

Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) Notification for State Public Road Projects Not Requiring a WCA Replacement Plan

Public Transportation Authority: Minnesota Department of Transportation
Office of Environmental Stewardship – Mailstop 620
395 John Ireland Blvd, St. Paul, MN 55155

Project Proposer: MnDOT Metro District, Roseville (Mark Bushinski)

State Project No.: 2723-144/151

Type of WCA Notification:

- Public Road Project Notification
- No Loss Determination (temporary impacts)
- No Loss Determination (incidental wetlands)

Location of Project: State Trunk Highway (TH) 55 from Fernbrook Lane to just east of General Mills Boulevard

Summary of Project:

This project proposes to complete a pavement mill and overlay from Fernbrook Lane to West Medicine Lake Drive and Revere Lane North to approximately General Mills Boulevard. Associated activities include extending turn lanes, completing intersection safety modifications, constructing and replacing culverts and storm sewers, performing surface repairs on two bridges, replacing traffic signals, and constructing a trail. Permanent wetland impacts will be caused by the culvert work and minor inslope flattening. All proposed impacts are within MnDOT ROW or easements, over which MnDOT serves as the WCA LGU.

Project Timeline:

The letting date for the project is February 23, 2024. The project will be constructed in 2024.

Wetland Impacts:

County	Bank Service Area (BSA)	Permanent WCA Impact (ac.)	Temporary WCA Impact (ac.)
Hennepin	7	0.03	0.07

Wetland Replacement:

Wetland replacement will consist of providing existing MnDOT credits at a 2.5:1 ratio from WCA approved wetland bank #1303 in accordance with MS 103G.222.Subd.3.(b). The Corps of Engineers is not requiring replacement.

Other Permits Required:

The applicant determined the project is non-reporting to the Corps of Engineers under the Section 404 Transportation Regional Permit.

WCA Process:

Since this project’s impacts are for the repair, rehabilitation, reconstruction, or replacement of a currently serviceable state road, a WCA Replacement Plan is not required. In lieu of the Replacement Plan process, the process outlined in Chapter 8420.0544 Section D is being followed.

As per item D (1), the applicant has indicated that wetland impacts have been minimized. As per item D (2), a copy of the project specific report (joint application) was distributed on 11/14/23 to the standard WCA distribution list. A copy was also sent to the adjacent WCA LGU for reference – no action is required.

MnDOT affirms that the proposed project complies with WCA requirements. There will be no further WCA notifications regarding this project. The MnDOT WCA LGU contact is Beth Brown (elizabeth.a.brown@state.mn.us).

MnDOT WCA Contact

Date

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Attachments:

NA – joint application and delineation report previously distributed
