

SOUTHWEST

Green Line LRT Extension



# Business Advisory Committee

August 26, 2015



# Today's Topics

- SDEIS Comment Summary
- Project Update
  - New Starts Application Submittal
  - Municipal Consent Schedule
  - Next Steps: 6 Month Look Ahead
- Southwest Corridor-wide Housing Strategy



# SDEIS Comment Summary

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- 205 comments received
- Breakdown by method:
  - 43 people testified during the June 16, 17 and 18 public hearings
  - 162 comments received in writing via email, letter or comment card
- Breakdown by commenter:
  - 43 business/organizations
  - 18 government
  - 144 individuals
- All comments posted at [swlrt.org](http://swlrt.org)

# SDEIS Comment Summary (con't.)

- Top Five Comments/Themes
  - Noise and vibration
  - NEPA process
  - General opposition to freight rail co-location
  - Safety and security
  - Visual and aesthetics
- Next Steps
  - Analyze comment and develop responses with environmental/engineering staff
  - Include comments and responses in the Final EIS appendix

# Project Update

# July 1 CMC Recommendation

- End at Southwest Station
  - Delete Mitchell Station
  - Defer Eden Prairie Town Center Station
- Cost estimate of \$1.744B
- Projected 2040 average weekday ridership of 34,000
- Financial commitments from county, cities and other project partners to fill the local match gap by July 31

# CMC Scope Recommendation

- Informed by
  - Project partner meetings focused on cost reduction while maintaining a competitive project
  - Community and Business Advisory Committees input developed through additional meetings



# Scope/Cost Reductions

Stations	Delete Mitchell, Defer Eden Prairie Town Center	
Park and Rides	Delete	Mitchell
	Defer	Eden Prairie Town Center
	Decrease Spaces and Convert to Surface Lots	Beltline, Blake
	Decrease Spaces	Downtown Hopkins, Opus, Golden Triangle
	Unchanged	Southwest
	Increase Spaces	Louisiana, Shady Oak
Total Park and Ride Spaces	2,487 (reduction of 1,317 spaces)	

# Scope/Cost Reductions (con't.)

- Reduce station furnishings by 50%
- Reduce station art by 100%
- Reduce landscaping by 75%
- Reduce light rail vehicles by 5
- Reduce OMF storage space to 30 LRVs
- Shady Oak Station platform and track modifications
- OMF and loop track modifications and value engineering
- Finance charge

# Met Council July 8 Action

- 14.5 miles new track
- 15 new stations
  - 1 deferred station
- 34,000 average weekday rides in 2040



# Revised Scope Summary

- Reduces cost by \$250 million
- Retains
  - 15 of 17 of stations constructed with intent to build Eden Prairie Town Center Station in the future
  - 94% of ridership
  - 90% of corridor length
  - 96% of jobs in the corridor served
- Connects LRT to existing SouthWest Station transit hub

# New Starts Application Submittal

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- Submitted New Starts Application by Aug 3 deadline
- Approximately 2040 staff hours to prepare
- Measures a project in areas of:
  - Mobility improvements
  - Environmental benefits
  - Congestion relief
  - Cost effectiveness
  - Transit supportive land use policies
  - Economic development
  - Local financial commitment

# Municipal Consent Schedule

# Municipal Consent Process\*

Agency	Open House/ Public Hearing Date	Board Action Date
Joint Met Council/Hennepin County/ HCRRA	Aug 27	n/a
Minnetonka (confirmed)	Sept 14	Sept 14
Minneapolis T&PW (confirmed)	Sept 15	Sept 15
Eden Prairie (confirmed)	Sept 15	Sept 15
Hopkins	Sept 15	Sept 15
St. Louis Park	Sept 21	Sept 21
Hennepin County	Aug 27	Sept 22
Minneapolis Council	n/a	Sept 25

**\*All Dates Tentative Until Confirmed By Official Notice**



# Next Steps: 6 Month Look Ahead

# Project 6 Month Schedule

	Schedule
Complete Municipal Consent Approval Process	Oct 11, 2015
Develop Section 106 Memorandum of Agreement	Q3-Q4 2015
Complete 60% Design <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Kenilworth Landscape Design Concept</li><li>■ Station Design renderings</li></ul>	Q4 2015
Submit Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit Application to US Corps of Engineers	Q1 2016
Complete 90% Design	Q1 2016
Submit State/Local environmental permit applications	Q1 2016
Publish Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Issue Record of Decision(ROD)	Q2 2016

# Project Schedule

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Entry into Engineering	Q2 2016
Full Funding Grant Agmt.	Q4 2016
Heavy Construction	2017-2019
Revenue Service Date	2020

# Construction Phase

- Looking to hold contractor conference in October
- Types of construction
  - Civil
  - Operations and Maintenance Facility
  - Bridges and retaining walls
  - Systems (electrical and communications)
  - Track
  - Utilities

# Southwest Corridor-wide Housing Strategy



**SOUTHWEST LRT**  
community works

green means go.

