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Green Line LRT Extension



Southwest LRT Project Update

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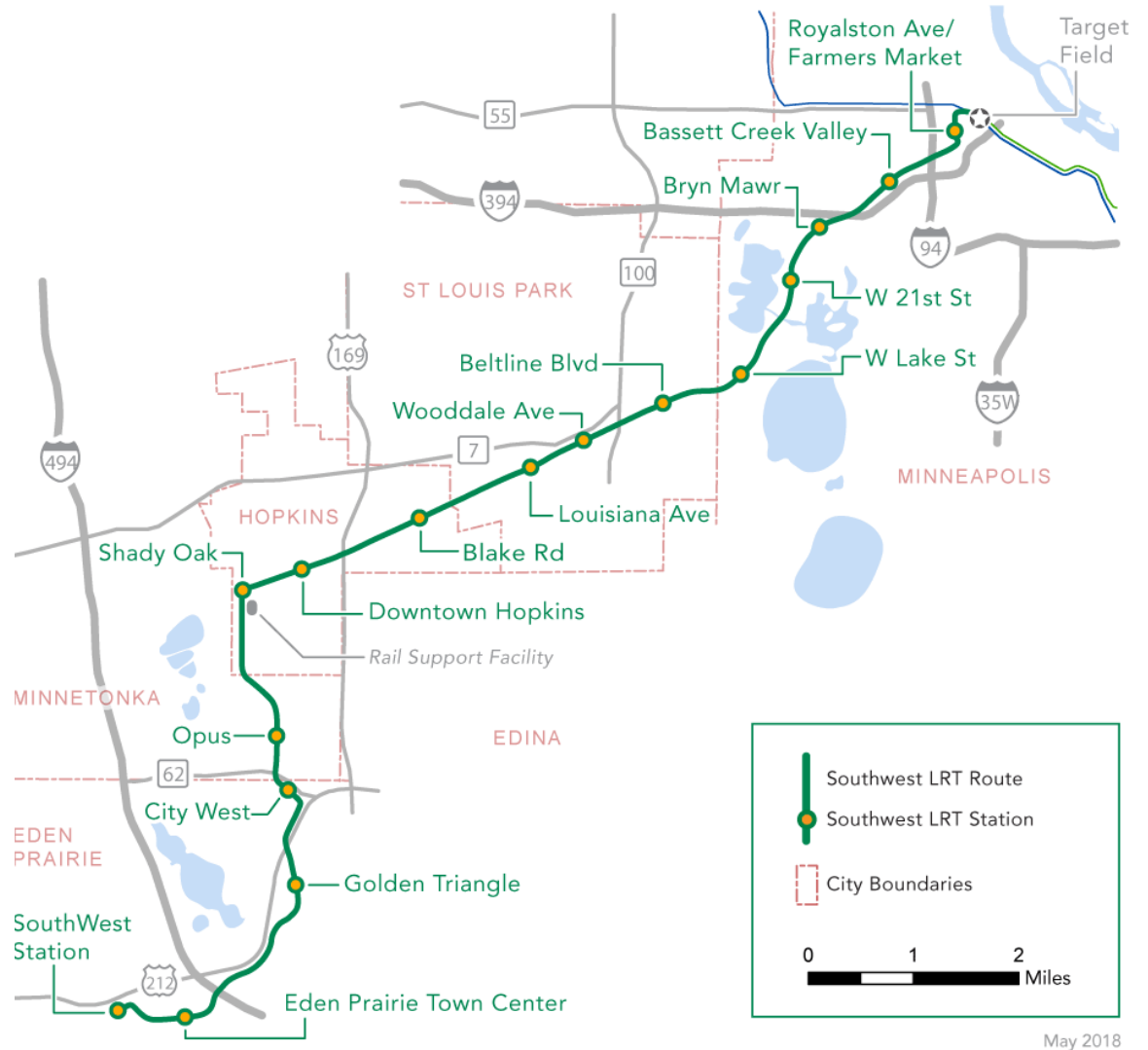


Project Update

Jim Alexander, SWLRT Project Director

METRO Green Line Extension

- Opening in 2023
- 14.5 miles
- 16 stations
- Will provide single seat trips to downtown Minneapolis, U of M and St. Paul
- Connections to the Airport and Mall of America via the Blue Line



