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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 traffic switch will occur within the next two days on White Bear Avenue routing motorists to the new section of roadway from Woodlyn Avenue to Radatz Avenue.

County Road D

Construction is coming to an end on County Road D from White Bear Avenue to Flandrau Street. Shafer Contracting is installing the median along the roadway. Median concrete curb and gutter was installed this week. Concrete fill in on the medians is scheduled for Saturday of this week. 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.

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 intersection is now open. Sidewalk and boulevard paving is now virtually completed on the west side of White Bear Avenue south of Woodlyn Avenue. The contractor is preparing for a traffic switch either today or tomorrow. The traffic signals need to be adjusted and aligned for the traffic switch and will be on all way flash until adjusted. Once traffic is switched, the mall right in/right out drive way (Kingsley Drive) will be open again to traffic.

Once traffic is switched to the new road section, the contractor will be removing the east side of White Bear Avenue from Woodlyn Avenue to Radatz Avenue. The intersections of Lydia Avenue and Beam Avenue will be opened during this removal work. Underground utility work will start the week of September 20th and will continue until completed. There are planned closures of the east side of White Bear Avenue at Lydia Avenue and Beam Avenue for utility work and paving of these intersections. Once we get closer to the closure dates we will notify the public.

The focus over the remainder of the construction season in 2010 is to complete the east side of White Bear Avenue from Woodlyn Avenue to Radatz Avenue. This includes concrete roadway paving, sidewalks, and median work. The roadway will be opened to full capacity prior to winter suspension with designated turn lanes and 2 thru lanes in both the north and south bound directions.

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 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 Duane Lillyblad regarding the White Bear Avenue portion of the project at 651-783-6210, Dan Bodelson 651-248-0173, Bret Wieman 651-248-0027 or Jerry Auge at 651-266-7117.