



# LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

## Executive Summary for Action

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers Meeting

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

### Agenda Item

#### Item 6. E. – Dredge Management

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#### Summary

##### i. **Vernon Avenue Dredge Material Management site**

On October 11, 2021, the LMRWD received notice from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), regarding the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Section 4(f) De Minimis Determination for the Trunk Highway (TH) 13: Dakota Avenue to Nicollet Avenue Project.

The notice stated: MnDOT completed an Environmental Assessment and has undertaken a thorough analysis of the project and its potential impacts. Through MnDOT's analysis, coordination with affected agencies, public and community involvement, and comment letters received, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has concluded that the project will not cause significant environmental impacts and issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Section 4(f) De Minimis Determination for the project on October 1, 2021.

The FONSI is available for viewing on the Highway 13 project webpage: [mndot.gov/metro/projects/hwy13savageburnsville](https://mndot.gov/metro/projects/hwy13savageburnsville)

On October 7, 2021, MnDOT held a meeting of the Business Advisory group, that presented information about the design of the project, timing of the construction, detours, and access to the ports during construction. A presentation for the general public was made on October 12, 2021.

The final design includes closing the intersections of TH 13 with Yosemite and Vernon Avenues. TH 13 will pass over Dakota Avenue and a new frontage road will be constructed on the north side of TH 13 to serve the ports and the LMRWD dredge placement site. Access to the LMRWD dredge site from the west will need to exit at Dakota Avenue, use the south frontage road to Quinton Avenue to turn left onto TH 13, then use the new off ramp to access Vernon Avenue.

Consultants for the MnDOT TH 13/Dakota Avenue Intersection projects contacted the LMRWD about access to the dredge site during construction. Construction will require closure of Vernon Avenue for a period of 28 consecutive days during June/July 2022. LS Marine was consulted regarding the need for access to the site. Dredging of the private terminals is usually complete by June 1. If weather delays dredging then access after June 1 may be necessary.

LS Marine has found a buyer for main channel material on the site at a price of \$2/CY. MnDOT was requested to coordinate the construction closure of Vernon Avenue with the LMRWD so that material can be removed by the buyer. MnDOT said the contractor would be made aware of the LMRWD's situation.

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ii. **Private Dredge Material Placement**

Payment for 2020 placement of private material has been received from all parties. Measurement of material placed in 2021 has been requested, so that invoices can be sent.

**Attachments**

No attachments

**Recommended Action**

No action recommended