Building Equity: Access to Jobs In Growing Communities

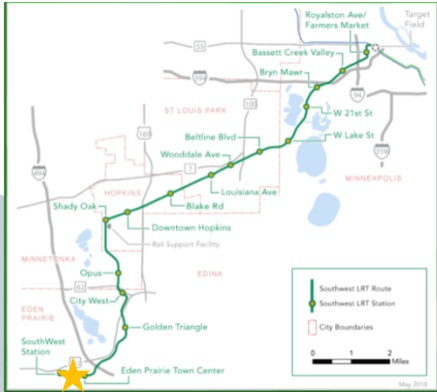
- One seat ride to over 64,000 jobs within walking distance of the new stations in Minneapolis, St. Louis Park, Hopkins, Minnetonka and Eden Prairie
- Nearly 130,000 jobs in downtown Minneapolis
- Jobs in these areas expected to grow to 81,000 and 145,000, respectively, by 2035
- Increasing interconnectivity with nine of the region's 17 Fortune 500 companies along the alignment

Bringing Investment and Affordable Options

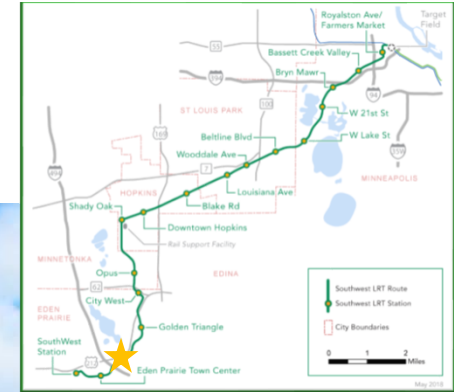
- More than \$1 billion in development near Southwest LRT stations
- Residential examples:
 - West Lake Street Station (Minneapolis): Calhoun Towers
 - 745 units in four phases with 146 affordable units
 - Wooddale Avenue Station (St. Louis Park): Via Sol by PLACE
 - 217 housing units with 22 and 130 units at 50% and 80% area medium income, respectively
 - Blake Road Station (Hopkins): Oxford Village
 - 51 housing units with 47 affordable units
 - Opus Station (Minnetonka): Legends of Minnetonka/Preserve at Shady Oak
 - Housing units include 262 senior and 220 workforce all affordable at 60% area medium income
 - SouthWest Station (Eden Prairie): Elevate
 - 222 housing units with 45 affordable units

Civil Construction Update

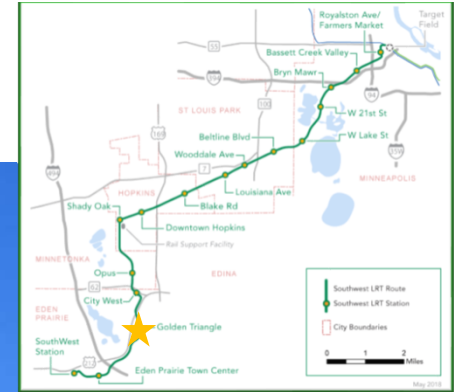
Prairie Center Drive in Eden Prairie



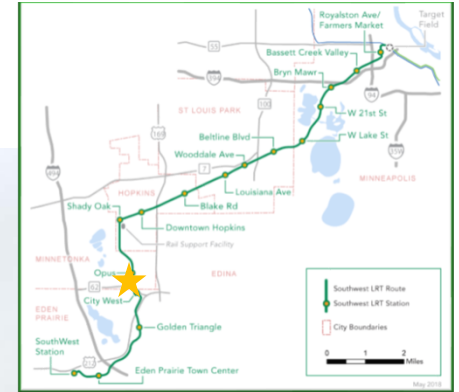
LRT Bridge at Valley View Road, Eden Prairie



