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Dear Property Owner:

The City of Rochester and Olmsted County are evaluating Phase 2 improvements to 55<sup>th</sup> ST NW east of the Highway 52 Interchange. This Open House notice has been prepared to recap the Northern Rochester Transportation Study (NRTS), describe the proposed Phase 2 project, announce an upcoming public involvement opportunities, and identify the next steps for the project.

## Recap of NRTS

The proposed Phase 2 Project was recommended based on the findings of the NRTS, completed in Spring 2011. The NRTS was developed by representatives from the City of Rochester, Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), and Olmsted County based on identified transportation issues, technical analysis, and input from regulatory agencies and the public. The ultimate goal of this effort was to develop a unified transportation plan for northwest Rochester that can be implemented over time to address long-range traffic demands. Improvements recommended in the NRTS will be phased over the next 25 years based on demonstrated need and available funding. More information about NRTS can be found at the project website: <http://www.northernrochesterstudy.com/>

## Description of Project

### *55th Street Improvement Project (Phase II)*

The proposed Phase 2 improvements to 55th Street consists of the relocation of the East Frontage Road/Bandel Road intersection approximately 375 feet to the east along 55th Street in order to provide better intersection spacing between the TH 52 east ramps and the east frontage road. There are currently two intersection alternatives being evaluated for the future relocation of the 55th Street intersection with the East Frontage Road/Bandel Road; a multi-lane roundabout or a standard signalized intersection. Reconstruction of the 55th Street intersection with the East Frontage Road/Bandel Road includes:

- Realignment of the East Frontage Road/Bandel Road
- Additional trail and sidewalks along the East Frontage Road/Bandel Road.

## Public Involvement

A public meeting for the proposed projects will be held:

- **DATE:** Thursday, May 14, 2015
- **TIME:** 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- **LOCATION:** Hampton Inn & Suites Rochester-North  
2870 59th St NW  
Rochester, MN 55901

City of Rochester, Olmsted County, and design consultant staff will be available to listen to concerns and answer questions.

### Next Steps

- Select the preferred alternative (signalized intersection or roundabout)
- Prepare Official Map the future roadway right of way

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2870 59th St. NW, Rochester, MN 55901

The map shows a north-south road labeled '52' (Highway 52) on the left. A north arrow is also present. A horizontal road is labeled '55th St. NW'. A road labeled '59th St. NW' runs north-south to the left of the 55th St. NW intersection. A star marks the location of 'Hampton Inn & Suites Rochester-North' at the intersection of 59th St. NW and 55th St. NW. A dashed line indicates the 'Project Location' at the intersection of 55th St. NW and East Frontage Rd. East Frontage Rd is shown as a road branching off to the east from the south side of 55th St. NW.

**QUESTIONS?**  
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