

## **Rice Street/ Highway 36 Open House Summary**

An open house on the project was held February 4, 2009 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM in the Rose Room at the Roseville Skate Center. Display boards and interchange layouts were available for public review, and staff from Ramsey County, City of Roseville, City of Maplewood, City of Little Canada, and consultant staff were on hand to answer questions. Approximately 52 people were in attendance, including representatives from at least four businesses in the corridor.

Opportunity for written comment was provided, and nine comment sheets were received. The off-set single point alternative was noted as favorable by five of the nine commentors. Concerns expressed in the comments included:

- Traffic avoiding construction on Rice Street will divert to Dale Street, especially in vicinity of Concordia Meadows townhomes.
- Traffic on County Road B blocks Albemarle Court access. Please implement a left hand turn signal for County Road B.
- Consider noise walls on Highway 36 to control noise.
- Roundabouts are not pedestrian friendly (in reference to diamond interchange with roundabouts alternative).
- Consider pedestrian traffic and bicycle safety when designing the interchange.
- Consider how bus routes will be affected during construction.
- Consider a park and ride lot as part of this project.
- The existing bridge is in need of repairs today.

These comments will be taken into consideration in selection of the Preferred Alternative.