Golden Triangle Station, Eden Prairie



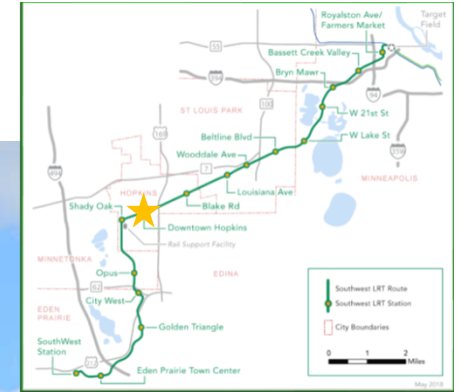
LRT Tunnel at TH 62, Minnetonka



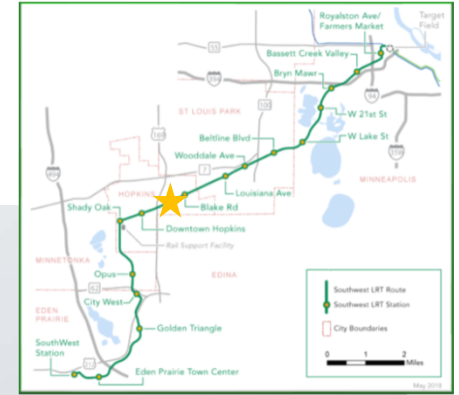
Opus Station, Minnetonka



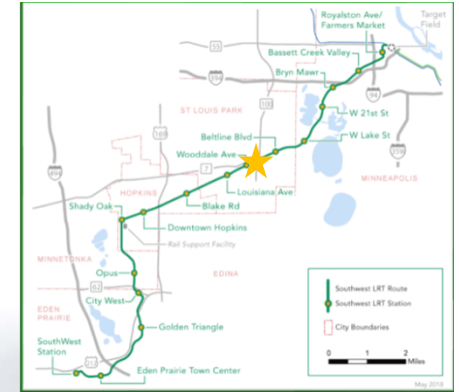
Downtown Hopkins Station, Hopkins



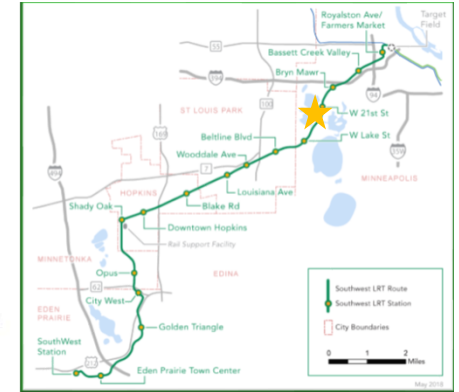
LRT Bridge Pier Table Construction at Excelsior Boulevard, Hopkins



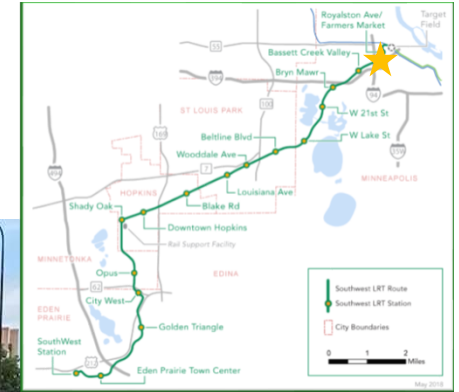
TH 100 Freight Bridge, St. Louis Park



New Freight Tracks in Kenilworth Corridor, Minneapolis



Retaining Wall at Glenwood Avenue Bridge, Minneapolis



Real Estate Acquisition Status

- Total parcels: 191
- Public parcels: 42
 - Acquired Deed / Easement: 42
 - All Public Parcels completed
- Private parcels: 149
 - 70 Parcel acquisitions complete
 - 79 Parcels with Title and Possession, awaiting settlement or Commissioner's Hearing
 - Extending Temporary Easements

Real Estate Relocation Status

- Total displacees: 177
 - 169 displacees relocation and claims closed out
 - 3 displacees have appealed our final determination of claim eligibility, pending review by Administrative Law Judge
 - 5 displacee claims being finalized

