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Public Works Department

TO: Elmwood Neighborhood
Sorensen Neighborhood

FROM: Scott Brink, City Engineer

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SUBJECT: Highway 7/Wooddale Interchange Project Update

The contractor (Ames Construction) is planning to mobilize and re-start construction activity next week (the week of March 1). A significant item that must be taken care of first is the relocation of the MCES sewer force-main which also requires the construction of a temporary by-pass flow pipe while the relocation work itself occurs. Ames will also be doing removals on the south side of the project area in preparation for more utility work and relocation of the frontage road. *As a result, the south frontage road and Wooddale Avenue (between 36th Street and Highway 7) will be closed, beginning March 3.* Access to properties along the south side of Highway 7 (McGarvey Coffee, Cityscape Apartments, and SPS Properties) will be directly from Highway 7.

Over the next several weeks, the majority of construction activity will be in this area between Highway 7 and the railroad tracks, and along the south side of Highway 7. Construction activity on the north side of the project corridor should be relatively quiet until later this spring and summer. Ames is currently putting together an updated work plan and project schedule for the entire project that will be further reviewed by Mn/DOT and project staff over the next few weeks. Further updates will be provided as more information becomes available.

Notification to stakeholders is being conveyed accordingly by the Contractor, the City, and Mn/DOT. If there are any questions or need for information at this time, please let me know.