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Project Update

Ramsey County will be periodically updating the general public/subscribers on the White Bear Avenue and County Road D project regarding the construction status through our website notification system. This system will send out via-email notifications when the website is updated to all subscribers. Please register your email address at www.co.ramsey.mn.us and click on e-Subscribe (in top left corner), register your e-mail address, choose your areas of interest(White Bear Avenue), and your connected!

Ramsey County, The City of Maplewood and Kimley-Horn and Associates have been conducting the final design of the White Bear Avenue and County Road D project. During the spring of 2009 Ramsey County submitted County Road D as a stimulus project/American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). County Road D was selected as a project that would receive funding for the project. The ARRA funding provided Ramsey County and the City of Maplewood additional funding to help offset local funding of the construction portion of the project. As part of the ARRA funding this project had to be delivered very quickly as a "shovel ready" project. Ramsey County, Maplewood and Kimley-Horn and Associates took the liberty to advance the design of this project in anticipation of receiving the funds in order to meet the tight deadlines of the ARRA funding sources. In order to deliver this project quickly it was necessary for the County Road D project be a separate project from the White Bear Avenue project.

The overall White Bear Avenue project has been separated into two projects which County Road D from Flandrau Street to White Bear Avenue is one project, and White Bear Avenue from County Road D to Radatz Avenue is a separate project. Originally, it was thought that the County Road D project was going to occur in 2009 construction season but was delayed due to the granting of the ARRA funds. The two projects will be constructed simultaneously during the construction season of 2010. The County Road D project will be completed in the construction season of 2010 while the White Bear Avenue project will start construction in 2010 and be completed during the construction season of 2011. Please refer to the project phasing map for particular construction work in the different construction years (see Ramsey County website for White Bear Avenue Updates)

Currently, Ramsey County is in the process of acquiring the necessary easements for construction of both projects. All construction related easements will be acquired by mid to the end of January 2010.

The County Road D project will consist of installing a median along the length of the project with a signal system at Southlawn Avenue and Maplewood Mall Drive. County Road D will be concrete pavement because of the higher traffic volumes on County Road D between Southlawn Avenue and White Bear Avenue. Sidewalks along the north and south side of County Road D will be installed as part of the project.

The County Road D project was bid in October of 2009 and Ramsey County and Maplewood has received very favorable bids for this construction work. We will be awarding the County Road D project within the next month to the lowest responsible bidder. It is anticipated that actual roadway construction work will begin in the spring of 2010. Ramsey County has been working very closely with the private utility companies about these upcoming projects. Private utility work such as Xcel Electric, Xcel Gas, Qwest, etc. has work that will begin this winter on County Road D in anticipation for the early construction start in 2010. This work will have minimal impact to traffic during the winter months on County Road D.

White Bear Avenue is currently in the final design stage. The project schedule is anticipated to be bid in February 2010 with construction starting in spring of 2010. There are many private utilities that need to be relocated as part of this project. Ramsey County has been working with the private utilities regarding the relocation of these facilities. We anticipate that the section of White Bear Avenue south of Woodlyn Avenue will be constructed in 2010 and the section north of Woodlyn Avenue including the intersection of Woodlyn Avenue will be constructed in 2011.

The phasing of both projects will allow motorist/general public to continue to utilize the roadway system at a minimum of one lane in each direction with access to businesses. Road Closures maybe required during the project for unseen issues/relocations. These closures will occur during the night time when traffic volumes are very minimal and most businesses are closed.

Contact Information

We appreciate your cooperation with this project and do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about this project. You can contact Bret Wieman regarding construction related issues at 651-248-0027 or Jerry Auge at 651-266-7117.

We will be updating this website periodically as needed during the winter months to keep motorists/business owners informed of the project status. You can also call our Public Works office at 266-7100 for other information or questions.