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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 3, 2019
To: Jennifer Bromeland, City of Eagle Lake Administrator
From: Matt Lassonde, Transportation Planner, Bolton & Menk, Inc.
Cc: Brian Sarff, City Engineer
Subject: Mankato Motorsports Park – Environmental Review Status Update
City of Eagle Lake, MN
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Introduction

This memorandum provides a status update on the environmental assessment worksheet (EAW) review process for the Mankato Motorsports Park development (hereafter referred to as the development).

Project Status

Phase I Archaeological Survey – We previously informed City staff and Council of the letter sent to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for their determination of the need for a Phase I Archaeological Survey on the proposed development site. The SHPO responded to our letter confirming that findings from the initial archaeological investigation warrant the need to complete the Phase I Archaeological Survey which is anticipated to begin in mid- to late-June. The Phase I Archaeological Survey will take place on-site and will result in a Phase I report determining the need for further archaeological work if artifacts are identified.

Wetland Delineation – Recent weather events have delayed the wetland field delineation. The delineation is necessary to fully understand impacts to wetlands and define the buildable area of the lot. We anticipate beginning the wetland delineation in the next two weeks. As previously mentioned, the delineation will take several months to complete and permit applications are subject to review by Blue Earth County as they currently serve as the Local Government Unit (LGU). This process could be expedited if the City of Eagle Lake pursues their right to become LGU via resolution adoption.

Noise Analysis – A noise analysis will begin after the initial wetland delineation field investigation is completed and a firmer track layout is defined. We anticipate this to begin in late June or early July.

Public Meeting – The Proposer has worked with City staff to initiate a public meeting with nearby residents to provide them with a full understanding of the development and its operations. This meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2019.

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Conclusion

The environmental review team anticipates beginning a Phase I Archaeological Survey, wetland delineation, and noise analysis in the month of June as part of the EAW process. The Proposer is also holding a public meeting to provide area stakeholders with a full understanding of the Mankato Motorsports Park development and its operations.

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