DBE and Workforce Update

Tracey Jackson, OEO Senior Manager

Equity Commitments to the Region

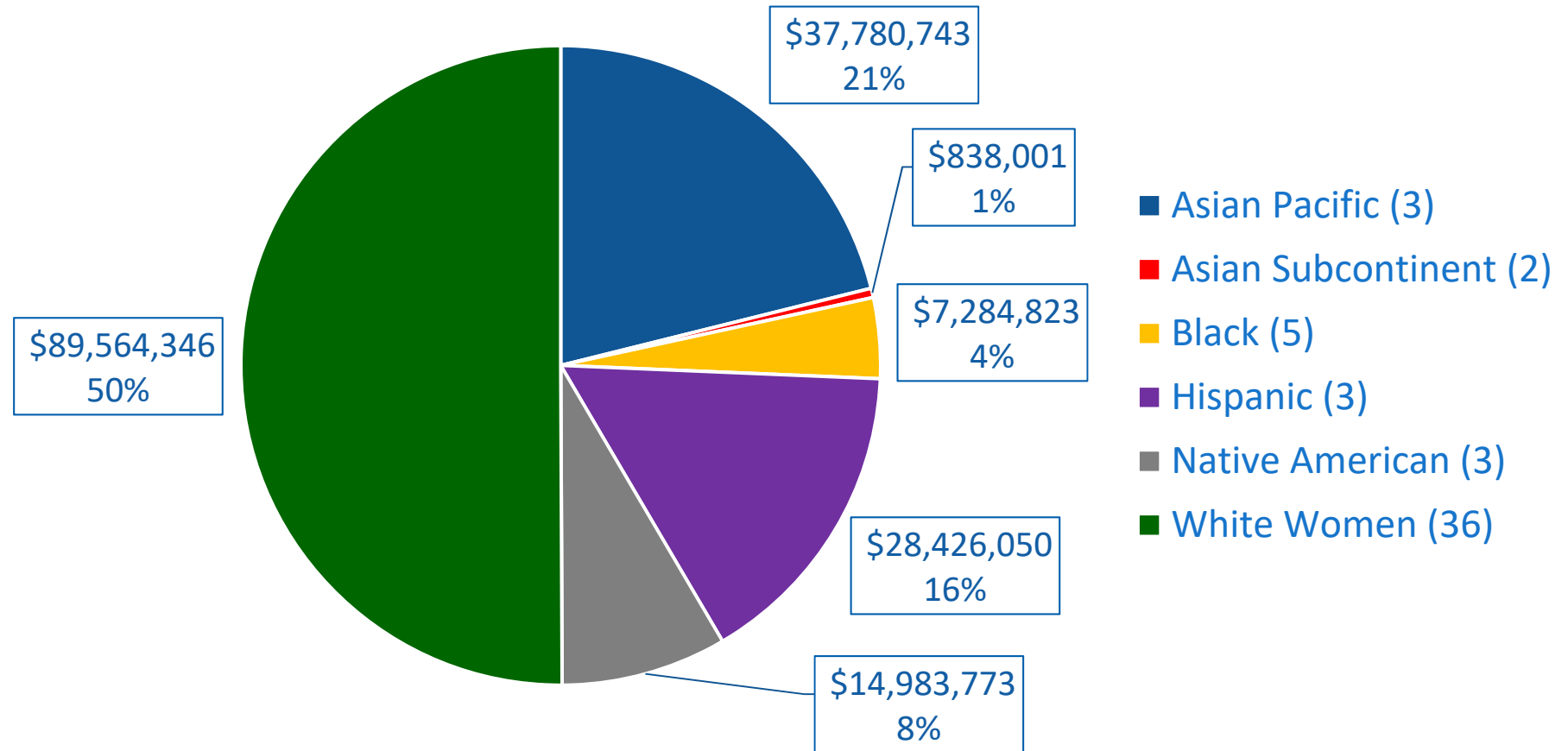
- DBE participation is measured by the dollars paid to disadvantaged small businesses
 - DBE goal for Civil: 16%
 - June 2020: 20.9%
- Workforce participation is measured by the hours worked on the project by skilled workers
 - Workforce goals for Civil: 32% POCI; 20% Women
 - June 2020: 20.84% POCI; 7.61% Women

DBE Achievement as of June 30, 2020

Contractor	Contract Description	Contracts	\$ DBE Goal	\$ DBE to Date	% DBE to Date	Date
LMJV 16% Goal	Civil	\$815,261,689	\$130,441,870	\$46,970,345	20.9%	6/30/20
APJV 12% Goal	Systems	\$194,411,000	\$23,329,320	\$215,443	1.0%	6/30/20
LS Black 15% Goal	Franklin O&M Exp.	\$38,650,000	\$5,797,500	\$0	0.0%	
17% Goal	Closed Contracts	\$404,992	\$68,849	\$74,610	18.4%	
Project Totals		Contract Amount	\$ DBE Goal	\$ DBE to Date	% DBE to Date	
15% Goal		\$1,048,727,681	\$159,637,539	\$47,260,398	19.2%	

