

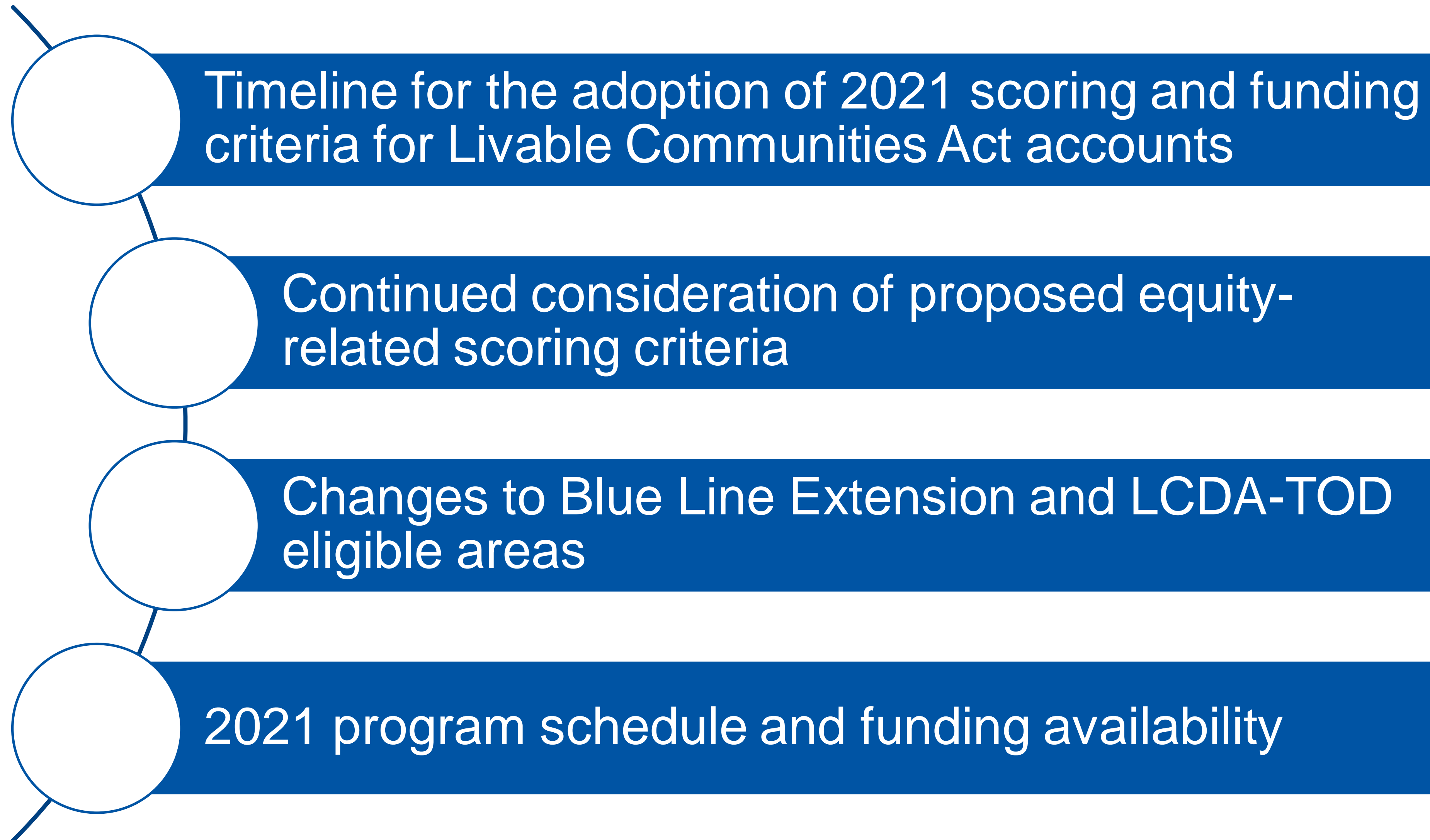
2021 Livable Communities Act Program Criteria

