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### Project Update

Construction began on the White Bear Avenue and County Road D project. Construction will be ramping up over the next week with full construction starting the week of May 9<sup>th</sup> weather permitting. Anticipated work over the next couple of weeks includes installation of Sidewalk on White Bear Avenue, Traffic switch on White Bear Avenue, Removals on White Bear Avenue and installation of New Watermain. The notice below provides more information/status on the project.

The contractor, Eureka Construction, started placing concrete median on White Bear Avenue south of Lydia, and on Beam Avenue east and west of White Bear Avenue. This work will commence again when the weather conditions improve. Once the median work is completed, the contractor will focus efforts on the sidewalk south of Lydia to Radatz Avenue on the east side of White Bear Avenue. This work is anticipated to take a couple of weeks to complete. Traffic reductions in this area will continually be switched to accommodate the contractor's activities.

The existing median from I-694 to Woodlyn Avenue is planned to be removed starting this week. Traffic will be moved to the outside lanes while this work is occurring. Once the median is removed, the contractor will patch in areas where cross-over's will be needed to switch traffic. This work is anticipated to take a couple of days.

A traffic switch is planned for the week of May 2<sup>nd</sup> weather permitting. White Bear Avenue traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction from I-694 to Lydia Avenue. The traffic switch will move the southbound traffic on White Bear Avenue to the east side of White Bear Avenue. Temporary signals will be operational at the I-694 ramps, County Road D and Woodlyn Avenue intersections. Traffic on County Road D will be reduced to one lane of traffic in each direction. The traffic will be moved to the north side of County Road D during this traffic switch.

Once the traffic is switched on White Bear Avenue and County Road D, Eureka Construction will remove the White Bear Avenue pavement in the southbound lanes. The removal work will start the week of May 9<sup>th</sup>. Access to County Road D and I-694 will be maintained while this work occurs.

Eureka will then focus efforts on installation of Watermain along the west side of White Bear Avenue. Private utility contractor Qwest is planning to start relocating its facilities the week of May 9<sup>th</sup>. Removal of the pavement surface needs to be removed prior to Qwest starting work. Qwest will continue for the next two months with the relocation of their facilities. Other private utilities will be in over the next couple of weeks to relocate their facilities within the corridor also.

We will provide more detailed information when it becomes available. Updated information will be sent out via the email notification.

The speed limit on White Bear Avenue and County Road D is 30 mph throughout the corridor. The speed limits will be enforced by Maplewood Police. Please watch out for construction workers and pedestrians in the area.

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](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 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. We have modified our construction staff for this upcoming summer. Please make note of our contacts. Contact Dan Bodelson at 651-248-0173 site inspector, Bret Wieman at 651-248-0027 Project Supervisor or Jerry Auge at 651-266-7117 business liaison.