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Project Update

This construction update includes the reconstruction of White Bear Avenue (I694 to Radatz Avenue) and County Road D (Flandrau Street to White Bear Avenue). White Bear Avenue construction is gearing up for major construction to start the week of July 14th.

County Road D

Construction continues on County Road D from White Bear Avenue to Flandrau Street. Shafer Contracting has been making good progress. The County Road D update focuses on removing the north side of the existing roadway, relocation of utilities, installation of storm sewer.

The traffic switch occurred on July 9th with traffic now running on the new concrete pavement throughout the project limits. Access to Dalen Road and Southlawn Avenue are now both open.

Shafer Contracting removed the old pavement section of County Road D from Ernest Way (east Mall Entrance) to the west end of the project. The contractor is working on the subcutting of the roadway, repair of the water system on the north side of County Road D and the installation of the storm sewer. Access to businesses on the north side of County Road D will be maintained while this work occurs. This schedule is all dependent on weather.

Private utilities (Qwest and Access Communications) on the north side of County Road D need to relocate their facility throughout the corridor. This relocation work is scheduled to occur this week with the possibility of this work to be completed by the end of next week.

White Bear Avenue

The White Bear Avenue project began with removal of the medians from Woodlyn Avenue south to Radatz Avenue. In order to conduct the removal work, it is necessary to reduce traffic to one lane in each direction. This reduction will continue throughout the construction season into November of 2010. Once the necessary median removals are completed and patched in with bituminous, the contractor will switch traffic to the east side of White Bear Avenue from Lydia Avenue to Radatz Avenue. There will also be a traffic switch at the east/west section of Beam Avenue where traffic will be routed to the south side of Beam Avenue. The traffic switch is scheduled to occur Saturday July 17th. The traffic switch will start early in the morning and continue until completed. The temporary signal system at Beam Avenue and White Bear Avenue is scheduled to be operational on Friday July 16th. The temporary signal system at Lydia Avenue and White Bear Avenue is scheduled to be operational the week of July 26th.

Once Eureka Construction switches traffic to the east side of White Bear Avenue, removal of the existing concrete pavement on the west side of White Bear Avenue from Radatz Avenue north to Lydia Avenue will begin. After the removals are completed, installation of the water main system starting at Radatz Avenue will continue to the north to Woodlyn Avenue. We will maintain access to businesses that front White Bear Avenue south of Beam Avenue while construction work occurs.

Private utilities are relocating their facilities throughout the corridor. Qwest (Mastec) is focusing on lowering a duct line on the west side of White Bear Avenue from Beam Avenue south to Radatz Avenue. The original closure of the driveway to the mall at Lydia Avenue was not necessary due to the proper depth of the existing utilities going through Lydia Avenue on the Mall side of the intersection. Relocation, however, of the Qwest duct line will occur through the intersection of Beam Avenue; and will be done with the phasing of the project. Xcel Energy/Donovan Construction (electric) is relocating utilities poles on the west side of the project. Relocation of the electric facilities will continue throughout the project duration.

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

Ramsey County will periodically update the general public/subscribers on the White Bear Avenue and County Road D projects 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 Duane Lillyblad regarding the White Bear Avenue portion of the project at 651-783-6210, or Nick Fischer regarding the County Road D project at 651-248-2670, Bret Wieman 651-248-0027 or Jerry Auge at 651-266-7117.