

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

..... CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE.....

MINNESOTA PROJECT NO. TBD STATE PROJECT NO. 8503-46

TRUNK HIGHWAY NO. 43 **OR** LOCAL AGENCY ROUTE NO. _____
(CSAH, MSAS, Other)

Being that section of the highway between Fourth Street and the north end of Latsch Island in Winona County, the State of Minnesota.

In conformance with the requirements of SECTION 128, TITLE 23, UNITED STATES CODE, the undersigned does hereby certify that

_____ the public has been afforded an opportunity for a public hearing, **or**

X a public hearing was held

and that consideration has been given to the social and economic effects of the project, its impact on the environment, and its consistency with the goals and objectives of such urban planning as has been promulgated by the community.

The public was advised of the

_____ objectives of such a hearing, the procedures for requesting a hearing, the deadline for the submission of such a request, **or**

X time, place, and objectives of the hearing

by notices published in news media having a general circulation within the area of said project. Affidavit(s) of such publication is (are) enclosed herewith.

_____ The deadline date for the submission of a request for a hearing was _____ 20 ____,
or

X The hearing was held on October 17, 2013 in Winona, Minnesota.
(City, Township, Other)

Signed Terry L. M. A. this 21st day of JANUARY 20 14
Mn/DOT District Engineer - PROJECT MANAGER

OR

Signed _____ this _____ day of _____ 20 ____
Local Agency Title:

AFFIDAVIT of PUBLICATION

State of Minnesota
County of Winona

Winona Post, Inc., being duly sworn, on oath, says he/she is and during all the times herein stated has been foreman of the printer and the printer in charge of the WINONA POST and has full knowledge of the facts herein stated as follows:

- 1) Said newspaper is printed in the English language in newspaper format and in column and sheet form equivalent in printed space to at least 1,200 square inches;
- 2) Said newspaper is a weekly, distributed at least once each week for 52 weeks each year.
- 3) Said newspaper in at least half of its issues each year has no more than 75 percent of its printed space comprised of advertising material and paid legal notices; and in all of its issues each year has 50 percent of its news columns devoted to news of local interest to the community which it purports to serve, but not more than 25 percent of its total nonadvertising column inches in any issue wholly duplicates any other publication unless the duplicated material is from recognized general news services;
- 4) Said newspaper is circulated in and near the municipality which it purports to serve, and has at least 500 copies regularly distributed without charge to local residents;
- 5) Said newspaper has its known office of issue established in the county in which lies, in whole or in part, the municipality which the newspaper purports to serve;
- 6) Said newspaper files a copy of each issue immediately with the State Historical Society;
- 6a) Said newspaper is available at single or subscription prices to any person, corporation, partnership or other unincorporated association requesting the newspaper and making the applicable payment, and is distributed without charge to local residents;
- 7) Said newspaper has complied with all the foregoing conditions of this subdivision for at least one year last past;
- 8) Said newspaper has published and submitted to the Secretary of State a statement of ownership and circulation verified by a recognized independent circulation auditing agency.

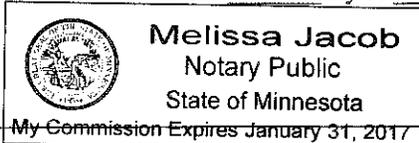
He/she further states on oath that the printed notice hereto attached as part hereof was cut from the columns of said newspaper, and was printed and published therein in the English language once each week, for one successive weeks.

That said notice was first inserted, printed and published on Sunday the 29th day of September 2013, and was printed and published in said newspaper on each and every Sunday thereafter until and including Sunday the 29th day of September 2013.

That the following is a printed copy of the lower case alphabet from A to Z, both inclusive, and is hereby acknowledge as being the size and kind of type used in the composition and publication of said notice, to wit:

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of September 2013



(Notarial Seal)

Melina Jacob

**AFFIDAVIT OF
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DATE OF
PUBLICATION

**Publication Date
Sunday, September 29, 2013
LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
PUBLIC HEARING
AND ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT /
ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET
FOR THE WINONA BRIDGE
PROJECT**

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) encourages the public to attend an open house and public hearing for the proposed Winona Bridge Project (S.P. 8503-46). The proposed project is located in the City of Winona, Winona County, Minnesota. The open house and public hearing will be held Thursday, October 17, 2013 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Winona Armory, 1303 Homer Road, Winona, Minnesota 55987. The purpose of the open house and public hearing is to inform the public about the project, and encourage the public to comment and ask questions. Maps, drawings, and other pertinent information, including the Environmental Assessment (EA) and other project documents developed for the proposal will be available for public inspection. During the open house the public will be able to discuss the project in an informal manner with MnDOT officials and the design and environmental consultants. There will be no formal presentation. Comments will be received either written or orally (by a court reporter), and will become part of the official public hearing record. The comments will be considered when making future project related decisions.

The project would rehabilitate the existing Winona Bridge and construct a new two-lane girder bridge upstream of the existing Winona Bridge. The project also includes improvements to the 4th Street/Winona Street intersection.

The EA describes the proposed project, impacts, and mitigation. The EA includes documentation on the Section 106 findings regarding historic properties, as well as a Draft Programmatic Agreement which outlines the future design review process. The EA document also includes information on the Section 4(f) impacts and the preliminary *de minimis*

finding, i.e. that adverse impacts to the recreational facility would not result from the proposed project. Any comments received regarding this issue during the public comment period will be taken by the Federal Highway Administration in making its final *de minimis* determination. The tentative schedules for right of way acquisition and construction will be discussed, and MnDOT's relocation assistance program will be explained. Tentative schedules for the start of right of way acquisition and of construction are dependent upon federal approvals. MnDOT requests input from anyone on identification of historical and cultural properties in the vicinity of the undertaking.

The EA is available on the project website at www.dot.state.mn.us/d6/projects/winonabridge. Copies of the EA will also be available for review during the open house and public hearing and are also available for public viewing during business hours at the following locations:

- 1.) MnDOT District 6 Offices, 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester, MN 55901
- 2.) Winona Public Library, 151 W 5th St, Winona, MN 55987
- 3.) Winona Department of Public Works, 207 Lafayette Street, Room 200, Winona, MN 55987

Written comments can be mailed, prior to the close of the public comment period on October 30, 2013, to Mr. Terry Ward, Design Engineer, at the Minnesota Department of Transportation, 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester, MN 55901.

Accessibility and ASL

To request an ASL or foreign language 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).

Documents - Alternative Format

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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Thomas Kelley, being first duly sworn on oath states, or affirms, that s/he is the publisher of the newspaper known as the Winona Daily News, or the publisher's designated agent, and has full knowledge of the facts stated below:

A. The newspaper has complied with all of the requirements constituting qualification as a qualified newspaper, as provided by Minn. Stat. §331A.02, §331A.07, and other applicable laws, as amended.

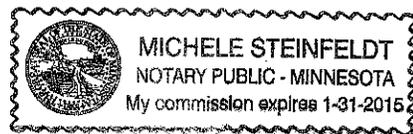
B. The printed public notice that is attached was published in the newspaper on the following dates:

Friday, September 27, 2013

By Thomas Kelley
Publisher or Publisher's Designated Agent

Subscribed and sworn to or affirmed before me
on this 27th day of September 2013

Michele Steinfeldt
Notary Public



RATE INFORMATION

Lowest classified rate paid by
commercial users for comparable space: \$ 1.81 per line

PUBLIC HEARING AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT/ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET FOR THE WINONA BRIDGE PROJECT

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