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April 11, 2012

Anne Hurlburt
City Administrator
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SUBJECT: Zavoral Mining, MnDOT Review # EIS12-001
East of TH 95 at TH 97 Intersection
Scandia, Washington County
Control Section: 8210

Dear Ms. Hurlburt:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Zavoral Mining Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Please note that MnDOT's review of this Draft Environmental Impact Statement does not constitute approval of a regional traffic analysis and is not a specific approval for access or new roadway improvements. MnDOT's staff has reviewed the document and has the following comments:

Traffic:

The prior comments made by MnDOT concerning the right turn lane and the trail located on the east side of TH95 identified in 2009 and 2011 are still valid.

Regarding the stub trail in question, the presence of a "long-term" trail on the north side of TH97 in Scandia planning documents does not change the MnDOT recommendation to remove and sod over the stub trail on the southeast quad of 95/97. Unless the City of Scandia is willing to take ownership and maintenance, MnDOT requires removal of the stub trail. The right of way will still be there if in the future the stub trail is rebuilt via a Limited Use Permit, with City ownership and maintenance. For questions regarding these comments, contact Marc Briese, Area Engineer, at 651-234-7715.

Design:

To ensure the safety of a newly configured intersection, a Level 2 Layout will need to be submitted for review. For further information concerning the criteria for the layout please go to the following website: <http://dotapp7.dot.state.mn.us/edms/download?docId=636152> Refer to the discussion about Level 2 layouts. Information regarding the alignments, profiles, typicals, soil borings and cross sections are essential in planning for the proposed roadway change. For questions regarding these comments, contact Nancy Jacobson, MnDOT Metro Design, at 651-234-7647.

Permits:

Any work that impacts MnDOT right of way requires a permit. Permit forms are available from MnDOT's utility website at <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/utility/>. Include one 11 x 17 plan set and one full size plan set with each permit application. Direct any questions regarding permit requirements to Buck Craig, MnDOT's Metro Permits Section, at 651-234-7911.

Review Submittal Options:

MnDOT's goal is to complete the review of plans within 30 days. Submittals sent in electronically can usually be turned around faster. There are four submittal options:

1. One (1) electronic pdf version of the plans. MnDOT can accept the plans via e-mail at metrodevreviews.dot@state.mn.us provided that each separate e-mail is less than 20 megabytes.
2. Three (3) sets of full size plans. Submitting seven sets of full size plans will expedite the review process. Plans can be sent to:

MnDOT – Metro District Planning Section
Development Reviews Coordinator
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3. One (1) compact disk.
4. Plans to MnDOT's external FTP Site. Send pdf files to: <ftp://ftp2.dot.state.mn.us/pub/incoming/MetroWatersEdge/Planning>. Internet Explorer does not work using ftp so use an FTP Client or your Windows Explorer (My Computer). Also, send a note to metrodevreviews.dot@state.mn.us indicating that the plans have been submitted on the FTP site.

If you have any additional questions regarding this follow up letter, please call me at (651) 234-7789.

Sincerely,



Molly McCartney
Sr. Transportation Planner

Encl:

1. Zavoral Mining EAW09-001.pdf
2. Zavoral Mining EAW09-001A.pdf
3. Trail Located on the East Side of TH 95, Extending South of TH 97.pdf

CC:

Steve Channer, Right-of-Way

Bryce Fossand, Water Resources
Buck Craig, Permits
Chad Erickson, Traffic
Marc Briese, Area Engineer
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October 13, 2011

Anne Hurlburt
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SUBJECT: Trail Located on the East Side of TH 95, Extending South of TH 97--
Scandia, Washington County
Control Section: 8210

Dear Ms. Hurlburt:

Mn/DOT's letter to the City of Scandia dated June 29th, 2011, concerning the Zavoral Mining development states that when the site is developed, a right turn lane will be required into the site and that the subject trail would need to be either relocated or vacated. It is our understanding that Scandia would like Zavoral Mining to relocate the portion of the trail impacted by the right-turn lane and bring the trail up to ADA standards. Additionally, we understand the city would like Mn/DOT to maintain and operate the trail.

After considerable discussion, we do not feel that the expense of upgrading, maintaining, and operating the trail is a good use of state resources for the following reasons:

- This stub trail is 0.38 miles long and does not connect with any other trails.
- The DNR confirmed that the subject trail would not be used as an extension of the Gateway Trail.
- The overgrown condition of the trail in conjunction with no observed use by MnDOT maintenance staff provides clear indication that the trail is used only minimally. Additionally MnDOT has received no complaints about the trail's condition
- Generally, trails on Mn/DOT right-of-way, particularly those with only a local benefit, are maintained by the local government through a Limited Use Permit from Mn/DOT.

Therefore, Mn/DOT does not plan to require the developer to rebuild the trail.

In our discussions with the County and the DNR, neither are willing to take over ownership and maintenance responsibilities this trail. If the City of Scandia is willing to own and maintain the trail we will reconsider our position about removal of the trail. If the city is willing to take over the trail, the city will need to obtain a Limited Use permit from the Mn/DOT Right-of-Way office. For information concerning Limited Use Permits, please contact Steve Channer, 651-234-7558 with Mn/DOT Metro's Right-of-Way Section.

