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**Project Update - White Bear Avenue and County Road D**

This notice comes without any advanced warning due to the recent end to the State "Shutdown". We apologize for any inconvenience or impacts this may cause with your commute to the White Bear Avenue area.

**\*\*\*CLOSURE OF EAST BOUND OFF-RAMP FROM I-694 ONTO WHITE BEAR AVENUE\*\*\***

Work was not allowed in the MnDOT right-of-way during the State "Shutdown". This prevented the installation of advanced road closure signs for motorists. The "Shutdown" put the White Bear Avenue project completion schedule in jeopardy for completion in 2011 construction season. Ramsey County has tried to avoid this scenario. Ramsey County and MnDOT has worked together the past two days to close the off-ramp from eastbound I-694 to White Bear Avenue and keep the project schedule moving forward.

The work within County right-of-way was not disrupted during the "Shutdown". The concrete paving is scheduled for July 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> on the south side of County Road D and the west side of White Bear Avenue. Eureka Construction has committed resources to expedite road construction work within the I-694 ramp area in order to complete the concrete paving during the closure. Paving of the MnDOT ramp area and the west portion of the intersection is scheduled to be constructed over a 3 week period. Work in the I-694 off ramp area will progress once the mainline paving is completed. The off ramp will be opened to a single right and left turn lane as soon as possible.

We have a detour in place which utilizes Highway 120/Century Avenue. The marked detour routes motorists eastbound past the White Bear Avenue to Highway 120/Century Avenue to westbound I-694 back to the White Bear Avenue off-ramp on the northeast corner of the interchange.

Alternate routes that should be utilized during this closure to White Bear Avenue include Highway 61, Beam Avenue and County Road D. We encourage motorists to utilize the Highway 61 route if possible.

We will provide more detailed information when it becomes available. Updated information will be sent out via email notification. Again we appreciate your patience during the closure of the I-694 ramp.

## 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:

Dan Bodelson, Site Inspector - 651-248-0173

Bret Wieman, Project Supervisor/Business Liaison - 651-248-0027

Jerry Auge, Project Manager - 651-266-7117.

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 notifications of website updates to all subscribers via email. To e-Subscribe go to [www.co.ramsey.mn.us](http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us) , 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!