



# Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee

May 6, 2015



# Today's Topics

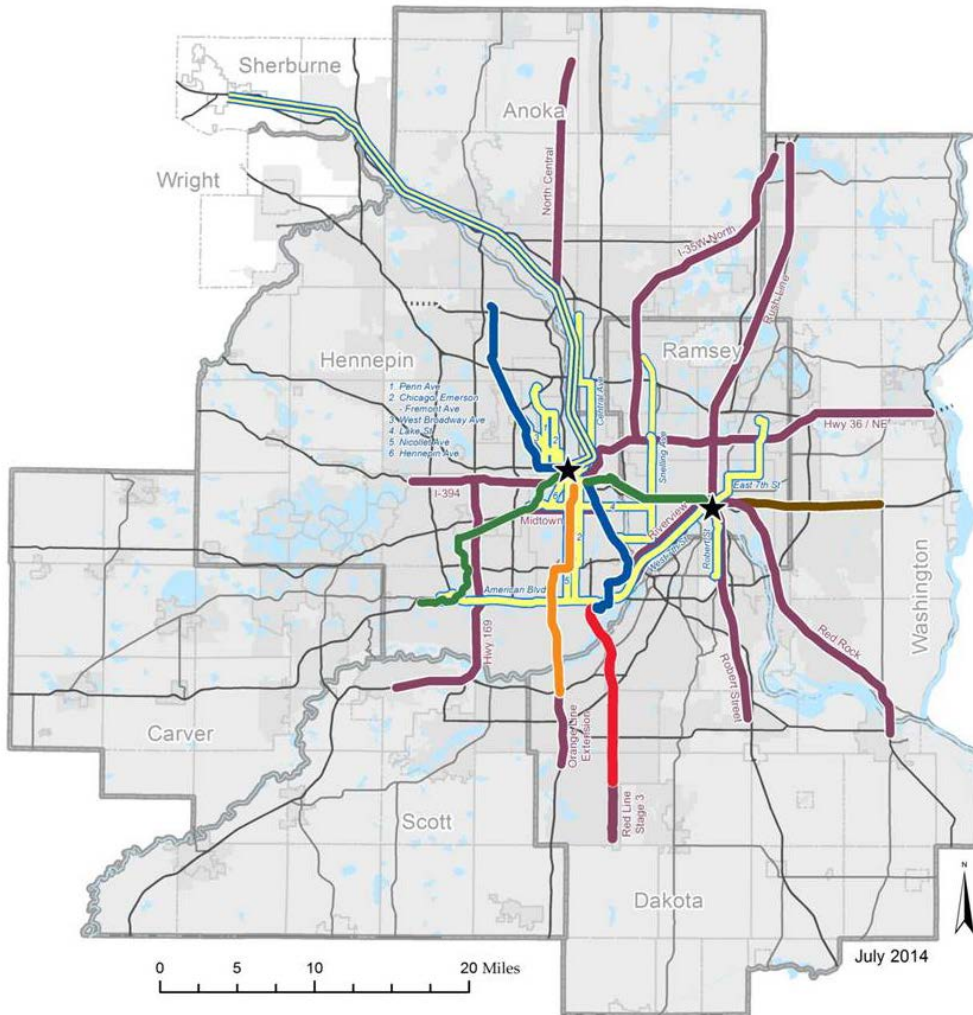
- Project Overview
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- Community Advisory Committee







