

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 13, 2017

Subject: C Line / Penn Avenue – Real Estate Acquisition and Condemnation, Resolution 2017-32

Proposed Action

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Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Katie Roth presented this item. Council member Letofsky asked if there is potential for condemned property to be owned by the Council in the long term. Roth responded that the easements are temporary and easement documents define the dates of use based on construction schedules.

Motion by Munt, seconded by Elkins and passed.

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Meeting Date: November 27, 2017

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 13, 2017

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District(s), Member(s):	District 7 (Cunningham)
Policy/Legal Reference:	MN Statutes 117.012 and 473.405
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Brian Lamb, General Manager, 612-349-7510 Charles Carlson, Sr. Manager, BRT/Small Starts, 612-349-7639 Katie Roth, Manager, Arterial BRT, 612-349-7772
Division/Department:	Metro Transit BRT/Small Starts Project Office

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Background

Metro Transit will lead construction of the C Line, along with concurrent street reconstruction activities funded through partnership with Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis. The joint project requires the acquisition of approximately 27 temporary easements from parcels along Penn Avenue. Efforts will be made to acquire property through direct purchase; however, in some circumstances it may be necessary to use condemnation under Minnesota Statutes 117 to acquire property. Minnesota Statute 117.012 requires that there be a public purpose for the use of condemnation. The attached resolution formally declares that the C Line / Penn Avenue Improvements Project is a public purpose for the use of condemnation.

Rationale

Temporary easement acquisition is necessary to implement the planned C Line stations along Penn Avenue and associated street improvements funded by Hennepin County. This action resolves that the Project is a valid public purpose under Minnesota Statutes 117.012 and 473.405.

Thrive Lens Analysis

The proposed action advances the stewardship outcome by advancing C Line property acquisition and project delivery efficiently with partnership from Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis.

Funding

Funding is available in project 61404 for acquisition activities. Hennepin County is participating in costs of acquisition through a construction agreement in development.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to the project.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2017 - 32

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION AND CONDEMNATION OF REAL PROPERTY NECESSARY FOR THE C LINE AND PENN AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, The Metro Transit C Line / Penn Avenue Improvements Project (the “Project”), requires the acquisition of real property.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

The Metropolitan Council finds and declares:

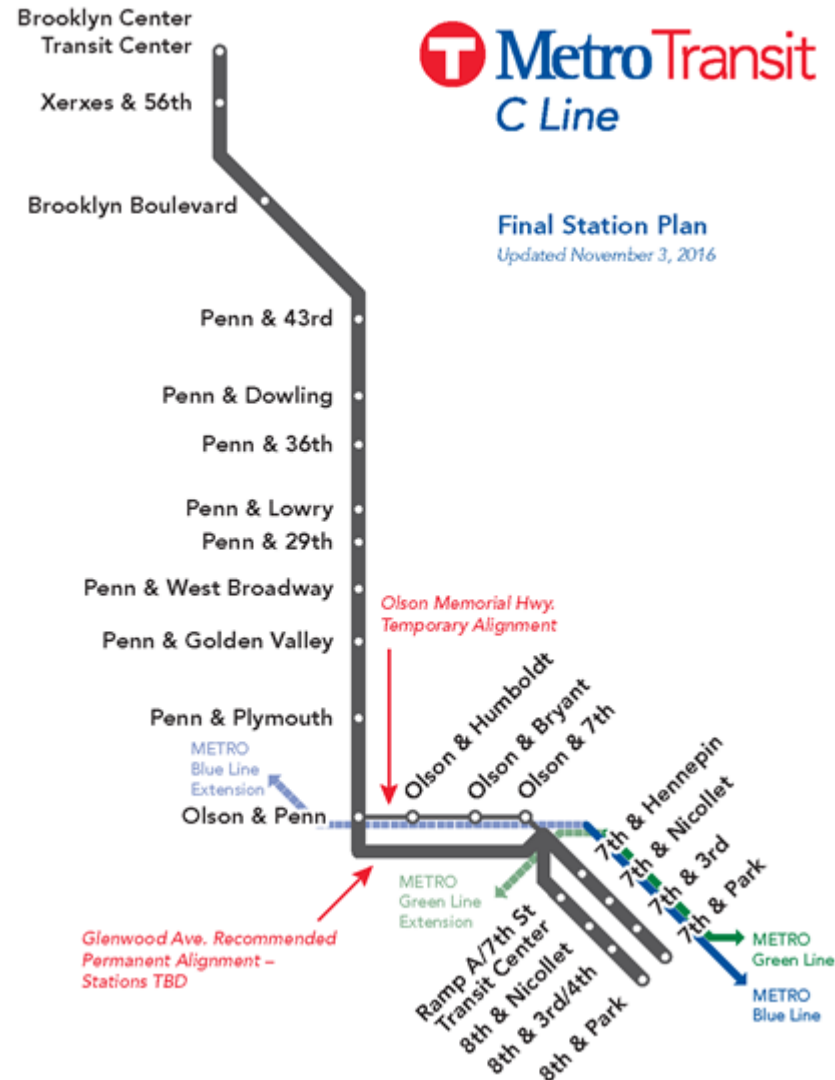
- (1) that the Project is a valid public project with a valid public purpose;
- (2) that the real property needed for the Project will be more particularly identified in the Project Plans or on the Project Work Map (the “Property”);
- (3) that the Property is necessary for the Project and must be obtained before the filing of an award by the court-appointed commissioners;
- (4) that, in the judgment of the Metropolitan Council, the acquisition of the Property will further the public health, safety and welfare, and will be undertaken in accordance with Minnesota Statutes and the Real Property Acquisition Policy of the Metropolitan Council;
- (5) that, under Minnesota Statutes Section 473.405, the Metropolitan Council has the authority to acquire the Property by condemnation, and that the Council directs its attorneys to acquire the Property by condemnation if the Property cannot be acquired by direct negotiation; and
- (6) that the condemnation of the Property will be done in accordance with the procedures authorized under Minnesota Statutes Chapters 473 and 117.

