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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). A closure on Lydia Avenue (West side of White Bear Avenue) and Beam Avenue west of White Bear Avenue are in effect.

County Road D

Construction continues on County Road D from White Bear Avenue to Flandrau Street. Shafer Contracting is making good progress. The mainline paving is now completed. Shafer is focusing on filling in concrete turn lanes and curb & gutter through next week. Shafer will provide temporary access to the businesses on the north side of County Road D during the installation of the turn lane pavement and while the concrete cures. Once the concrete curb and gutter is installed, the bituminous driveway paving will be completed.

Median work will start next week as well. The curb and gutter will be installed followed by the colored concrete median pavement. Shafer will be leaving some of the median off between East Mall Entrance (Earnest Way) and West Mall Entrance (Dalen Road). This area will be filled in with temporary bituminous to accommodate future construction of the east end of County Road D between Earnest Way and White Bear Avenue. A future traffic switch in construction season 2011 will be required over the temporary bituminous area.

Once the bituminous paving and concrete pavement/curb and gutter is installed, boulevard restoration will be completed. The County Road D phase of the project west of Earnest Way is scheduled to be substantially completed by mid October 2010.

White Bear Avenue

The White Bear Avenue reconstruction project is making good progress. Beam Avenue was closed on **Wednesday, August 11, 2010 and is scheduled to be opened September 2, 2010.** The paving of the roadway through the intersection of Beam Avenue is scheduled for today and Monday, August 30, 2010. The contractor is working to open Beam Avenue intersection as soon as possible. Please continue to use the marked detour to access the Maplewood Mall area while this closure is in effect. We appreciate your patience during this closure.

Lydia Avenue closure at the Maplewood Mall entrance was closed (**Thursday, August 12, 2010**). This closure will continue for 30 days until the roadway pavement work is completed at this entrance. This closure is necessary for the installation of the new roadway in front of the Maplewood Mall driveways and the construction of the drives to the Mall. The contractor will be working as efficiently as possible to ensure that these driveways are opened to traffic when the 30-day closure is up. We encourage the general motoring public to utilize Woodlyn Avenue access to the Maplewood Mall area. Alternative access that should be considered when traveling to Maplewood Mall and area businesses are accesses from County Road D and Southlawn Avenue.

Doyle-Connor and North Country Concrete are working on the paving along White Bear Avenue. Mainline (22' wide) paving of the south bound White Bear Avenue lanes started yesterday to just north of Beam Avenue. Doyle will continue the 22' paving to Radatz Avenue today until completed. An additional 11' third lane is necessary to be installed on the south bound White Bear Avenue as well. This is schedule to occur on Monday August

30, 2010. The turn lane pavement and concrete curb and gutter will follow the week of August 30, 2010 and into the week of September 6, 2010.

Once the concrete roadway work is virtually completed the contractor will be focusing on the sidewalk and preparing for a traffic switch to open two-way traffic to the west side of White Bear Avenue for construction of White Bear Avenue on the east side. The construction of the east side of White Bear Avenue (south of Woodlyn Avenue) is scheduled to be completed prior to project completion this construction season. More detailed information will follow in the next couple of construction updates regarding the traffic switch.

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.