# Project Overview



# Twin Cities Transitways: 2040 Vision

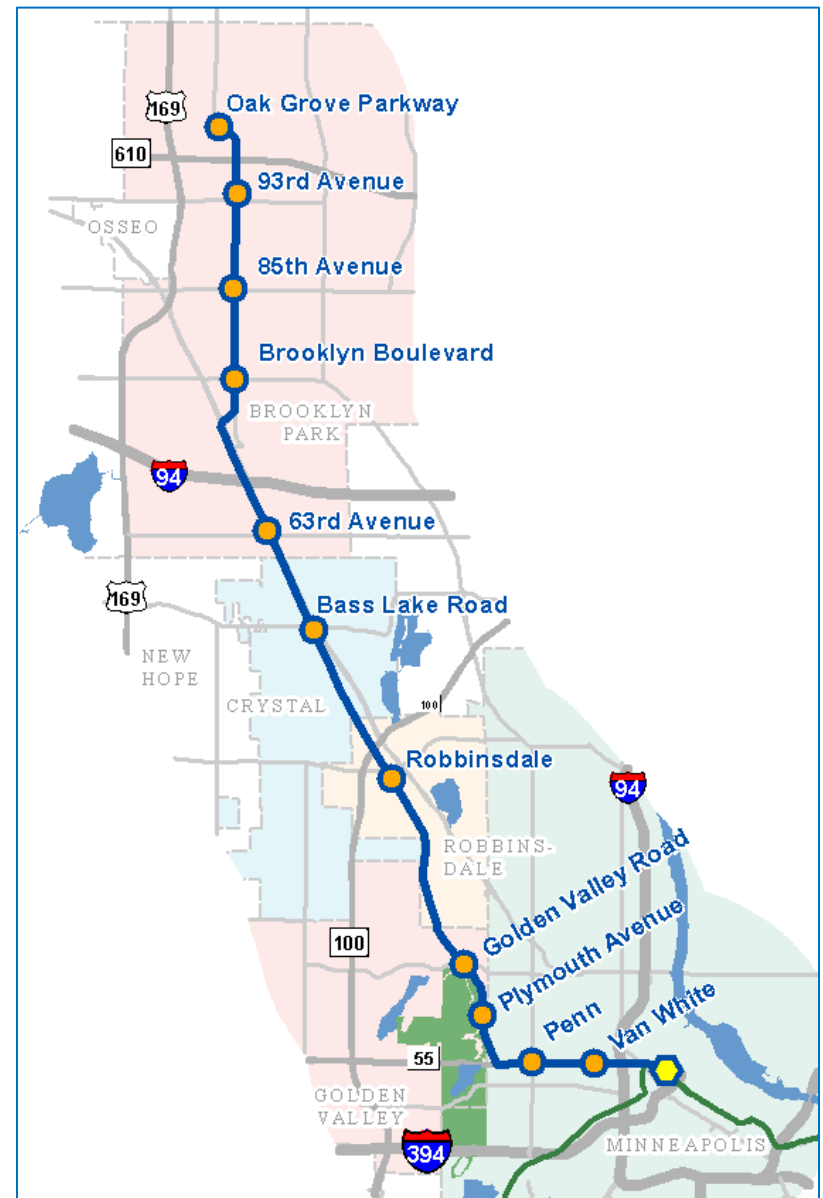


-  Northstar Line
-  Blue Line
-  Green Line
-  Red Line
-  Orange Line
-  Gateway Dedicated BRT \*
-  Accelerated Arterial BRT
-  Accelerated Transitways under study
-  Regional Multimodal Hub



# Project Description

- 10 or 11 new stations
- 13 miles of double track
- Serving Brooklyn Park, Crystal, Robbinsdale, Golden Valley & Minneapolis
- Provides one seat Blue Line ride to MSP and MOA
- Connections to METRO Green Line, Northstar and bus services
- 27,000 est. rides by 2030