Civil Contract DBE Disaggregated*

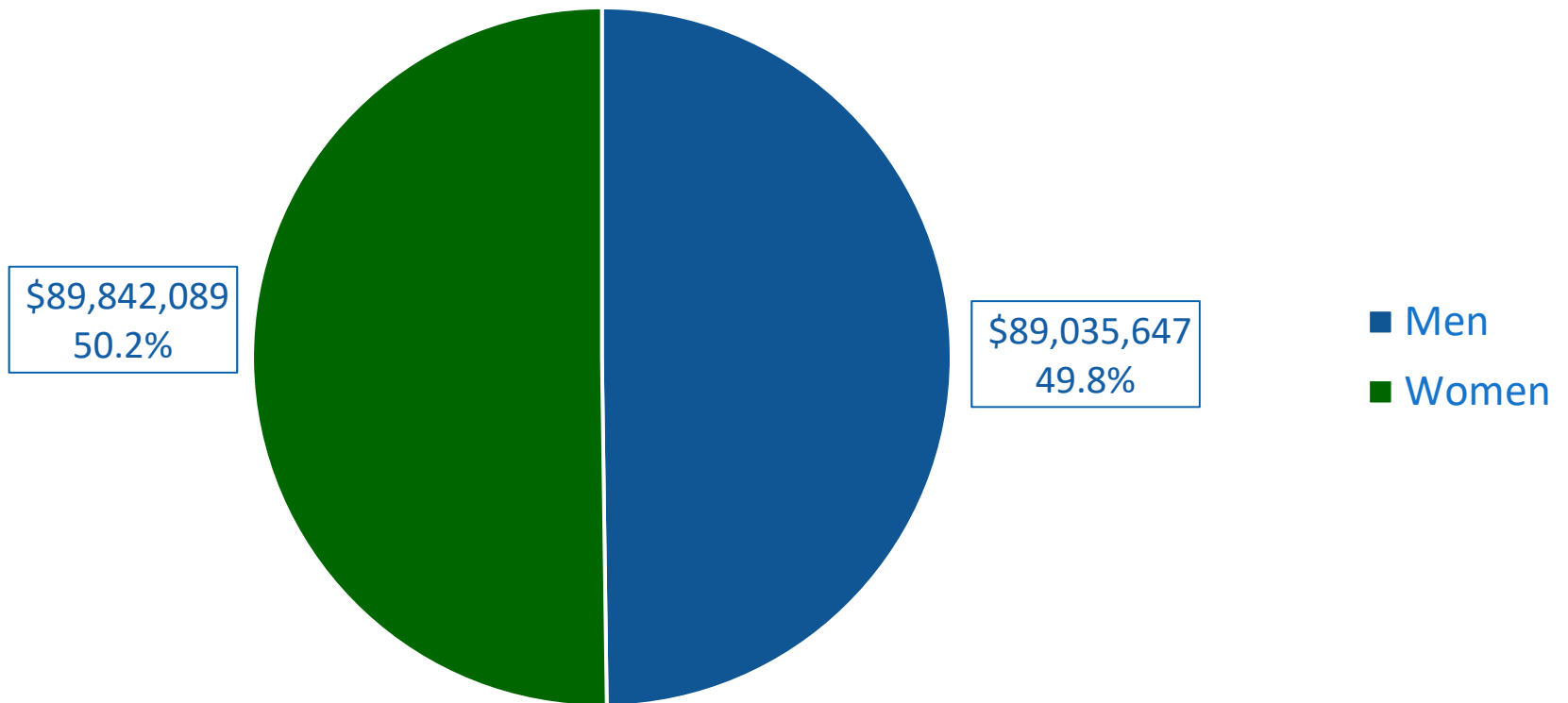
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