Adopted this ____ day of _____ 2017

Alene Tchourumoff, Chair

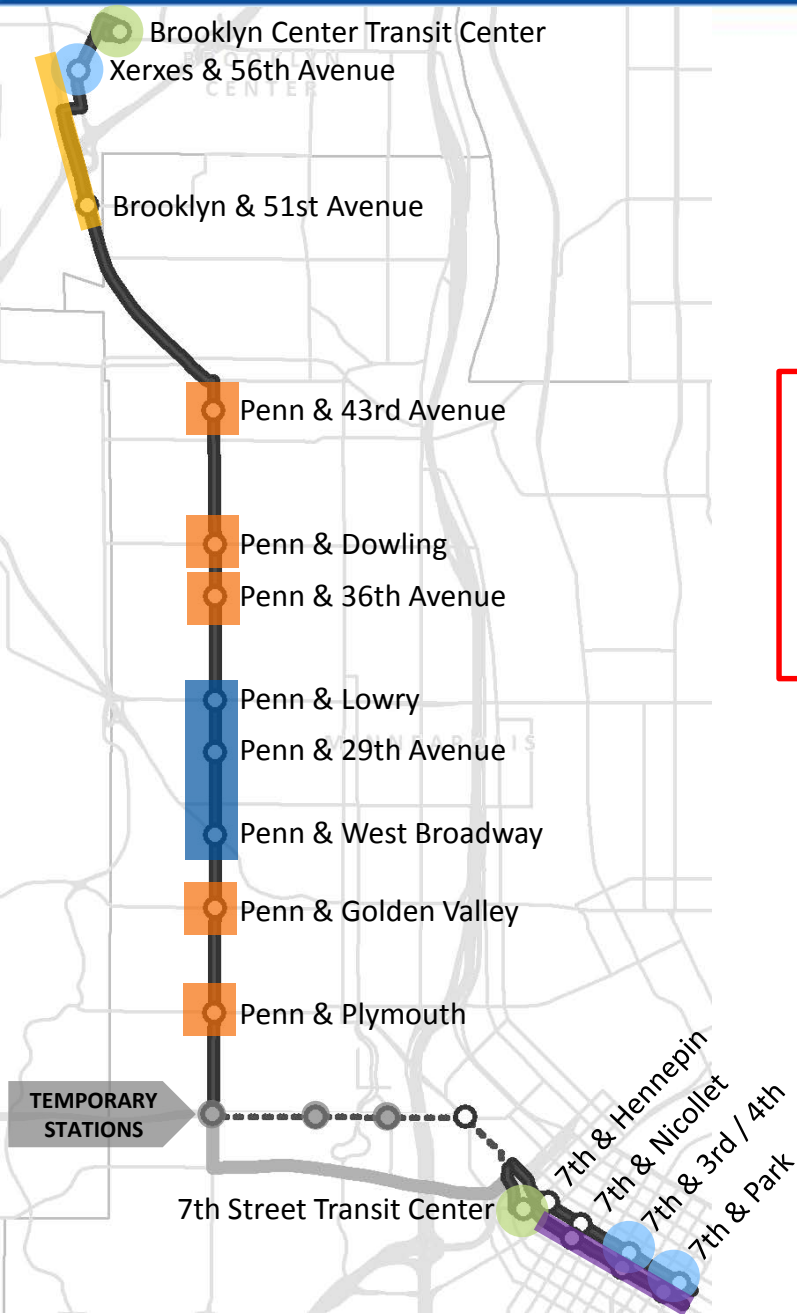
Emily Getty, Recording Secretary

C Line Rapid Bus



- 8.5 miles from downtown Minneapolis to Brooklyn Center
- 23 stations
- Faster trip
 - Pre-boarding fare payment
 - All-door boarding on 60-foot buses
 - In-lane stop (curb extensions)
 - Transit signal priority
- Opens on Olson Highway in 2019, moves to Glenwood Avenue when Blue Line Extension opens (~2022)
- 7,600 daily rides today, 9,300 by 2030
- Coordination with 8th Street Reconstruction, Penn Avenue improvements
- \$20 million non-fleet project cost

C Line 2018 Construction



- BRT station construction
 - Early BRT-ready construction at Transit Centers
 - “Pocket” station construction (similar to most of A Line)
- Hennepin County partnership for Penn Avenue street construction
 - 5 full intersections
 - 0.6 mile of full street reconstruction
- Stations built through interagency agreement in coordinated projects
 - Brooklyn Boulevard reconstruction
 - 8th Street reconstruction (2019-2020)

Business Item 2017-268

- That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute agreement 17I066 with Hennepin County for funding and construction of street improvements on Penn Avenue associated with the C Line rapid bus project.

Business Item 2017-269

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