connecting people to jobs, housing, shopping, and fun

# Corridor-wide Housing Strategy

## Southwest Corridor Business Advisory Committee

August 26, 2015

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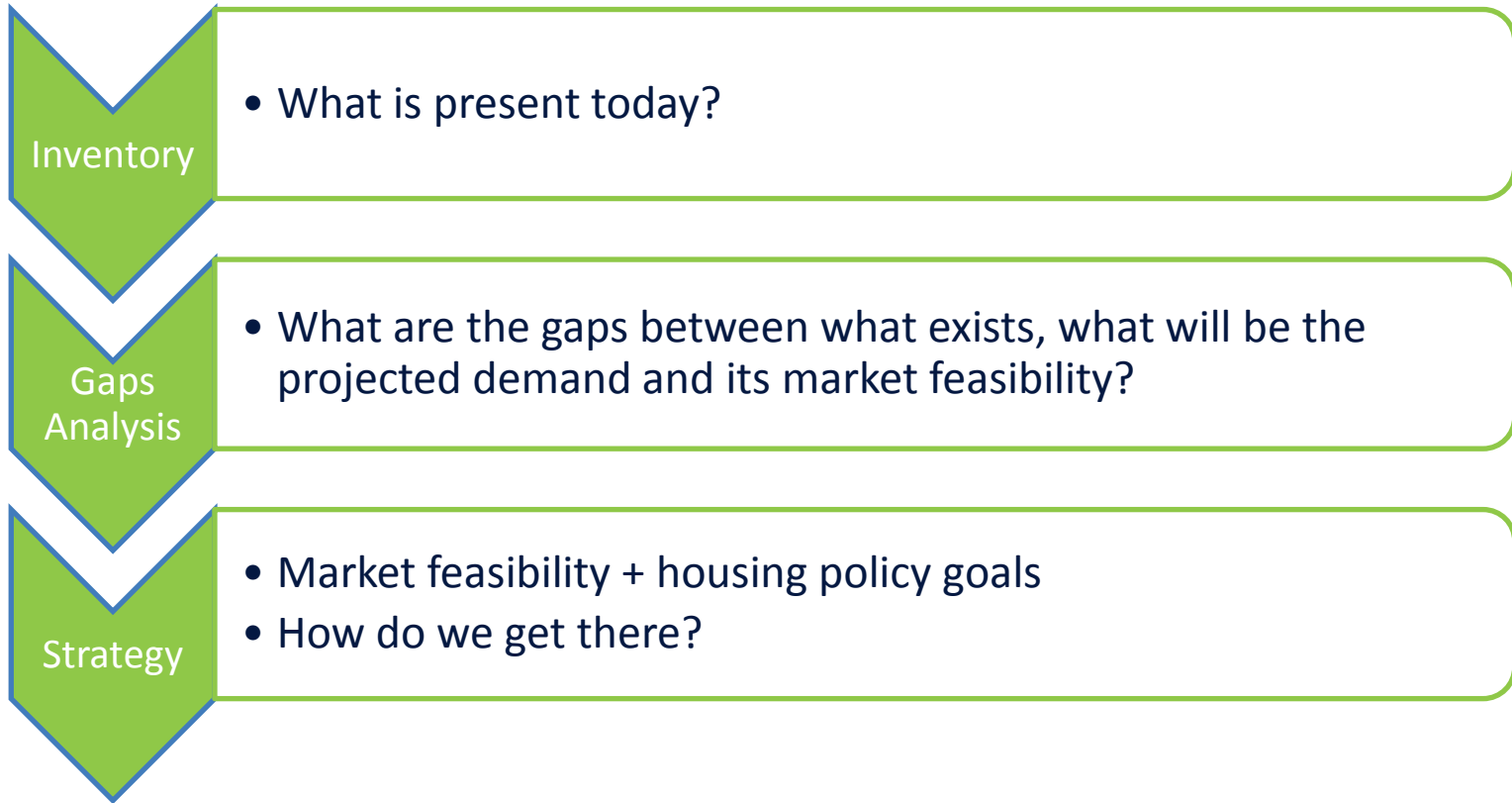
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MINNESOTA



MINNEHAHA CREEK  
WATERSHED DISTRICT



# *Provide a full range of housing choices*



# Housing Workgroup

- City of Eden Prairie\*
- City of Edina\*
- City of Hopkins\*
- City of Minneapolis\*
- City of Minnetonka\*
- City of St. Louis Park\*
- Family Housing Fund\*
- Hennepin County\*
- Metropolitan Council
- Minnesota Housing
- Southwest Project Office
- Twin Cities LISC\*
- ULI-Minnesota



*\* Funding partners for the Southwest Corridor-wide Housing Gaps Analysis, 2014*



# Stakeholder Outreach

- Developer and Funder Roundtable discussions
  - August 20, 2015
    - 15 housing developers and 8 funders participated.
- Community Advisory Committee – August 25<sup>th</sup>
- Business Advisory Committee – August 26<sup>th</sup>
- Housing Advocate Roundtable – early September
- City Council study session presentations – September/October
- Other outreach: Hopkins Housing meeting – September 9<sup>th</sup>, other neighborhood and public meetings TBD.

