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Project Update

This construction update is the last update for the construction season of 2010. The construction season has come to an abrupt halt in 2010 with the snow last Saturday. Construction will restart in the spring of 2011 with focus on the remaining items south of Woodlyn Avenue. Lydia Avenue intersection was opened on November 16th. The notice below provides more information/status on the project.

White Bear Avenue

The Lydia Avenue intersection east of White Bear Avenue is now **opened** to traffic. Please use caution when motoring through the project corridor on White Bear Avenue due to recent traffic switches. Motorists are becoming acclimated to the new configuration of White Bear Avenue.

The contractor has been working on opening two through lanes both north and south on the section of White Bear Avenue and will be completed today. Pavement markings earlier this week were delayed due to the wet pavement conditions and will be fully installed by the end of the day today. The temporary signal systems were adjusted to the new traffic configuration (traffic has been switched which is now divided by the median). Temporary signal systems will be functioning until the contractor constructs the new permanent signal systems at Beam and Lydia. The permanent signal systems are scheduled to be worked on this fall/winter until operational. Once the permanent signals are operational the temporary systems will be removed. The temporary poles removed from Beam and Lydia will be installed at County Road D and I694 in preparation for spring of 2011 construction. Double left turns at Beam Avenue will be opened when the permanent signal system is operational at Beam Avenue.

Temporary bituminous sidewalk connections are being placed today in order to keep pedestrian movements continuous in the corridor. The sidewalk on the west side of White Bear Avenue (WBA) will be continuous from Woodlyn Avenue south. The sidewalk south of Woodlyn Avenue on the east side of WBA will be closed until spring. Sidewalk connections from the east side of WBA on Lydia and Beam will be temporarily paved for hard surface connections. Sidewalk on WBA north of Woodlyn Avenue and south of County Road D will be operational on the east side of WBA. A pedestrian detour will be installed to direct pedestrians who will travel north and south in the corridor. This detour will be functional until spring.

Although we have snow covering the ground we will be installing erosion control on exposed soil areas along the east side of WBA and Beam Avenue. Hay/straw will be placed on these areas to protect exposed soil areas for spring thaw.

The speed limit during the winter will be 30 mph through the corridor. The speed limits will be enforced.

This is the last update for this project during the construction season of 2010. We would like to thank the motorists/pedestrians and the local businesses for their patience while this work was being performed on White Bear Avenue. Have a safe winter and we will notify the public in the spring of 2011 when construction is about to restart for the final phase.

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

Ramsey County periodically updates 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 sends out, via-email, notifications of website updates 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 are connected!

Contact Information

We appreciate your cooperation with this project. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about this project. Contact Duane Lillyblad regarding the White Bear Avenue portion of the project at 651-783-6210, Dan Bodelson at 651-248-0173, Bret Wieman at 651-248-0027 or Jerry Auge at 651-266-7117.