall/early winter 2023 publication of the Supplemental Draft EIS is anticipated. A Supplemental Final EIS will be prepared for the preferred alternative incorporating pertinent issues raised during the Supplemental Draft EIS comment period & is anticipated to be published in late 2024.

**Link to public documents:** [METRO Blue Line Light Rail Transit \(BLRT\) Extension Project](#)

**Location of public documents:** Blue Line Extension Project Office, Park Place West Building, 6465 Wayzata Boulevard, St. Louis Park, MN 55426

**First public meeting date, time, location:** October 18, 2022, 5 p.m., Episcopal Church of Minnesota, 1101 W. Broadway Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55411

**Second public meeting date, time, location:** October 19, 2022, 5 p.m., Brooklyn Park Library, 8500 W. Broadway Ave., Brooklyn Park, MN 55445

**Third public meeting date, time, location:** October 20, 2022, 5 p.m., virtual

**Third public meeting virtual link:** Visit project webpage for link.

**Fourth public meeting date, time, location:** October 21, 2022, 12 p.m., virtual

**Fourth public meeting virtual link:** Visit project webpage for link.

**Fifth public meeting date, time, location:** October 25, 2022, 5 p.m., Elim Lutheran Church of Robbinsdale, 3978 W. Broadway Ave., Robbinsdale, MN 55422

**Sixth public meeting date, time, location:** October 26, 2022, 5 p.m., Crystal Community Center, 4800 Douglas Drive N., Crystal, MN 55429

**Responsible governmental unit and contact:** Metropolitan Council, [Neha Damle](#), 612-373-3811

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

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To submit a notice for publication:

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