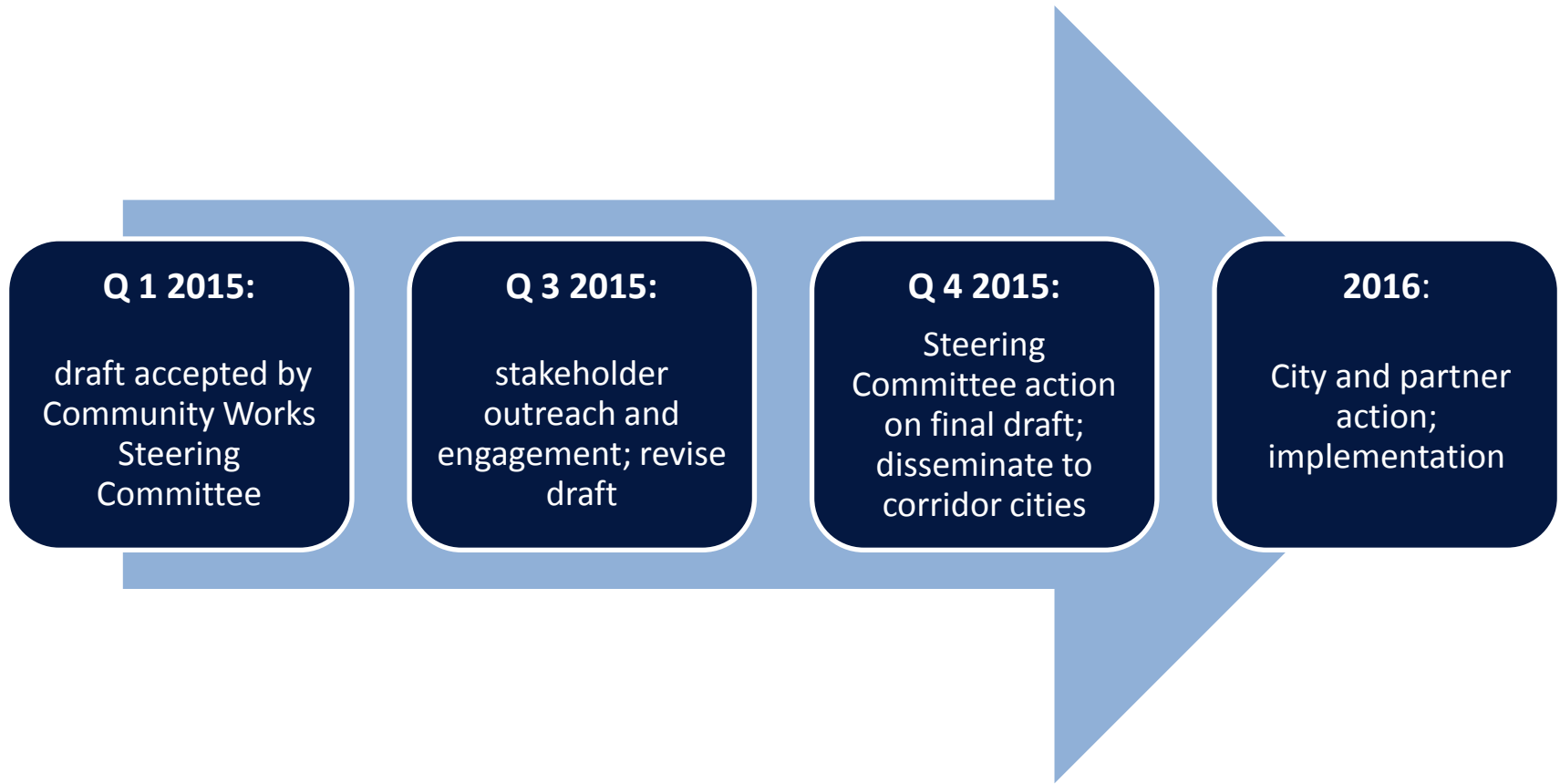
## Goals of outreach:

- Inform stakeholders
- Gather input
- Inform elected officials



**Revised Corridor-wide Housing Strategy will come back to Steering Committee in November**

# 2015 Corridor-wide Housing Strategy Activities



# Discussion

- How do you see housing needs impacting your workforce presently and in the future? Do you see those needs reflected in the Corridor-wide Housing Strategy?
- What is your feedback on the affordable housing targets included in the Strategy?
- How can we best engage the business community on implementation of the strategy?

# Discussion

- Did we miss anything that should be included in the Corridor-wide Housing Strategy?
- Other comments/questions?



# More information/feedback

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# Member and Committee Reports/Public Forum

# Next Meeting

- Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at 7:30 AM



# More Information

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