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CITY MAKES PROGRESS WITH 20–40–15 INITIATIVE

Eden Prairie, Minn. — The **20-40-15** initiative, first rolled out by the City of Eden Prairie in December 2006, calls for the City to improve energy efficiency in all of its facilities by **20** percent, increase the fuel efficiency of its vehicle fleet by **40** percent, and accomplish these goals by the year **2015**.

The initial phase of 20-40-15 involved asking City staff to help identify ways in which the City can be more energy efficient. As a result of the ideas submitted, the City has or will be implementing several of the energy-saving suggestions over the next year.

“We are excited about some of the energy-saving changes happening right now at the City Center,” said City Manager **Scott Neal**. “We have added motion sensors to control lighting in meeting rooms, adjusted the timers that control lighting and HVAC after hours, and re-lamped several light fixtures and signs to utilize light-emitting diode (LED) bulbs.”

Over the past 10 years the City has converted the majority of the traffic signals in Eden Prairie from incandescent traffic signal indications to LED versions. To support the 20-40-15 initiative, the Public Works Department is proposing a resolution to convert eight Hennepin County owned traffic signals at the Eden Prairie Road (County Road 4)/Edenwood Drive intersection to LED indications. If approved by the City Council, this project would take place in late 2007 or early 2008 and, along with the upcoming construction to Pioneer Trail (County Road 1), would complete the LED conversion of almost all of the remaining traffic signals in Eden Prairie. The City Council will review this proposal at the Oct. 16 meeting.

The next step in the overall 20-40-15 initiative involves the City’s partnership with **McKinstry Company**, a consulting firm specializing in construction, design and facility services. Over the next few months, the firm will compile a list of recommended projects which would help the City become more energy efficient. A final report will be presented in December and, upon City authorization, project work would begin in early 2008.

The City welcomes suggestions from residents and business owners, too. Those with ideas for how the City can be a better environmental steward can send them to energy@edenprairie.org.

The City of Eden Prairie is a vibrant community of more than 60,000 people located just southwest of Minneapolis. Eden Prairie has been nationally recognized as a great place live, work and raise a family. In 2006, MONEY Magazine named Eden Prairie the 10th “Best Place to Live” in America.