

### Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of April 27, 2016

**Subject:** Approval of final *C Line Station Plan*

#### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the final *C Line Station Plan*.

#### Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Katie Roth presented an update of arterial BRT. Scott Janowiak presented the business item.

Schreiber asked for clarification on estimated project costs. Roth noted a total estimated project cost of \$30M to \$35M. The project is seeking \$15M in remaining funding.

Munt asked Roth to explain the Penn Avenue Community Works project's benefits to the pedestrian realm. Roth responded that Hennepin County's project will add wider sidewalks and green boulevards.

Rodriguez asked Roth if a comprehensive transportation funding bill could change the C Line construction schedule. Roth responded that the 2018 construction season presents the best opportunity for construction coordination with other infrastructure projects on the corridor.

Commers commented on A Line construction practices that remove existing shelters at station areas and fence off new facilities during station construction. Customers have commented about a lack of shelter facilities. Commers suggested keeping shelter facilities open until BRT operations begin.

Motion by Commers, seconded by Munt and passed. Item will go consent to Council.

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Meeting date: April 11, 2016

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<b>Subject:</b>	Approval of final <i>C Line Station Plan</i>
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	District 7 (Cunningham); District 2 (Schreiber)
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Public Accountability Policy 2-1; Public Involvement in the Transportation Planning Process 1-3b
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Brian Lamb, General Manager, 612-349-7510 Charles Carlson, Senior Manager, BRT/Small Starts, 612-349-7639 Katie Roth, Project Manager, BRT/Small Starts, 612-349-7772 Scott Janowiak, Planner, BRT/Small Starts, 612-341-5733
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metro Transit BRT/Small Starts Project Office

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### Background

On February 10, the Metropolitan Council authorized release of the recommended *C Line Station Plan* for public review and comment. The document functioned as a public report-back on previous planning efforts and was shaped by over 160 submitted comments regarding the draft *C Line Station Plan* published in November 2015.

Following release, public comments were accepted on the recommended *C Line Station Plan* through March 11, 2016. Comments on the recommended *C Line Station Plan* were solicited through the C Line project website, newsletter, social media posts, and a letter distributed to neighborhood associations throughout the corridor. A total of eight comments were submitted during this additional comment period, and are addressed in the plan and its appendices alongside comments previously received. Station locations in the final plan are consistent with those in the recommended plan.

### Rationale

Approval of the *C Line Station Plan* will establish C Line station locations, providing critical direction and focus to the detailed design and engineering phase anticipated to begin this spring.

### Funding

The C Line planning process has been funded using Metro Transit operating budget resources. Full funding for delivery of the C Line project is not yet identified. While this action carries no direct funding implications, approval of the plan will direct the project to construct a defined number of stations in determined locations, a necessary step to delivering the project within budget.

### Known Support / Opposition

Public engagement throughout the station plan process has identified strong support for the C Line and transit improvements in the Penn Avenue corridor. Local partners have been supportive of the project and will continue to be closely involved as the project transitions into the detailed design and engineering phase.