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Project Update

Construction is progressing on the White Bear Avenue and County Road D project. This update includes project schedule, sidewalk excavation on County Road D, Pedestrian Lights, MnDOT Shutdown (Impacts to White Bear Avenue Project), and wall construction. The notice below provides more information/status on the project.

Eureka Construction has completed the underground utility work within phase I of the project. All water main and storm sewer system work has been completed. Eureka is preparing subgrade and aggregate base on the south side of County Road D and the west side of White Bear Avenue in preparation for the concrete paving. In order to properly prepare the road bed for the concrete paving, the east mall road on County Road D will be closed July 13th for approximately 3 weeks. In addition, the west side of Woodlyn Avenue is scheduled to be closed Monday July 18th for approximately 3 weeks. These drives will be opened to traffic as soon as permissible with the concrete paving and boulevard construction. Motorists should utilize Lydia Avenue off of White Bear Avenue or the west main mall access (signalized intersection) on County Road D to access the Mall area businesses.

Mainline concrete paving on County Road D and White Bear Avenue is scheduled for July 20th. All paving work for phase I is scheduled to be completed by the week of August 1st, weather permitting. Concrete curb and gutter, sidewalk and boulevard restoration will follow.

With the recent state "Shutdown", MnDOT has notified Ramsey County that all construction work within MnDOT right of way is to be suspended on July 1, 2011. Ramsey County will not be able to construct White Bear Avenue north of the On/Off Ramps of I-694. This work must be postponed until the suspension is lifted at the state level. County Engineering staff has been working with our County Board of Commissioners and State officials to find a solution to lift the MnDOT suspension on the project. To date Ramsey County has been unsuccessful. Ramsey County will be progressing with construction of White Bear Avenue on areas south of the I-694 ramps and County Road D. If the "Shutdown" continues into August 2011, there is a good chance that Ramsey County will not be able to complete the project in the construction season of 2011.

Eureka Construction has excavated the boulevards on County Road D for the installation of the concrete sidewalk. The concrete sidewalk installation has been delayed and is tentatively scheduled for the week of August 1st. The

concrete walk on the south side of County Road D will have colored stamped concrete between the sidewalk and concrete curb.

Maplewood has recently requested to install pedestrian lighting along the project corridor. Lighting will be installed on both White Bear Avenue from Beam Avenue to County Road D and County Road D from Southlawn Avenue to White Bear Avenue. Work on the lighting will occur starting the week of July 18th. The contractor will need to install conduits at the back side of the sidewalk south of Woodlyn Avenue. The contractor is proposing to directional bore the conduit. Traffic control on White Bear Avenue south of Woodlyn Avenue will remain until the lighting work is completed.

The poured concrete wall in front of Caribou has been completed. Stone work and staining of the wall remains. Work should be completed within the next two weeks.

Traffic near the intersection of I-694 and White Bear Avenue has seen backup's occurring during the weekends and during the weekdays. Alternate routes to be used are Highway 61 to County Road D and Beam Avenue.

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

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. 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.