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Public hearing on Interstate 494 Expansion Project set for January 12

Copies of Environmental Assessment/Environmental Assessment Worksheet now available to public

ROSEVILLE, Minn. – The Minnesota Department of Transportation invites the public to attend a hearing for the Interstate 494 Expansion Project Environmental Assessment/Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EA/EAW). The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, January 12, 2011 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Plymouth City Hall Medicine Lake Room, 3400 Plymouth Blvd., Plymouth. Representatives from the Mn/DOT will provide information about the project, answer questions and gather public feedback.

Layouts of the proposed improvements will be displayed and copies of the EA/EAW will be available for review during the public hearing, which will be held in an open house format. There will be no formal presentation.

The proposed project includes construction of a new lane on the inside shoulder of northbound and southbound I-494 between I-394 and East Fish Lake Road overpass in Minnetonka, Plymouth and Maple Grove. The purpose of the project is to address deficiencies and corresponding capacity, congestion and traffic operation problems on this segment of I-494. Construction of the proposed project is not currently programmed for funding. This EA/EAW process is intended to support the anticipated future use of federal funding for the proposed project.

The EA/EAW documents the purpose and need of the proposed project along with the anticipated social, economic, and environmental impacts. Copies of the EA/EAW are available for public viewing during normal business hours at the following locations:

- Mn/DOT Metro District Offices, 1500 West County Road B2, Roseville, MN 55113
- Maple Grove City Hall, 12800 Arbor Lakes Pkwy., Maple Grove, MN 55311
- Minnetonka City Hall, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd., Minnetonka, MN 55345



- Plymouth City Hall, 3400 Plymouth Blvd., Plymouth, MN 55447
- Hennepin County Library, 8001 Main St. N., Maple Grove, MN 55369
- Hennepin County Library, 17524 Excelsior Blvd., Minnetonka, MN 55345
- Hennepin County Library, 15700 36th Ave. N., Plymouth, MN 55446

The EA/EAW is also available for viewing on the Mn/DOT Web site at <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i494plymouth>

Written comments may be mailed, prior to the close of the public comment period on Wednesday, January 26, 2011, to

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To request an ASL interpreter or other reasonable accommodation, call Janet Miller at 651-366-4720 or 1-800-657-3774 (Greater Minnesota); 711 or 1-800-627-3529 (Minnesota Relay). You may also send an e-mail to janet.rae.miller@state.mn.us (please request at least one week in advance).

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