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Project Update

The dreary winter days have come to a close *for now* and construction season is right around the corner! We have scheduled an open house meeting at Maplewood Mall on April 7, 2010 at 9:30 am in the lower level in front of Macy's in the common area. This meeting will be an open house format so stop in anytime between 9:30-11:00 am to discuss the project. Our focus on this open house meeting is to discuss project status and be available to answer any questions the public or businesses may have.

The County Road D project is about to begin construction the week of April 12, 2010. Preparations of the private utility companies have been taking place. The utility companies (Xcel Electric and Qwest) have been working to relocate their facilities prior to the start of roadway construction. St. Paul Water will be in within the next week to start relocation hydrants on the south side of County Road D as well.

Our Contractor, Shafer Contracting, will be constructing County Road D. Their main focus will be on the south side of County Road D from Flandrau Street to the easterly Maplewood Mall Drive (east of the Circuit City Building). Traffic will be moved to the north side of County Road D with traffic being reduced to one lane in each direction. Shafer Contracting will be installing underground utilities along the south side of County Road D. While conducting this work access to the properties will be maintained during this work.

The reconstruction of White Bear Avenue (Radatz Avenue to I-694) is slightly delayed and will be out for bid shortly. Ramsey County and the City of Maplewood are anticipating approval of plans and specifications from MnDOT within the next two weeks. Once plans are approved, bidding of the project is scheduled to occur in mid May with a construction start date of beginning to mid June. The 2010 construction focus for White Bear Avenue project will be south of Woodlynn Avenue. Ramsey County and Maplewood staff are working with the private utilities to relocation utilities along the corridor this spring to expedite the reconstruction of White Bear Avenue this construction season. More information on White Bear Avenue will be provided in the forth coming updates.

We encourage businesses to post this update at their business to keep customers and the general public updated on the project.

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!

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.