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Project Update

It is hard to believe that with all of the snow, it's time to start thinking about construction. Spring is right around the corner (believe it or not), and that includes roadway construction. In order to get a jump on the construction season for 2010, Ramsey County has been meeting with contractors and utility companies over the past week. These meetings were for specifically discussing public and private utility relocations and scheduling for the County Road D (Flandreau Street to White Bear Avenue) portion of the overall White Bear Avenue project. There will be some utility work starting within the next 1-2 weeks with both private and public utility relocations.

Private utilities such as Xcel Energy, Qwest, Comcast, etc. have many facilities in the County Road D corridor. In order to get a jump on the construction season and avoid delays when the weather turns nice for road building, the private utility companies are trying to get their work done during the winter months. Xcel Energy has available crews this time of year to conduct this type of relocation work. Xcel Energy electric is preparing to relocate its utility poles on the north side of County Road D. They will be mobilizing on site within the next week. Xcel Energy will be constructing a parallel line to the north of the existing pole line on County Road D. This work will take approximately 2 months to construct. This construction includes setting new poles, transferring existing lines and removal of the existing poles and infrastructure. There will be a need to close one lane of traffic during this work for equipment to work safely within the corridor. Driveway access will be maintained and open while this work occurs on the north side of County Road D. Xcel Energy will continue to keep electric service to the properties while this work is occurring.

St. Paul Water Utility will also be starting to relocate hydrants along County Road D (south side) as well. They plan on conducting this work as early as this week. This work may require a temporary lane closure for the utility work to be performed. Water service to all properties will remain operating during this work.

The White Bear Avenue (I-694 to Radatz Avenue) construction plan is virtually completed and is currently at MnDOT for review and approval. Once we receive all of our approvals we will be bidding the project. The schedule is to bid White Bear Avenue in the month of March 2010 and award a contract in April 2010 with construction starting in May/June of 2010. Once we have more information on the status of WBA we send out another update.

Please be careful and safe within the work zone while the crews are relocating their facilities! Thank you!

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.