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### Project Update

Construction continues on County Road D from White Bear Avenue to Flandrau Street. Shafer Contracting has been making good progress with the favorable 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, private utility installation, storm sewer installation, roadway excavation, and an update on the White Bear Avenue phase of the project.

Shafer Contracting continues to work with St. Paul Water Utility to install/repair water main throughout the County Road D project limits. Water main system work on the south side of County Road D is scheduled to be completed next week. St. Paul Water Utility will be moving off the project until the north side of County Road D is under construction.

Qwest will be in next week to relocate facilities from the Circuit City side of the driveway to White Bear Avenue. This work will require the temporary closure of the east mall entrance (driveway near Chesapeake Development, see staging/phasing map for location). This closure is anticipated to occur mid week of May 10<sup>th</sup> and is scheduled to be temporarily closed for three days. Access to local businesses located off of the east mall entrance will have access through the Mall ring road.

Shafer will start the installation of the storm sewer starting the week of May 10<sup>th</sup>. Installation of the storm sewer will need to progress to the east through both the West and East Mall Entrances. While this work occurs it is required to temporary close these drives approximately two days. Closures at both the East and West Mall Entrances are not scheduled to concurrently be closed at the same time.

Shafer will be excavating out undesirable material within the roadway to start preparing the roadway bed. This work is scheduled to begin the week of May 10<sup>th</sup> and continue until completed. Construction hauling equipment will be moving material to and from the site when this work begins. Please be cautious when traveling through the construction zone.

White Bear Avenue utility relocations are scheduled to begin during the week of May 10, 2010. Qwest and their subcontractor will be working within the boulevard areas to relocate their facilities. Traffic in the south bound direction will be reduced to one lane when this work occurs. The existing sidewalk on the west side of White Bear Avenue will be removed as part of this work. Pedestrians will be directed to the sidewalk on the east side of White Bear Avenue while this work occurs. Xcel Energy will be mobilizing on the east side of White Bear Avenue to relocate an existing gas main. This work be directional bored and minimal disruption will occur with this work. Pedestrian facilities on the east side of White Bear Avenue will remain functioning. Access to properties on both the east and west side of White Bear Avenue shall remain 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.