

APPENDIX B - EA/EAW Comments and Responses

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The EA/EAW for the I-35W North Corridor Preliminary Design Project was distributed on August 29, 2016 to agencies and organizations on the official distribution list, as well as additional agencies/organizations that had either requested a copy of the document, and/or that could be affected by the proposed project. The comment period for the EA/EAW officially closed at the end of the business day on September 28, 2016. A public hearing and open house to receive comments on the proposed project and EA/EAW was held on September 13, 2016 and September 14, 2016 (see Appendix A of this Findings document for further details). At the public hearing, attendees were invited to provide comments through one of two ways: written comments and oral statements.

- Written Statements: Attendees were invited to submit written comments through September 28, 2016 on cards provided at the open house, in letter, or via e-mail.
- Oral Statements: Statements were recorded by a certified court reporter.

During the public review and comment period, FHWA and MnDOT received comments on the EA/EAW from a total of six agencies and individuals, including one oral statement that was received at the public hearing.

Consistent with state and federal environmental review rules, substantive comments received are responded to in this appendix, as part of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions for the project record. Specifically, responses have been prepared for substantive statements pertaining to analysis conducted for and documented in the EA/EAW, including: incorrect, incomplete or unclear information; permit requirements; content requirements. These comments and responses are included in Appendix B1 below. The public hearing transcript and responses to substantive oral statements are included in Appendix B2 below.

Appendix B1 – Substantive Comments and Responses to Those Comments

Appendix B1 contains the comments and written responses to substantive comments received from the following individuals/agencies during the public comment period:

- Comment Letter A: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA)
- Comment Letter B: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)
- Comment Letter C: Metropolitan Council
- Comment Letter D: Ramsey County
- Public Hearing Comment Form: Danielle Schumerth

Appendix B2 – Public Hearing Transcript

Appendix B2 contains the transcript from the September 13, 2016 public hearing and written responses to substantive oral statements received at the public hearing. No oral statements were received at the September 14, 2016 public hearing.

- Oral Statement: Celena Monn