If you have any additional questions regarding this follow up letter, please call me at (651) 234-7794.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tod Sherman', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Tod Sherman,
Planning Supervisor

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January 22, 2009

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SUBJECT: Zavoral Mining, Mn/DOT Review #EAW09-001
East of TH 95 at TH 97 Intersection
Scandia, Washington County
Control Section: 8210

Dear Ms Hurlburt:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Zavoral Mining EAW. Please note that Mn/DOT's review of this EAW does not constitute approval of a regional traffic analysis and is not a specific approval for access or new roadway improvements. As plans are refined, we would like the opportunity to meet with our partners and to review the updated information. Mn/DOT's staff has reviewed the document and has the following comments:

A north bound full right turn lane will need to be constructed (300' RTL 180' taper) as part of the proposed use. The entrance into the site needs to be 32 feet wide. Additionally, as indicated in the EAW, the site access will need to be reconfigured to line up with TH 97 on the west side of TH 95. For questions concerning these comments, please contact Wayne Lemaniak, Mn/DOT Traffic Section, at (651) 234-7830.

To ensure the safety of the intersection, a Mn/DOT Level 3 Geometric Layout will need to be prepared before a permit can be issued for construction of the access and right turn lane. For further information concerning the criteria for a Level 3 layout, please go to the following website: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/tecsup/xyz/plu/hpdp/book2sg/geo/geoapp2.html> Refer to the discussion about Level 3 layout and Table 1 at the bottom of the page for the information concerning this layout. Information regarding the alignments, profiles, typicals, soil boring and cross sections are essential in planning for the proposed roadway change. For questions regarding design, please contact Ed Boytim, at (651) 234-7646.

The City/Developer may choose to pay Mn/DOT for the required improvements so that they can be coordinated and included with the Mn/DOT projects in the area. Mn/DOT will require payment for the work to be conducted by the City/Developer prior to any work by Mn/DOT. For questions concerning agreements please contact Jan Ekern, Partnership Coordinator, Mn/DOT Maintenance Office at (651) 366-3548

Any use of or work within or affecting Mn/DOT right of way requires a permit. Permit forms are available from MnDOT's utility website at www.dot.state.mn.us/tecsup/utility. Please include one 11 x 17 plan set and one full size plan set with each permit application. Please direct any

questions regarding permit requirements to Buck Craig (651-234-7911) of MnDOT's Metro Permits Section.

As a reminder, please address all initial future correspondence for development activity such as plats and site plans to:

Development Review Coordinator
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Mn/DOT document submittal guidelines require either:

1. One (1) electronic pdf. version of the plans (the electronic version of the plan needs to be developed for 11" x 17" printable format with sufficient detail so that all features are legible);
2. Seven (7) sets of full size plans.

If submitting the plans electronically, please use the pdf. format. Mn/DOT can accept the plans via e-mail at metrodevreviews@dot.state.mn.us provided that each separate e-mail is less than 20 megabytes. Otherwise, the plans can be submitted on a compact disk.

If you have any additional questions regarding this review please call me at (651) 234-7792.

Sincerely,


Jon P. Solberg
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Mn/DOT Division File CS 8210
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June 29, 2011

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SUBJECT: Zavoral Mining, Mn/DOT Review #EAW09-001A – Follow Up Letter
East of TH 95 at TH 97 Intersection
Scandia, Washington County
Control Section: 8210

Dear Ms Hurlburt:

Thank you for meeting with Mn/DOT on Tuesday, June 7th concerning the Zavoral Mining plans. This letter is intended to respond to the questions brought up at this meeting. The questions and answers are as follows:

Mn/DOT though is currently reviewing options concerning the need for the trail as well as the proper ownership of the trail.

1. *Since truck traffic will be traveling between the Zavoral site to the site off of Lofton, trucks are not expected to turn right into the site. Is a right turn lane (Per Mn/DOT's letter dated January 22, 2009) still needed? Would a truck acceleration lane on TH 97 be more useful?*

Based on the trips generated by the proposed mining operation, a right turn lane is warranted. To allow for current and future turning movements into the site, the right turn lane is still required. Since it would not be feasible to construct an acceleration lane long enough for trucks to reach highway speed, an acceleration lane is not needed. For questions concerning these comments, please contact Chad Erickson, Mn/DOT Metro Traffic Section, at 651-234-7806.

2. *Since sight distance is better to the north, than the south, will Mn/DOT still require the Zavoral driveway on TH 95 to be moved further south to line up with TH 97?*

Yes, the change in sight distance would be minimal. The driveway must be aligned with TH 97 to improve the operation of traffic at the TH 97/TH 95/Zavoral Mining intersection.

3. *Who owns and maintains the stub trail located along the east side of TH 95, south of TH 97? Will the trail need to be rebuilt?*

Mn/DOT currently owns this trail. In order to accommodate the right turn lane, the trail will need to be relocated. However, Mn/DOT is currently reviewing options concerning the need for the trail as well as the proper ownership of the trail.

If you have any additional questions regarding this follow up letter, please call me at (651) 234-7794.

Sincerely,



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Planning Supervisor

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