

# 2018 Annual Livable Communities Fund Distribution Plan

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## Proposed Action:

- That the Metropolitan Council approve the 2018 Annual Livable Communities Fund Distribution Plan

# 2018 Annual Livable Communities Fund Distribution Plan Process

- Increased communication with Community Development Committee through information presentations
- Conversations with Metro Cities

# Livable Communities Act Changes for 2018:

## Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) funding levels:

\$4 million in account balance to be added to available funding:

- Regular LCDA
  - Statutory amount - \$7.5 million – Added amount - \$2 million
  - **2018 total - \$9.5 million**
- LCDA Transit Oriented Development (TOD)
  - Historical amount - \$5 million – Added amount - \$2 million
  - **2018 total - \$7 million**

# Livable Communities Act Changes for 2018:

## Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA):

	Past Funding Levels:	Additional 2018 Funding:	Total 2018 Funding:
Livable Communities Demonstration Account -- Regular program	\$7.5 million	\$2 million	<b>\$9.5 million</b>
Livable Communities Demonstration Account – TOD program	\$5 million	\$2 million	<b>\$7 million</b>

# Livable Communities Act Changes for 2018:

## LCDA Pre-development grants:

- LCDA TOD Pre-development grants, amount offered \$250,000 (previously \$500,000)
- In 2018, Pre-development grants will now also be offered under the regular LCDA program, also at the \$250,000 funding level

# Livable Communities Act Changes for 2018:

## LCDA TOD and Regular LCDA application deadlines:

- Later deadlines, and staggered, with the timeline shortened by one month for TOD, and two months for the regular LCDA
  - LCDA TOD deadline: July 12 (previously July 1)
  - Regular LCDA deadline: August 9 (previously July 1)

# Livable Communities Act Changes for 2018:

## Clarification of Regular LCDA scoring criteria:

- Language in the regular LCDA Step One scoring criteria category of Orderly and Efficient Land Use has been clarified to better indicate how that category is scored.
- The previous language had been interpreted to suggest that communities with little or no transit were at a disadvantage



# Livable Communities Act Changes for 2018:

## Local Housing Incentives Account (LHIA):

- \$1 million in interest and investment earnings in the Livable Communities Account to be used to increase the amount of funding available to award:
  - Statutory amount - \$1.5 million – Added amount - \$1 million
  - **2018 Total - \$2.5 million**
- Eliminate the current homeownership award limit (half the difference between the purchase price and the unit hard costs) for projects with a 15-year affordability term, but still keep the limit for projects without an affordability term

# Livable Communities Act Changes for 2018:

## Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA):

- The TBRA-TOD category is eliminated and the \$2 million previously offered in that category is shifted to the regular TBRA grant cycles:
  - Statutory amount - \$5 million – Added amount - \$2 million
  - **2018 Total - \$7 million** (\$3.5 million for each grant cycle, spring and fall)
- The additional funding will also allow an increase in the amount of TBRA site investigation awards from the current \$250,000 to \$400,000, still at the \$50,000 limit per award

# Livable Communities Act Changes for 2018:

## Updated LCDA TOD Eligible Areas Criteria:

- LCDA-TOD Pre-development – Light Rail and Bus Rapid Transit lines that have entered environmental review
  - The planned Gold Line will be eligible to apply for LCDA TOD Pre-development funding
- LCDA-TOD Development – Light Rail and Bus Rapid Transit lines that have completed environmental review

**Corridors with LCA TOD Eligible Stations**

- Blue Line / Blue Line Ext.
- Northstar Commuter Rail
- Green Line / Green Line Ext.
- Red Line / Red Line - Phase II
- Orange Line
- Gold Line
- Arterial BRT

○ TIA-TIA Eligible Areas and Arterial BRT Station Areas

● Transit Station (Existing or Planned)

