



## Media Alert

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### **DEMOLITION OF RETAIL LANDMARK SIGNALS START OF CROSTOWN COMMONS RECONSTRUCTION**

#### ***Peters Billiards Says Goodbye to 30-Year Home, Opens First Phase of New Store***

#### **WHAT:**

Peters Billiards, the Minneapolis retail landmark located at Lyndale Avenue and Highway 62, will be demolished on Tuesday, Feb. 21 to make way for the I-35W/62 Crosstown Commons reconstruction project. Taken by eminent domain to accommodate the highway expansion, this is the first commercial building to be demolished for the project and the only retail store affected. Peters Billiards recently opened the first phase of its new 37,000-square-foot game room store – just 27 feet west of the original building. When completed in September 2006, it will be one of the largest recreational game stores in the country.

#### **WHEN:**

Demolition of the building's exterior will take place Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2006 at noon

#### **WHERE:**

6150 Lyndale Avenue South, Minneapolis  
(At the intersection of Highway 62 and Lyndale Avenue)

#### **WHO:**

Greg Peterson, owner of Peters Billiards, will be on-site and available for interviews.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

##### **About the I-35W/62 Crosstown Commons Project**

The I-35W/62 Crosstown Commons expansion is a four-year reconstruction project slated to begin this spring. The project will provide additional capacity and minimize congestion on what is currently one of the Twin Cities' busiest and most dangerous interchanges. As a result, a handful of private residences, service businesses and Peters Billiards, the only retailer affected, were notified in late 2003 that they would lose their locations due to eminent domain.

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## **About Peters Billiards**

Peters Billiards is the premier Twin Cities retailer of in-home games and recreation equipment. Founded in 1957 by Ken Peters, the Minneapolis landmark is the largest single-store game room supplier in the five-state area. Greg Peterson purchased the company in 1972 and today Peters Billiards is a thriving family-run business. Known for its billiards collection and expertise, the store also has the largest bar and kitchen stool selection in the Twin Cities and carries specialty items, including game tables, foosball, air hockey, in-home theater seating, lighting, bars and entertainment centers, artwork and video games.

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