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### Project Update

Construction has already begun on the White Bear Avenue and County Road D project. This update includes White Bear Avenue and County Road D lane shift, removals of White Bear Avenue and Proposed Closure at Woodlyn Avenue (Westside of White Bear Avenue) with a detour provided. The notice below provides more information/status on the project.

Eureka Construction has a scheduled lane shift for White Bear Avenue **May 6, 2011**. 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. 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. During the traffic switch, both the I-694 and County Road D intersections will be all-way stops. Anticipate a full day for this traffic switch and temporary signals to be fully operational.

Removals of existing concrete pavement on White Bear Avenue are scheduled for week of May 9<sup>th</sup>. 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. 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 completed 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.

The Westside of the intersection at Woodlyn Avenue will be closed (Mall Entrance) for the removal of pavement and replacement/lowering of utilities. This closure is scheduled for one week, weather permitting. Once the underground work is completed we will open the Woodlyn Avenue Mall entrance/exit. Please utilize the marked detour on the project which will be signed to Lydia Avenue entrance/exit.

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.

Bret Wieman will be Ramsey County's Business liaison on the project for this construction season. Please contact Bret with any questions about 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/Business Liaison or Jerry Auge at 651-266-7117.