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## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Ames Construction, Interstate 35E Bridge Demolition and Roadway Construction

TO: Payne Phalen District 5 Planning Council District 6 Planning Council

This is to inform you of a request for a variance from the sound level limitations as indicated in the St. Paul Noise Ordinance (Chapter 293 of the St. Paul Legislative Code). Property owned by you and located near the noise source, may be affected by this variance request.

## <u>Rental property owners must provide a copy of this notice to all renters or post a copy in a common area of the building so it can be viewed by the occupants.</u>

## **Description of Variance:**

Location: Interstate 35E between Larpenteur Avenue and Maryland Avenue

**Noise Source:** Ames Construction has applied for a sound level variance to allow for 24 hour per day road construction, such as, bridge demolition, bridge construction, ramp work, sound wall construction and the addition of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes along Interstate 35E from February 20, 2014 to November 1, 2014. All bridge demolition work will occur on a weekend starting on a Friday at 10:00 PM and will be completed on or before 5:00 PM Monday. During this time period, I-35E will be closed to traffic during demolition. The demolition of two bridges (Arlington Avenue and Wheelock Parkway) is scheduled to begin on Friday, February 28, 2014. Two other bridges (Larpenteur Avenue and the Gateway Trail) are scheduled for demolition beginning Friday, May 9, 2014. Dates may change due to weather or construction delays. The Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) is recommending that the occupants of property located within 400 feet of a bridge demolition site be notified by the contractor at least 48 hours before the start of any bridge demolition. DSI is also recommending that Ames Construction be granted up to thirty (30) overnight elevated noise shifts, for overnight work that is expected to create excessive noise. A 48 hour notice would also be required.

## A public hearing before the City Council on this variance request will be held on:

Date:	Wednesday, February 19, 2014
Time:	5:30 p.m.
Location:	3rd floor, City Hall Council Chambers

If you attend the public hearing, you will be given the opportunity to present verbal comments or objections before the City Council. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may file written comments or objections with the: City of St. Paul, Department of Safety and Inspections, 375 Jackson Street, Suite 220, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101-1806, attention Barb McMonigal-St.Dennis or by email to barb.mcmonigal-st.dennis@ci.stpaul.mn.us. Written comments or objections<u>must be received on or before Tuesday, February 18, 2014</u>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Barb McMonigal-St.Dennis at (651) 266-9137 or barb.mcmonigal-st.dennis@ci.stpaul.mn.us.