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### Project Update

Construction is progressing along on the White Bear Avenue and County Road D project. Traffic change/switch on White Bear Avenue is scheduled to occur on August 29, 2011. Scheduled closure of Woodlyn Avenue east of White Bear Avenue is scheduled for Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> thru September 2<sup>nd</sup>. This update includes project schedule, public and private utility work, and sidewalk installation. The notice below provides more information/status on the project.

Eureka Construction is preparing the northwest quadrant of the intersection at County Road D and White Bear Avenue for a concrete pour. The concrete installation is schedule to occur this week starting on Thursday and being completed on Friday. This concrete pour will complete the west side of White Bear Avenue and there will be continuous concrete from I-694 to the south. This concrete pour is in preparation for the traffic switch on White Bear Avenue.

A traffic switch on White Bear Avenue is scheduled to occur on Monday August, 29, 2011. This traffic switch will take the most of the day on Monday to be completed. The temporary signal systems will need to be adjusted for the new alignment on White Bear Avenue. In addition, next week a traffic switch on County Road D will also occur. This traffic switch will move traffic to the north side of County Road D. The County Road D traffic switch will be temporary for a two week period and then be switched to the south side of White Bear Avenue. During the traffic switch on White Bear Avenue all of the signal systems will be on all way flash. We recommend utilizing alternate routes on Monday if possible because of traffic delays.

Eureka has water main work to be completed at the intersection of Woodlyn Avenue. Also, the contractor will be conducting soil corrections in the intersection while the intersection is closed. The contractor will close down the intersection on the east side of White Bear Avenue during the week of August 29<sup>th</sup>. The intersection is scheduled to be opened by the end of the week on September 2, 2011. The existing water main in the Woodlyn Avenue intersection was originally installed diagonal thru the intersection. A detour will be set up utilizing Lydia Avenue to Arial Street to the north. See Detour Plan 1.

A traffic closure on the east side of Woodlyn Avenue is scheduled August 29, 2011, access to the businesses on the east side of White Bear Avenue from County Road D to Woodlyn Avenue will have limited access from White Bear Avenue. Ramsey County has installed a temporary rear access to the businesses of Mr. BBQ, Bakers Square, North China, and Denny's. Rear access will be

signed off of Woodlyn Avenue. Access to Caribou will be on County Road D. A detour is planned during the Woodlyn Avenue east closure. The detour will utilize Lydia Avenue to Arial Street. See Detour Plan 2.

Xcel Gas has moved on site to relocate their gas mains on the east side of White Bear Avenue. Qwest/Century Link is mobilizing on site next week to replace their facilities on the east side of White Bear Avenue from Woodlyn Avenue to the north. All work with the utility companies is scheduled to be completed within a two week period.

Sidewalk installation is continuing along both White Bear Avenue (Westside) and County Road D along the project corridor. This work will continue until completed within the project limits. The contractor will be leaving the intersection areas without sidewalk in order to install the traffic signal system at the intersections. Pedestrian access will be on the west side of White Bear Avenue during the final phase of the project.

White Bear Avenue Phase II will be starting the week of August 29, 2011. The project is scheduled to be complete in the late fall of 2011.

All detailed information above is subject to the weather.

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.