Community Development Committee


January 19, 2021



Today's discussion



Timeline for 2021 LCA funding and scoring criteria adoption

Community Development Committee Meeting Date	Topic	Intended Outcome
November 16, 2020	Scoring criteria – high level	Discussion and Committee direction
December 21, 2020	Scoring criteria – key criteria	Discussion and Committee direction
January 19, 2021	Available funding consideration and any remaining scoring/program criteria discussion	Discussion and Committee direction
February 1, 2021	Final funding and scoring criteria	Recommend 2021 funding and scoring criteria adoption
		
Metropolitan Council Meeting Date	Topic	Intended Outcome
February 10, 2021	Final funding and scoring criteria	Adoption of 2021 funding and scoring criteria

Equity-specific scoring criteria

- Scoring for racial equity and broader equity
- Equity criteria that considers community context
- Minimum bar for equity efforts in projects

Racial equity and broader equity

Specifying racial equity in scoring criteria

- ‘What: Project Outcome’ criteria focuses on racial equity impacts of proposed project
- ‘How: Project Process’ criteria focuses on racially responsive community engagement and input in the context of communities with different demographics

Considering equity more broadly in scoring criteria

- ‘What: Project Outcome’ criteria focuses on who the project intends to serve and if the project meets needs of populations not currently served in the area or by the private market
- ‘What: Project Outcome’ criteria as proposed that supports pedestrian, bicycle, and micro-mobility efforts could be modified to include analysis of ability access

Proposed criteria change

- From the December 21, 2020 draft scoring criteria materials:
 - *Provide design-led strategies that support or expand pedestrian, bicycle, and other micro-mobility infrastructure in and around the project site, especially those that contribute to larger existing or planned networks*
- Proposed change:
 - *Provide design-led strategies that support or expand pedestrian, bicycle, and other micro-mobility infrastructure in and around the project site **and include accessibility features**, especially those that contribute to larger existing or planned networks*

Proposed criteria change

- From the December 21, 2020 draft scoring criteria packet:
 - *Create a welcoming public realm and access to green space that facilitates social interactions and increases community connections within and around the site via location, programming or design*
- Proposed change:
 - *Create a welcoming public realm and access to green space that facilitates social interactions and increases community connections within and around the site **and with consideration of accessibility** via location, programming or design*

Racial equity criteria evaluation

Racially
diverse
communities

Did those least
represented/most impacted help
determine need for project?
Who will benefit most from the
project?

Racially
homogenous
communities

Are affirmative efforts being
made to increase racial diversity
and remove barriers to housing
choice?

Changes in equity criteria: level of specificity

Racially
diverse
communities

Is at least one project partner
racially representative of those
least represented/most
impacted?

Racially
homogenous
communities

Is at least one project partner
representative of any under-
represented community in the
project area?

Changes in equity criteria: establishing a baseline

Proposed for 2021

- A minimum share of *equity-derived* Step One points required to advance to Step Two review
- Staff proposed a minimum of 10 out of 16 possible points on December 21, 2020

