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**SUBJECT: Public comment invited on new rail line proposed for Steelton Hill area**

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## **Public comment invited on new rail line proposed for Steelton Hill area**

[Duluth, MN] - The City of Duluth is accepting public comments during a 30-day public review period running from May 12 to June 11, 2014, on an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) that was prepared for the Steelton Hill Double Track project.

This project consists of the construction of a second mainline railroad track adjacent to the existing mainline track on Steelton Hill. A portion of the mainline railroad track will be re-aligned to improve both the horizontal and vertical track alignment. The project will cross several streams and wetlands including two streams of high resource value as determined by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The proposed location of the project runs roughly alongside and northerly of the Becks Road Corridor between Gary New Duluth and Trunk Highway 35.

The EAW will provide information on the environmental impacts of this project on the immediate surrounding area. A copy of the EAW is available online at <http://www.duluthmn.gov/planning/current-planning/eaw/>. Additional hard copies of the EAW are available for public review at:

- Duluth Public Library, 520 West Superior Street, Duluth
- Duluth Planning Office, 411 West First Street, Room 208, Duluth

The EAW will be published in the May 12, 2014 Environmental Quality Board's EQB Monitor. Written comments must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11, to the attention of Charles Froseth, Land Use Supervisor, 411 West First Street, Room 208, Duluth, MN 55802. The Planning Commission will review the comments at their July 8, 2014, regular Planning Commission meeting.

Electronic comments may be sent to [cfroseth@duluthmn.gov](mailto:cfroseth@duluthmn.gov) with “Steelton Hill Double Track” in the subject line. If submitting comments electronically, please include your full name and postal mailing or email address.

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