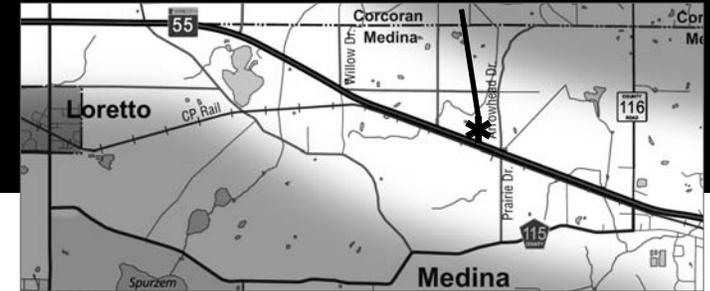




Public Hearing/Open House for the Highway 55 Project from Rockford to Plymouth

Tuesday, April 29, 2008 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the
Hennepin County Public Works Facility
(1600 Prairie Drive, Medina, Minnesota)



Public Hearing

An Environmental Assessment/Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EA/EAW) has been released for public review. A public hearing/open house will be held Tuesday, April 29, 2008 at the Hennepin County Public Works Facility to allow the public to learn about and comment on the document. The EA/EAW discusses the need for the project, reasonable alternatives, and impacts of the project. **This project is not in Mn/DOT's 20-year plan, but it is important to plan to protect right of way for future expansion now.** Anyone who is interested is encouraged to attend the public hearing. The EA/EAW is available for review at local governmental offices and libraries and the project website (details on next page).

What to expect at the Public Hearing/Open House

- The design concept will be displayed showing roadway and intersection design, where lanes will be added, and where changes in access will occur.
- Information will be provided regarding the environmental process.
- The EA/EAW discussing social, economic, and environmental impacts will be displayed.
- The anticipated schedule for the remainder of the project will be provided.
- There will be an opportunity to provide formal comment on the EA/EAW, in writing and/or to a court reporter. There will be no formal presentation. Written comments will also be accepted through Friday, May 9, 2008.

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Project Background

Hennepin County and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) have partnered to prepare the EA/EAW for corridor protection for the future expansion of Highway 55 from Plymouth to Rockford. The project is needed to

- 1) relieve congestion on Highway 55
- 2) provide safer access to Highway 55 from the local roadway networks
- 3) improve travel to and from the growing western communities
- 4) provide information for good community planning as the region develops

The EA/EAW assessed the impacts of a design concept that will be used to protect right of way through the “official mapping” process and other community planning tools. The EA/EAW is available for review at:

- Rockford City Hall
- Plymouth City Hall
- Mn/DOT Metro District Offices
- Greenfield City Hall
- Rockford Public Library
- Plymouth Community Library
- Medina City Hall
- Plymouth Community Library
- Corcoran City Hall
- Hennepin County Public Works Facility

<http://projects.dot.state.mn.us/srf/055/index.html>

Schedule

EA/EAW publication
Public Hearing on EA/EAW

April 7, 2008
April 29, 2008

Right of way protection activities including the official mapping process will begin following the conclusion of the environmental process. Actual right of way acquisition will follow when funding is available. The construction of the project is not currently programmed by Mn/DOT and will not occur until funding can be obtained.

Quick Look at Project Details:

- Expanded from 2 lanes to 4 lanes from Rockford to County Road 116 (Pinto Drive)
- Transition to a 4-lane hybrid concept between County Road 116 and the I-494 area

If you have questions or comments, please contact Dan Rowe
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Highway 55 Project Corridor Map

