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### Project Update

Construction began the week of April 19th on County Road D from White Bear Avenue to Flandrau Street. We are making good progress with the great spring weather. This update focuses on what the public and business owners should expect to see on the project over the next two weeks. Construction topics for this update include County Road D water main system repairs, storm sewer installation, and an update on the White Bear Avenue phase of the project.

Shafer Contracting is the prime contractor for the County Road D project. Shafer switched traffic to the north side of County Road D. Removal of the south side of the pavement is occurring on County Road D which is planned to be reused for the new construction of the roadway. Traffic is moving well throughout the corridor while the construction work is being performed.

Next week, Shafer will be working with St. Paul Water Utility to repair/replace and improve the water main system along County Road D. This work includes removing old abandoned services, relocation of existing hydrants, and replacement/repair of older water services. Water will be available during normal business hours for this work. Ramsey County is working closely with St. Paul Water to ensure that water service is provided.

Once the water system improvements are completed, Shafer will be focusing on installing the new storm sewer system along the south side of County Road D. Installation of the storm sewer will continue until completed. Access to drives/businesses may be temporarily impacted during the installation of storm sewer mainline where driveway crossings are required. Ramsey County and Shafer will work with property owners to provide alternative access while this work is occurring to provide access to businesses.

White Bear Avenue utility relocations are scheduled to begin the next couple of weeks. Xcel gas and Qwest will be in during the month of May to start relocating their facilities on both the east and west side of White Bear Avenue. Qwest will focus on relocation of their facilities in the existing west boulevard area from County Road D south to Beam Avenue. Traffic will be reduced to one lane in the south bound direction when this work occurs. The sidewalk on the west boulevard will be shut down during this work. Access to the mall drives on the west side of White Bear Avenue will continue to stay open while this work progresses. Xcel gas will be installing a new gas main on the east side of White Bear Avenue from County Road D south to Radatz Avenue. This gas main work will be in the boulevard area and driveways to businesses will be open during this work.

It is important that irrigation and signs be relocated on the project corridor as soon as possible to avoid delaying Shafer or private utility relocations. If you are unsure about the relocation of your sign please contact Ramsey County to verify if your sign needs to be relocated. Ramsey County Construction staff will work with the business owners along White Bear Avenue and County Road D to ensure that the signs are not relocated within the Right of Way of the project.

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](http://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 you're 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, Nick Fischer 651-248-2670 or Jerry Auge at 651-266-7117.