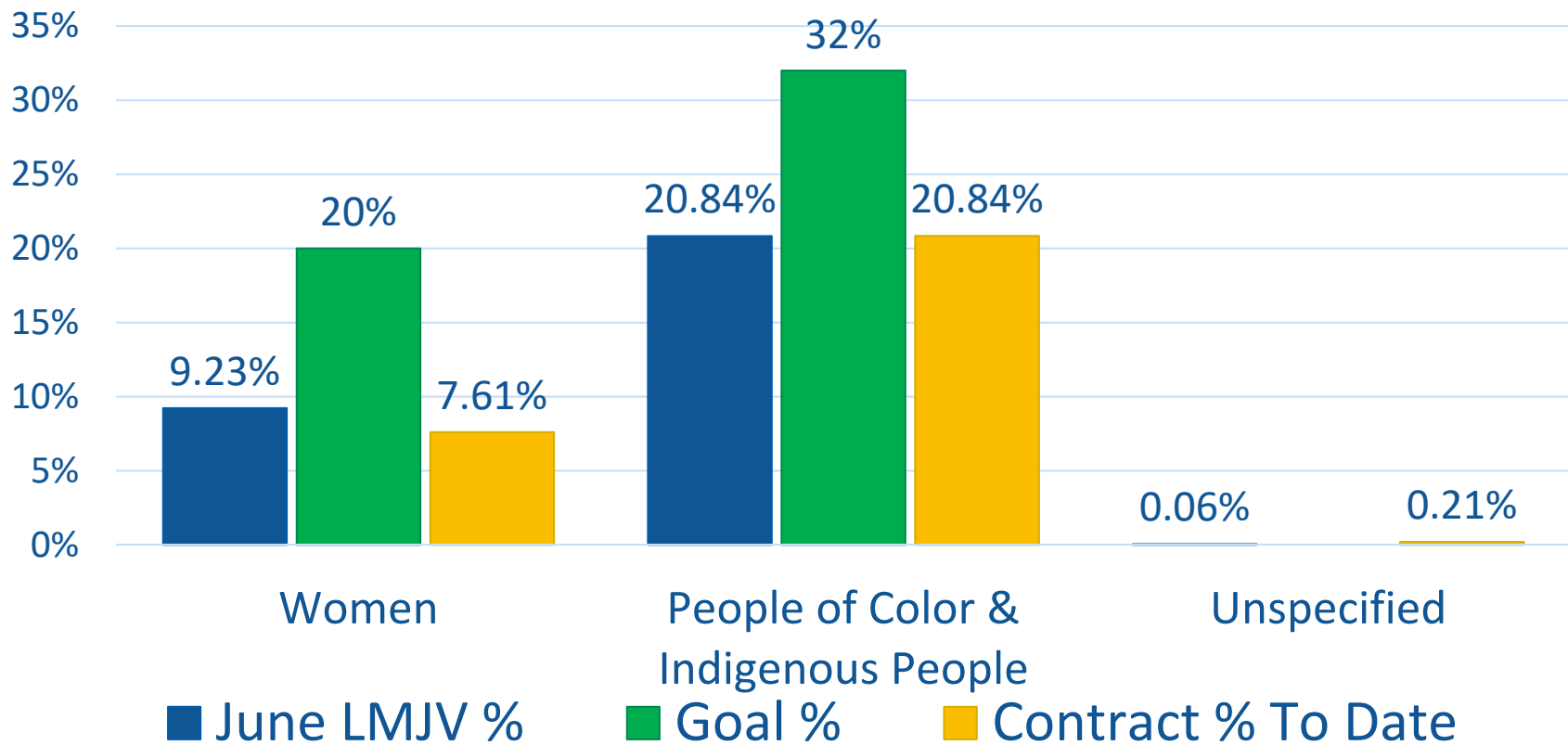
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Civil Workforce Participation Percentage*

