



Hwy 1/169 Eagles Nest Project Update Meeting

Environmental Process

- Public comment period on EA closed January 30, 2015
- June 5, 2015, MnDOT completed – “Negative Declaration” regarding need for EIS and submitted it to FHWA
- Currently consulting with USFWS regarding Northern Long Eared Bat
- Anticipated FONSI – September 2015

Rock Characterization

- MnDOT committed to performing additional field work in the EA
- MnDOT coordinated with MnDNR to develop plan for additional fieldwork
- MnDOT is using geophysics for targeted drill sites and interval drilling. Total estimated number of bore holes – 165
- Specialized work contracts are underway with consultants and contractors for drilling, testing and mitigation plans.
- Schedule – work anticipated to start within the next seven days – dependent on property access (easements)

Plan Development and Permitting

- MnDOT continues with plan development for preferred alternative
- Public notice for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit – on-schedule

ROW Process

- MnDOT determines land ownership and finalizes construction limits
- MnDOT notifies affected property owners – performs field title review
- MnDOT has affected parcels appraised (including review appraisal)
- MnDOT prepares written offers to purchase

Project Schedule

- Anticipate FONSI – September 2015
- Separate tree clearing contract – December 2015 letting
- Complete roadway plans – January 2016
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit – Spring 2016
- Project letting – July 2016
- Construction complete – Fall 2017

For more information: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d1/projects/Hwy169eagles/index.html>

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Alternative 3A



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