**High-Frequency Local Bus Routes**

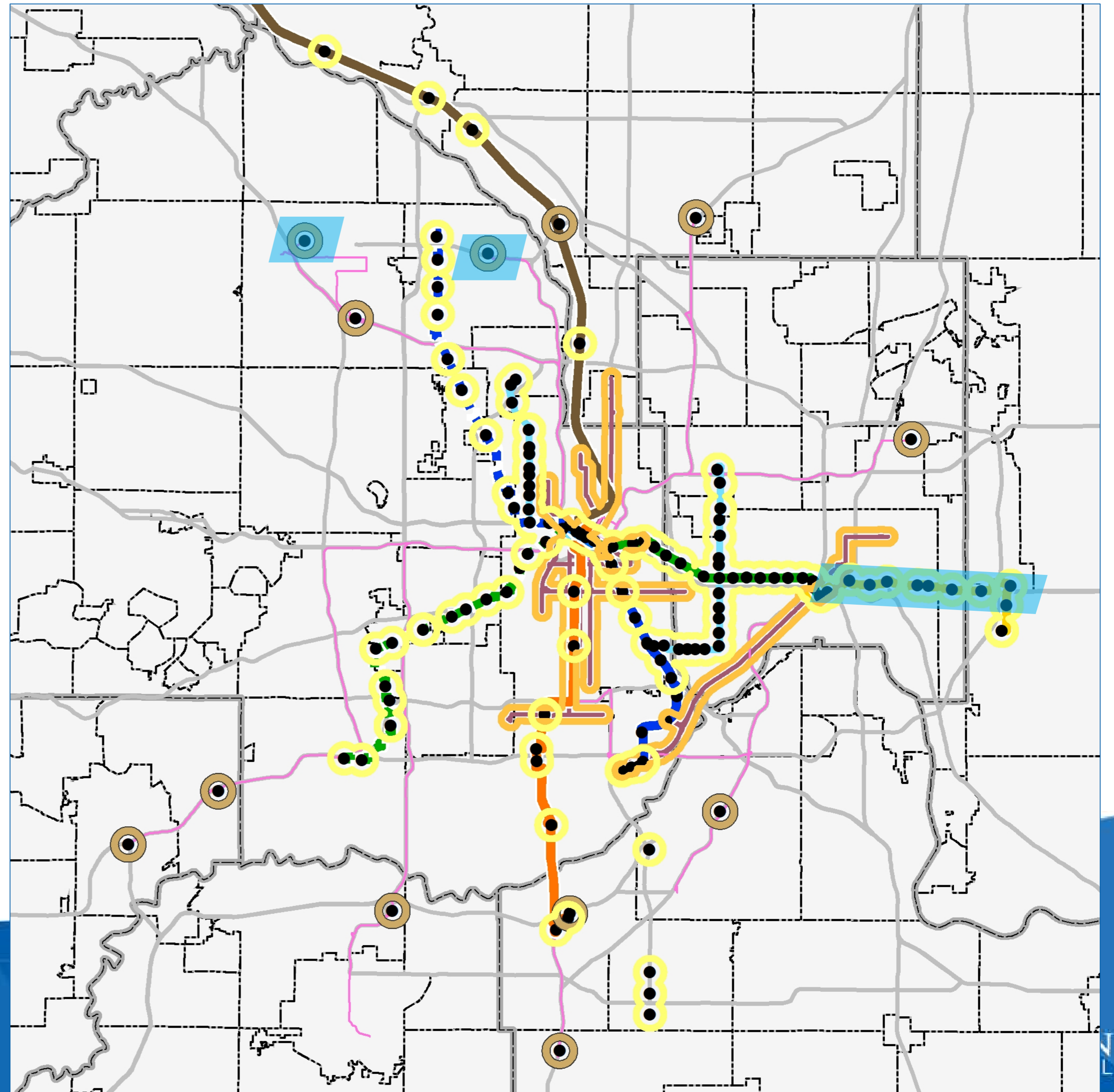
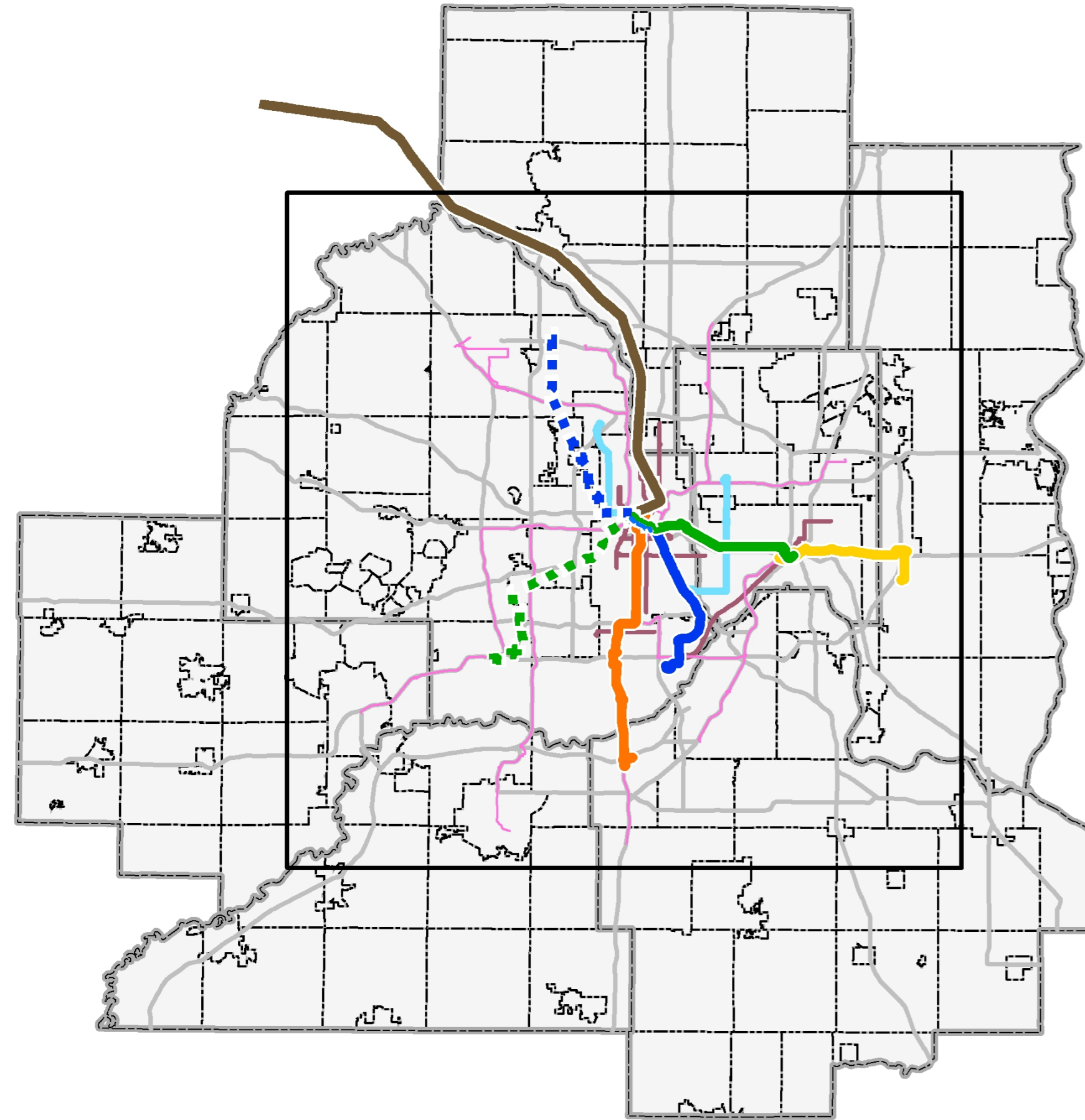
- Area Within 1/4 Mile of Route
- Every 15 minutes (or better)
- Weekdays 6 am to 7 pm, and Saturdays 9 am to 6 pm

— High-Frequency Local Bus Route

**High-Frequency Express Bus Stations**

- Area Within 1/2 Mile of Station
- On or Outside I-494/I-694 Highways
- Significant Passenger Infrastructure Investments Are In Place
- Buses Operate 6 Trips During AM Peak Hour (6-9 am)

— High-Frequency Express Bus Route



# Livable Communities – Examples of Issues for Future Examination

- Expand Pre-Development grants to allow small area planning grants?
- Funding Limits for Livable Communities Demonstration Account TOD (LCDA TOD)?
- Land acquisition limits?
- More outreach is needed:
  - Joint Metro Cities/Council participating communities workshops
  - More guidance content on the Council's web site

# LCDA Grant Highlights



**Artspace Hastings  
River Lofts, Hastings**



**Commons @ Penn, Minneapolis**

# LHIA Grant Highlights



**66 West, Edina**



**Clare Terrace,  
Robbinsdale**

# TBRA Grant Awards



**Surly Brewing,  
Minneapolis**



**Gallery Flats, Hopkins**



# TOD Grant Highlights



**Mill City Quarter, Minneapolis**



**Vandalia Tower, Saint Paul**

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