- June 2020: 63,492hrs
- Civil Construction Total: 579,737 hrs



*Based on MDHR Workforce Report for June 2020

Civil Workforce Participation Disaggregated*

- Project Total: 579,737 hrs
- People of Color and Indigenous Total: 120,835 hrs (20.84%)
- Women Total: 44,143 hrs (7.61%)

Ethnic Group	Women		Men		Total	
Black	5,221	0.9%	20,669	3.6%	25,890	4.5%
Asian Pacific Islander	0	0%	21,756	3.8%	21,756	3.8%
Hispanic	871	0.2%	52,089	9.0%	52,960	9.1%
Native Americans	4,217	0.7%	6,436	1.1%	10,653	1.8%
Other (Multi-Racial)	700	0.1%	8,876	1.5%	9,576	1.7%
Not Specified	144	0.0%	1,067	0.2%	1,211	0.2%
White	32,990	5.7%	424,577	73.3%	457,567	78.9%

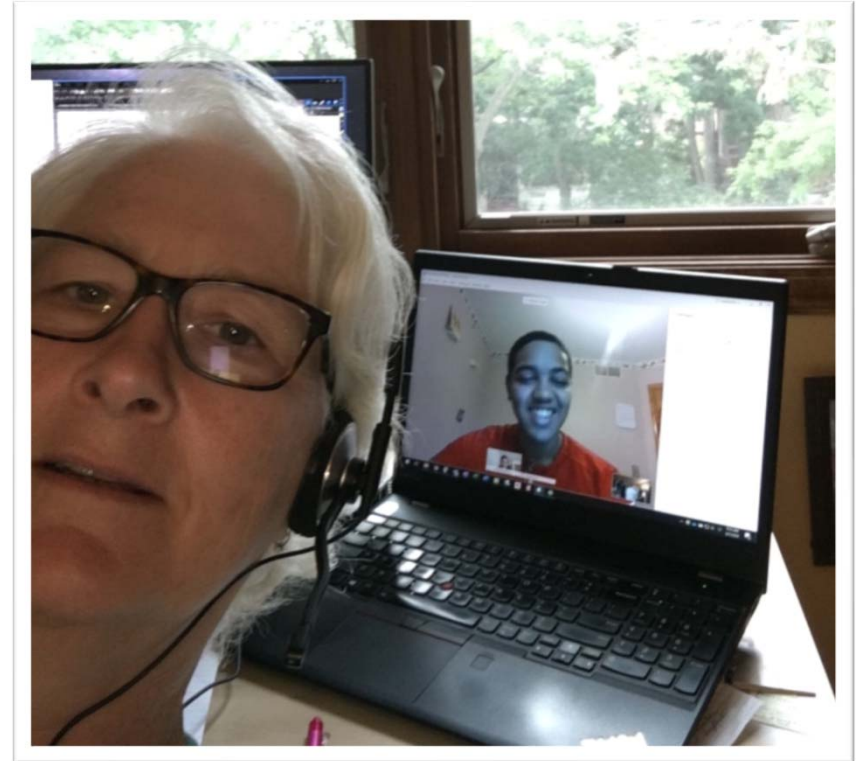
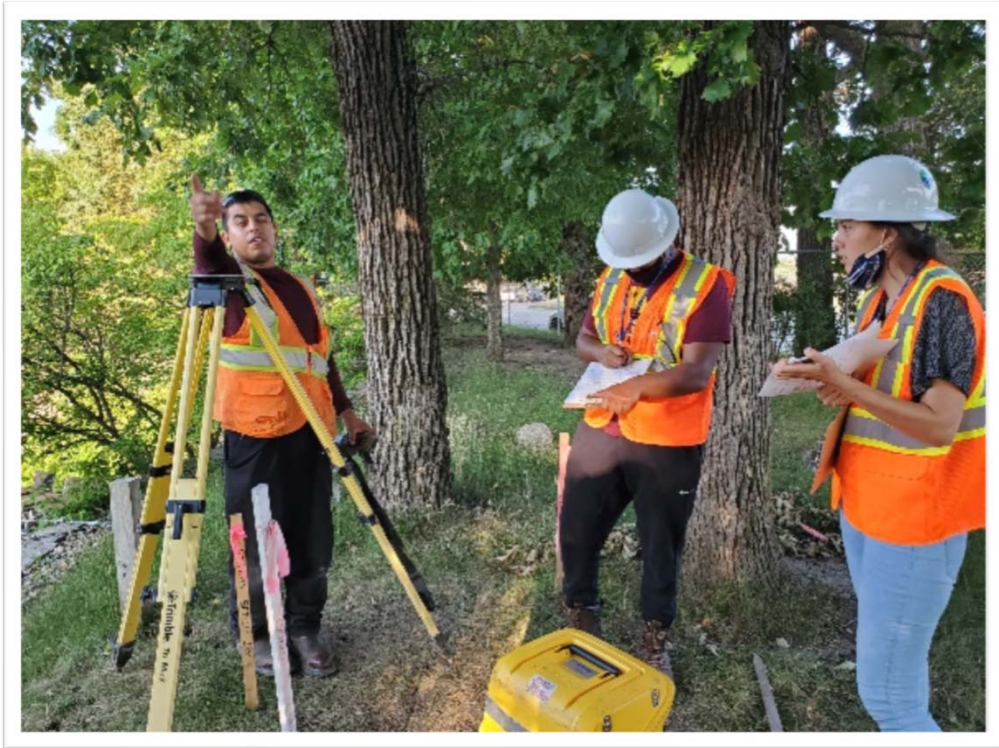
*Cumulative workforce participation from 12/1/18 – 6/30/20

LMJV Workforce Good Faith Efforts

- Meet monthly with MDHR and Office of Equal Opportunity
- Updated Workforce Plan
- Construction hiring forecast
 - 2020-2021: 90+ workers
- Recruitment
 - Virtual career fair
 - Building Strong Communities
- Anticipate participation to increase
- Committed to meeting goals