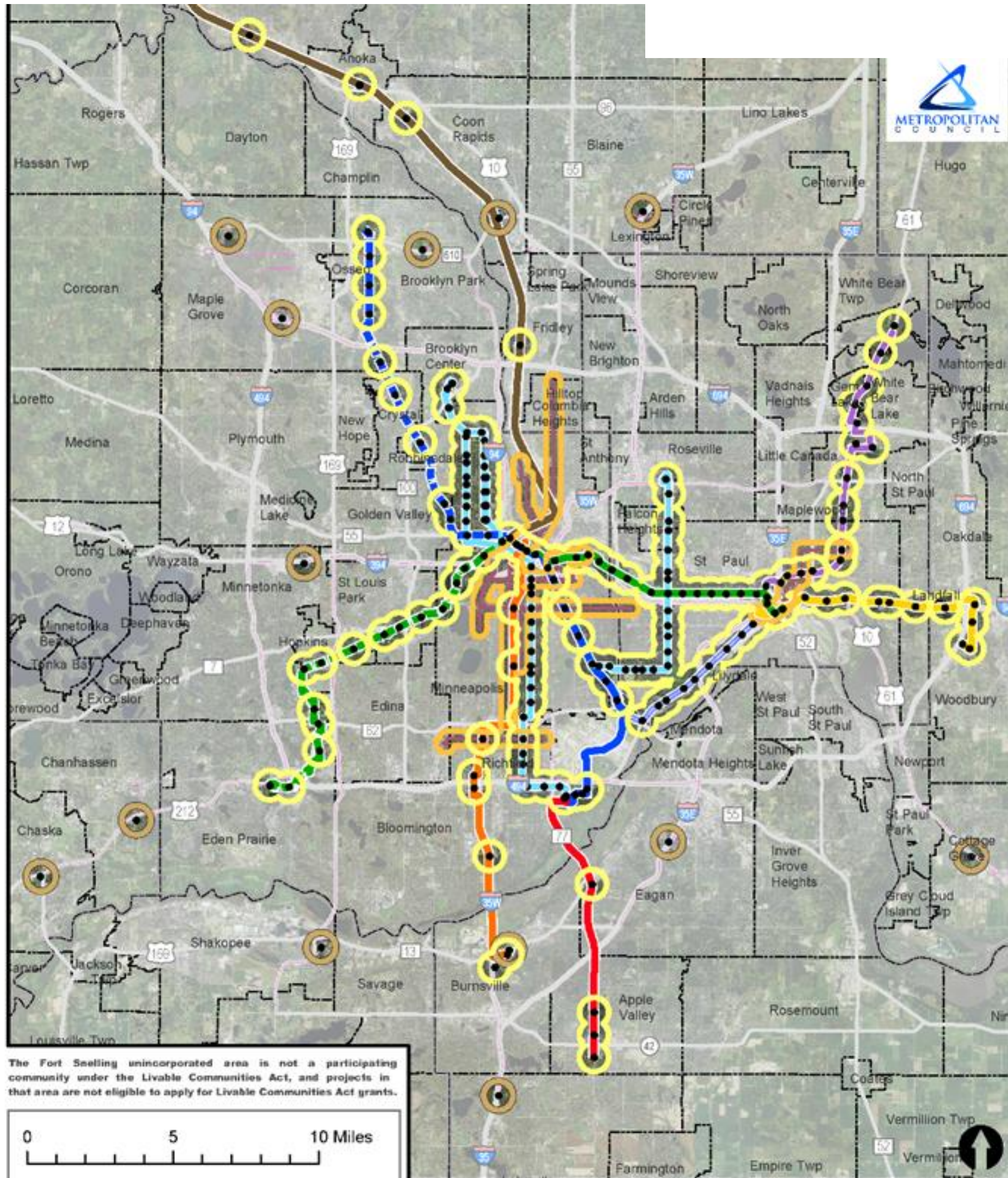
Additional considerations

- While staff plan to provide technical assistance needed to achieve minimum equity points, we won't know the outcome until we go through the scoring process
- If few or no projects achieve the minimum equity score, we don't want to be unable to fund competitive projects or need an amendment to the criteria

Additional options for consideration

Original option	Option 2	Option 3
<p>A minimum of 10 out of 16 possible equity-specific points must be achieved to move from Step 1 to Step 2</p>	<p>A minimum of 10 out of 16 possible equity-specific points must be achieved to move from Step 1 to Step 2. The Council reserves the right to consider funding projects that do not meet the minimum equity threshold.</p>	<p>No minimum equity-specific points required. Staff will collect data on equity-specific points in 2021 to inform a potential minimum threshold for 2022.</p>

