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Transportation in Rice County the topic for Sept. 19 Coffee & Conversation events with MnDOT

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is holding two coffee and conversation sessions – one in Faribault and one in Northfield -- to discuss transportation. Both will be on Tuesday, Sept. 19.

The first will be held from 9:30-11 a.m. at Perkins restaurant, 333 Western Ave. Faribault. The event will include Mark Schoenfelder, district engineer for MnDOT's southeast Minnesota District 6; Dennis Luebbe, Rice County Highway engineer; and Mark DuChene, Faribault director of engineering.

The afternoon session will be from 1:30- 3 p.m. at Perkins restaurant, 1401 Riverview Drive, Northfield. Schoenfelder and Luebbe will also attend this event along with David Bennett, Northfield director of public works.

A short presentation on transportation projects in the area will be made, but much of the time will be left for residents to ask questions and learn about transportation efforts and challenges in Northfield, Faribault and Rice County and the region. MnDOT hosts these events with its local partners to encourage sharing information and discussion on transportation issues in an informal setting.

"We like to briefly talk about what we have planned for road and bridge projects, but we're more interested in hearing the transportation ideas and concerns from the people who live in the communities," said Schoenfelder.

Schoenfelder has hosted similar events in the past with local partners in Freeborn and Dodge counties.

MnDOT invites and encourages participation by all. If you need an ASL, foreign language interpreter, or other reasonable accommodation, or need documents in an alternative format (such as Braille or large print), please email your request to Janet Miller at ADArequest.dot@state.mn.us or call 651-366-4720.

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