Summer DBE Site Visits

- 64 Virtual Office Site Visits
- 19 Field Site Visits



Summer Workforce Site Visits

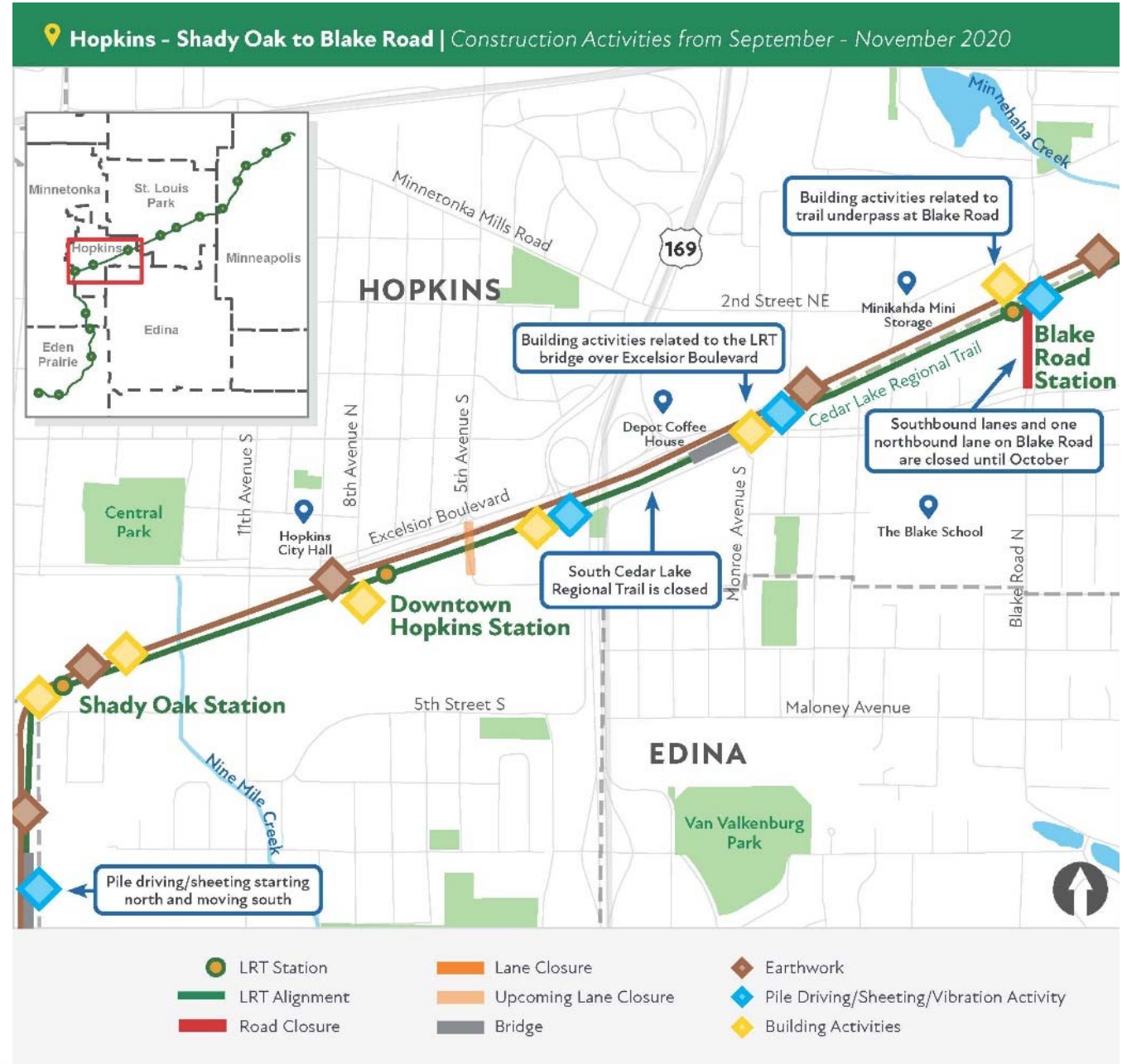
- 53 Interviews
 - 40 Males
 - 13 Females
 - 29 White
 - 24 POCI
 - 13 Companies



Construction Outreach and Communications

Sam O'Connell, SWLRT Senior Manager

Construction Resources: Area Maps



Social Media Metrics

- GovDelivery subscribers:
 - April 2019: 8,250
 - Aug 2020: 16,600

- Twitter followers:
 - April 2019: 925
 - Aug 2020: 1,300

Southwest LRT Construction Update: September 4, 2020

Highway 100 Closure Saturday September 5 for the Labor Day Weekend

Over the Labor Day weekend, just south of Highway 7, crews will be picking up the existing freight rail bridge and moving it to the north about 50 feet to its permanent location so LRT bridge construction can follow. The work requires a full closure of Highway 100. The closure will begin on Saturday, September 5 at 5:00 AM and will reopen for morning rush hour on Tuesday, September 8. Residents should expect work overnight through the weekend beginning the morning of Saturday, September 5. Traffic is detoured to Highway 169 via Highway 394 and Highway 62. [See St. Louis Park detour maps.](#)

Weekly Construction Photo: Highway 62 LRT Tunnel in Minnetonka



The construction of the LRT tunnel under Highway 62 is a multi-year process. With traffic shifted onto one side of the Highway crews have built the base of the tunnel and are working to progress walls and roofing.

A Note of Kindness



FFGA Update

Jim Alexander, SWLRT Project Director

FFGA Timeline

- The Council has successfully completed all necessary steps to receive the FFGA:
 - March 2019: Council received Technical Readiness to Execute FFGA Report from FTA's Oversight Consultant
 - August 2019: Council submitted FFGA application to FTA
 - November 2019: FTA's Oversight Consultant completed the Financial Capacity Review of Project financials
 - Aug 4, 2020: 30-day Congressional Review was initiated
 - September 4, 2020: Congressional Review was completed without negative comments or objections

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