2020 LCDA-TOD Eligible Areas



Corridors with LCA TOD Eligible Stations

- Blue Line / Blue Line Ext.
- Northstar Commuter Rail
- Green Line / Green Line Ext.
- Red Line
- Orange Line
- Gold Line
- Rush Line*
- Riverview (Modern Streetcar)*
- Arterial BRT

LRT and BRT Stations

- Transit Station (Existing or Planned)
- Area Within 1/2 Mile of Station

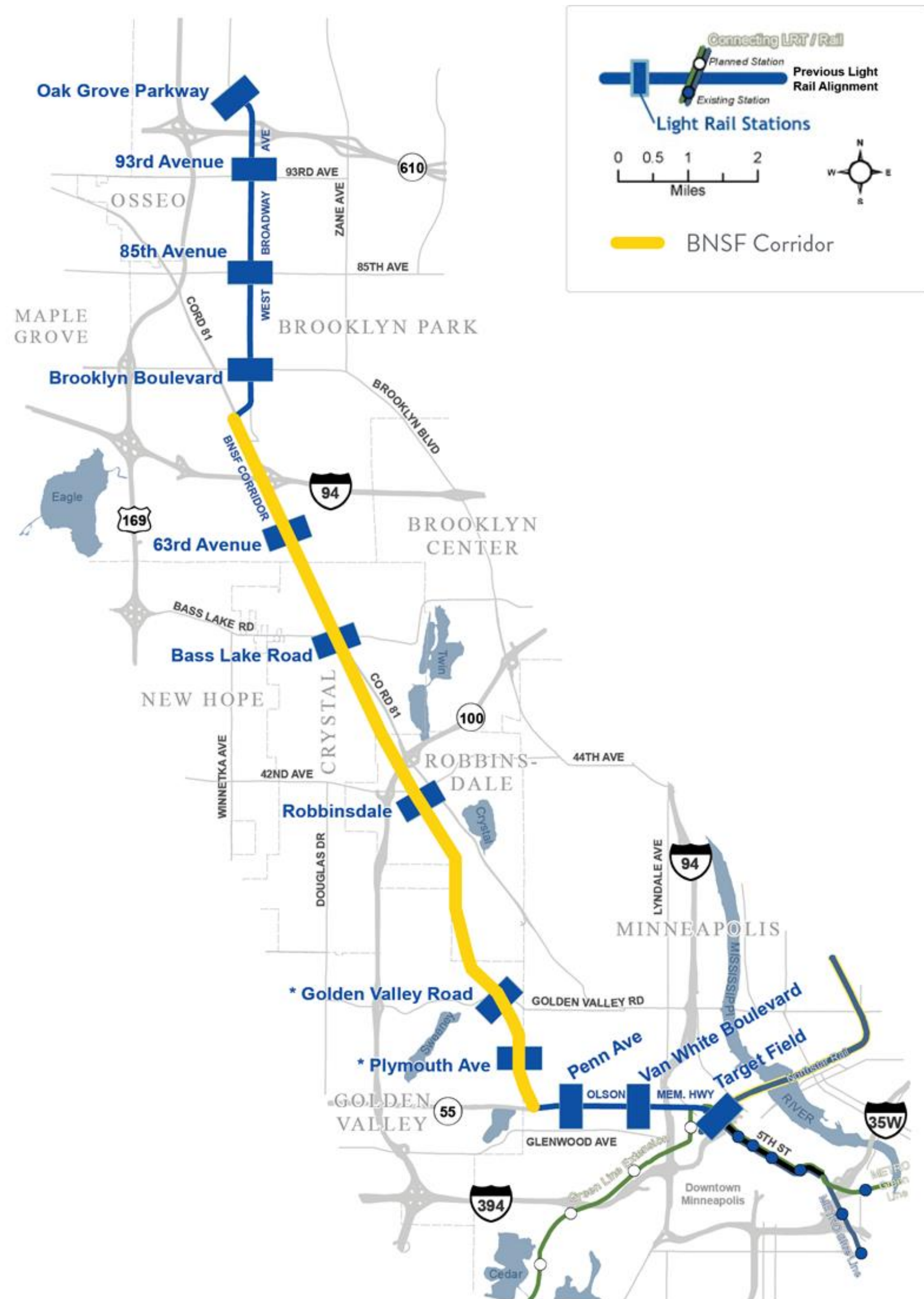
High-Frequency Local Bus Routes

- 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

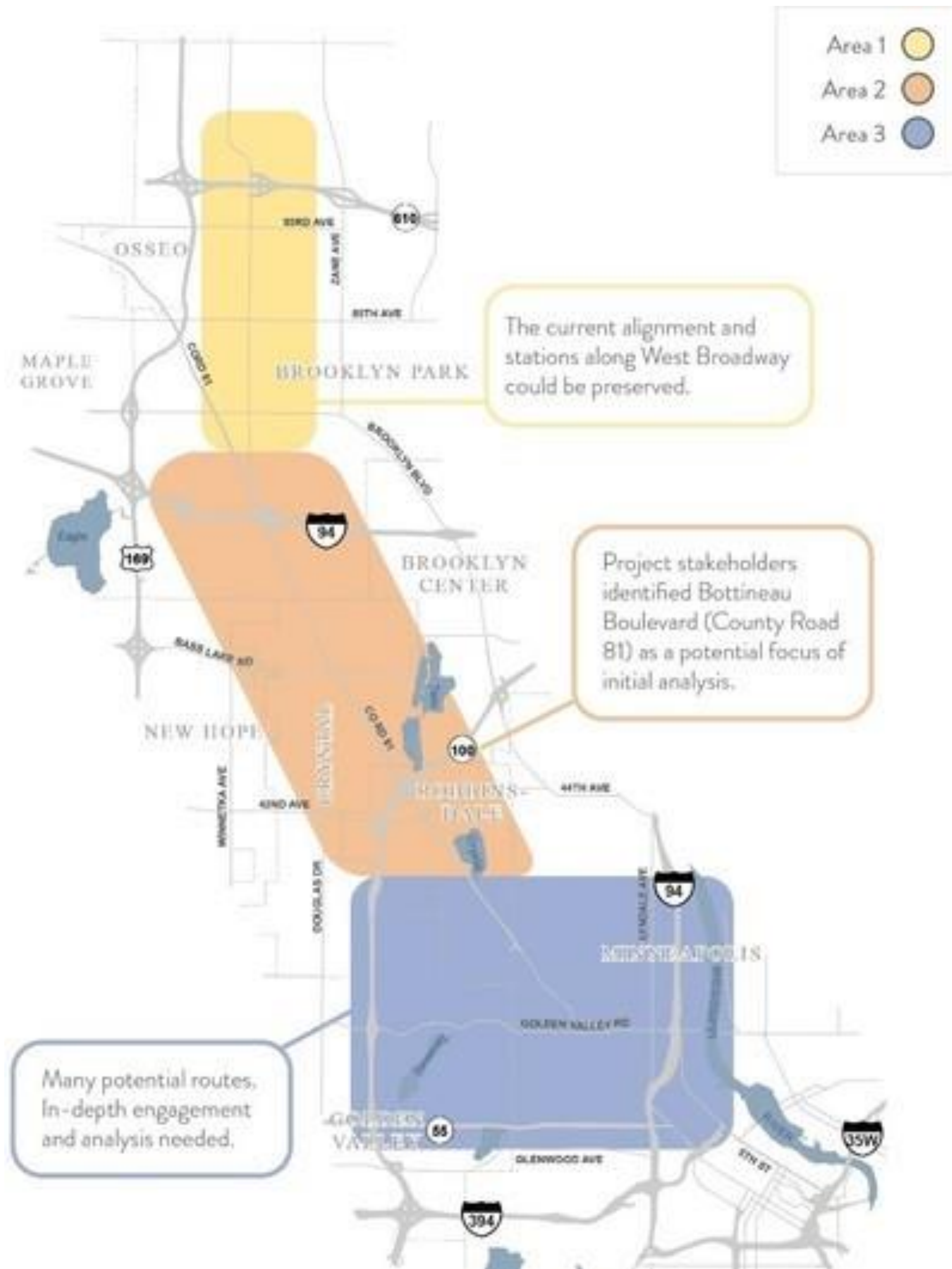
- Area Within 1/2 Mile of Station
- Significant Passenger Infrastructure Investments Are In Place
- Buses Operate 6 Trips During AM Peak Hour (6-9 am)
- High-Frequency Express Bus Route
- * Only eligible for pre-development grants.

Changes to Blue Line Extension



- Blue Line Extension project will be moving forward without using approximately 8 miles of freight railroad property, as initially planned

Changes to Blue Line Extension



Area #1:

- The current alignment and stations along West Broadway could be preserved

Area #2:

- Project stakeholders identified nearby Bottineau Blvd as a potential focus of initial analysis

Area #3:

- Many potential routes. In-depth engagement and analysis needed

Options for Blue Line Extension eligibility

2021 LCDA-TOD eligibility options for consideration:

- A. Maintain eligibility of the entire Blue Line Extension and use previously eligible station areas as of 2020
- B. Remove the seven stations in Area #2 and Area #3, including those along the BNSF freight corridor from eligibility
- C. Remove the entire Blue Line Extension from eligibility until it has completed environmental review or received a Record of Decision

2021 Proposed Schedule

Program	Application due date	Application Review	Committee Development Committee and Council Awards
TBRA (Spring)	May 3	May/June	July
LCDA and LCDA-TOD Pre-development (Spring)	April 21	April/May	June
LHIA	July 15	August-December	January 2022
LCDA and LCDA-TOD Pre-development (Fall)	July 21	July/August	September
TBRA (Fall)	November 1	November/December	January 2022
LCDA-TOD Development	September 7	September/October/November	December
LCDA Development	September 27	October/November/December	January 2022

Funding Recommendations

	TBRA	LCDA	LHIA
*2021 Base Revenues	\$5M	\$12.6M	\$1.5M
Available to Program			
Restricted Reserves: must be allocated to specific program	\$2M	\$8.1M	\$0
Staff Recommendation	+\$1M	+\$2.4M	\$0M
Unrestricted Reserves: may be allocated to any program	\$5.5M		
Staff Recommendation	\$0M	\$0M	+2.5M

*2021 Authorized Budget Revenues

Funding Recommendations

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2021 Base Revenues	\$5M		\$12.6M		\$1.5M
Staff Recommendation	+\$1M		+\$2.4M		+\$2.5M
Recommended Total	\$6M		\$15M		\$4M
Recommended Program Distributions	TBRA: \$5.5M	SEED: \$0.5M	LCDA: \$10M	LCDA- TOD: \$5M	\$4M

Funding Recommendations

Recommended Total for LCDA	\$15M			
	LCDA (regular)		LCDA - TOD	
Recommended Program Distributions	\$10M		\$5M	
	Development	Pre-development	Development	Pre-development
Recommended Development/Pre-development Distributions	\$9M	\$1M	\$4M	\$1M

Funding recommendations summary

TBRA

- Same total amount available as 2020; with slightly more made available to SEED program

LHIA

- \$0.5M less than 2020, to maintain modest level of reserves
- Still second highest ever funding amount made available for LHIA

LCDA

- Slightly more available than 2020 to allow more Pre-development and development funding

LCDA-TOD

- Same total available as 2020 but more of total made available to Pre-development

What's next?

February 1, 2021 Community Development Committee

- Final recommended funding, program, and scoring criteria reflective of today's discussion

February 10, 2021 Metropolitan Council

- Adoption of 2021 LCA funding, program, and scoring criteria

Thank you!

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