# Project Timeline

2014-2016

- Project Development

2016

- Environmental/Municipal Consent

2017

- Engineering

2018

- Full Funding Grant Agreement

2018-20

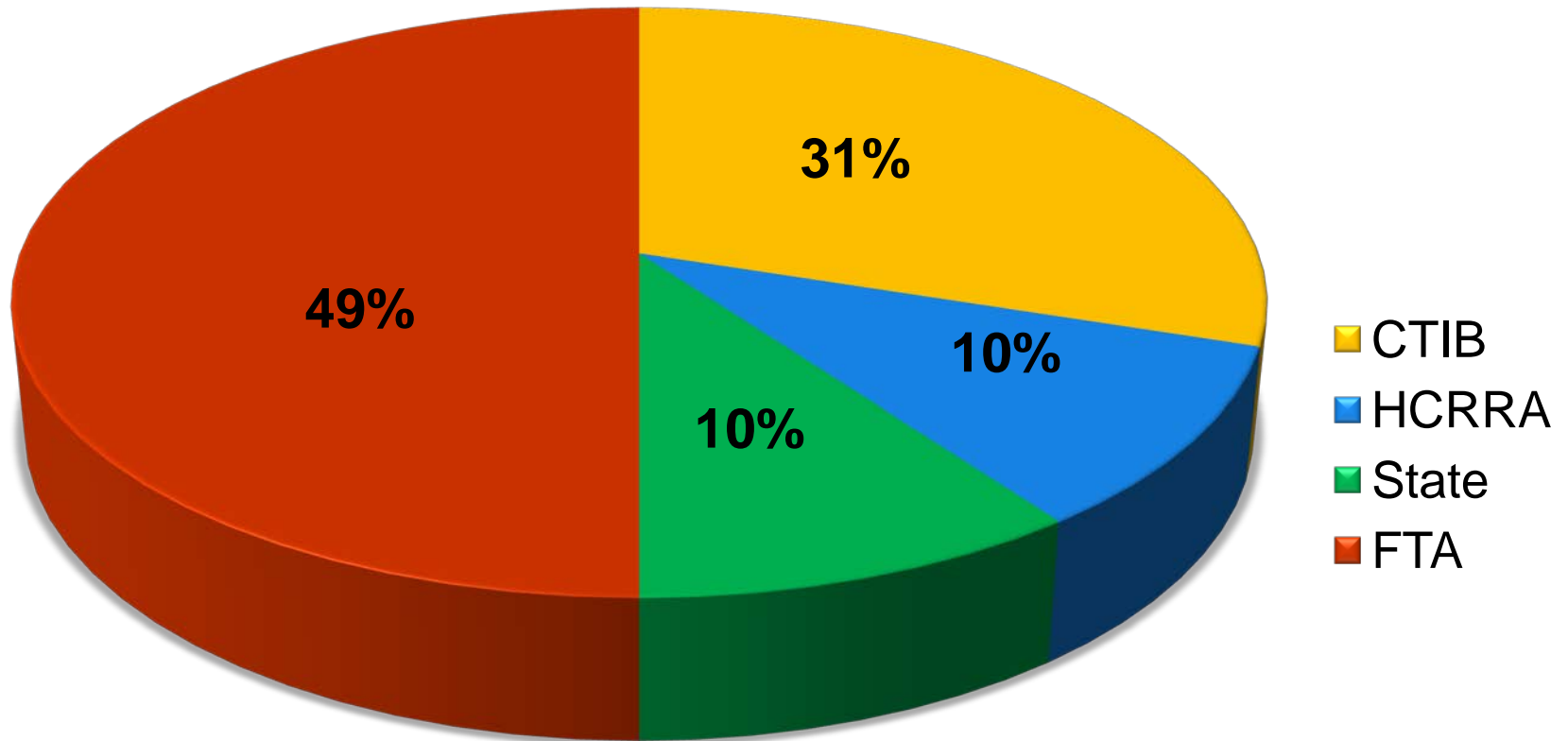
- Heavy Construction

2021

- Passenger Operations



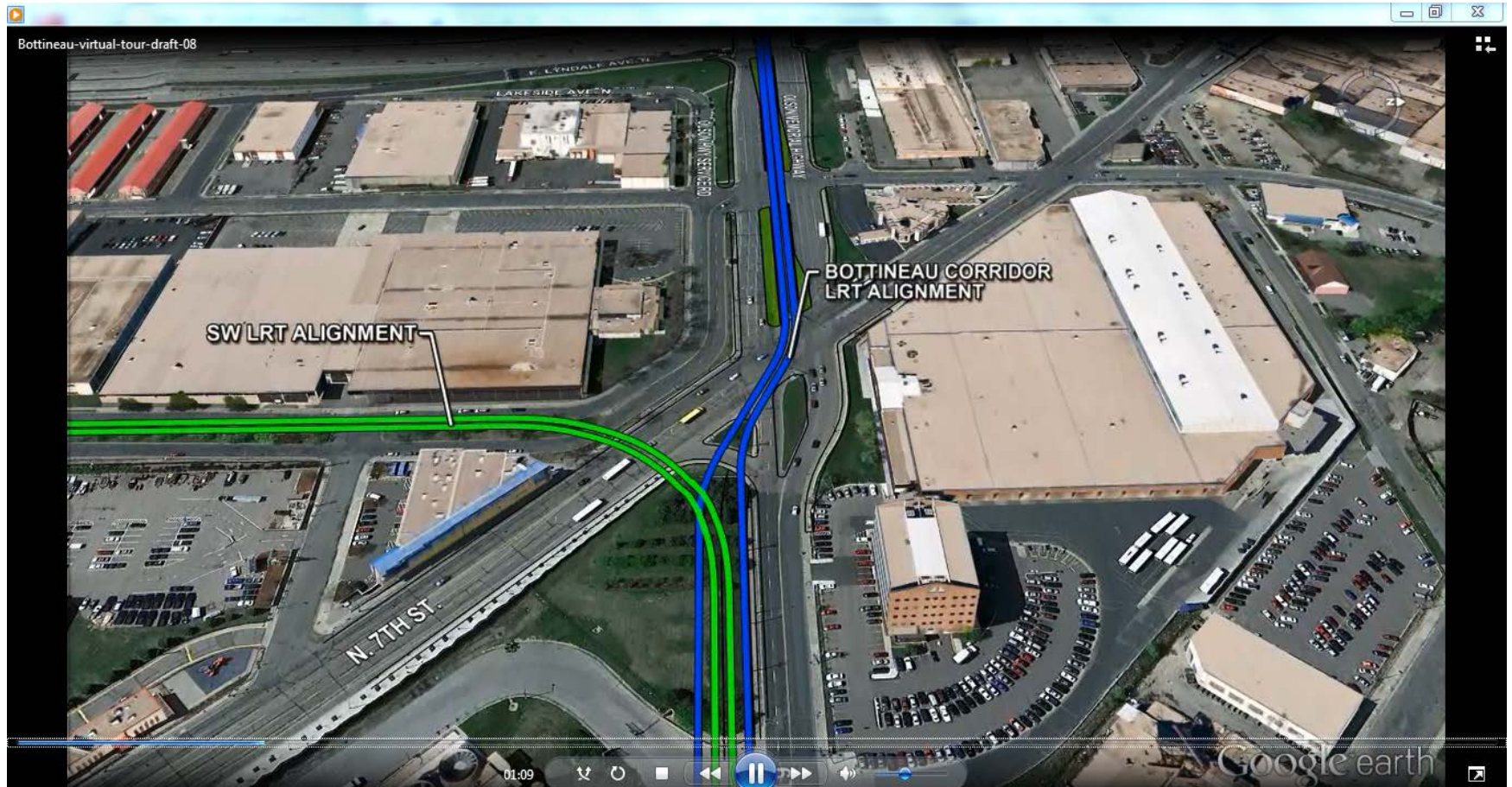
# Project Funding Formula



**Estimated Cost: \$1 Billion**



# Project Visualization



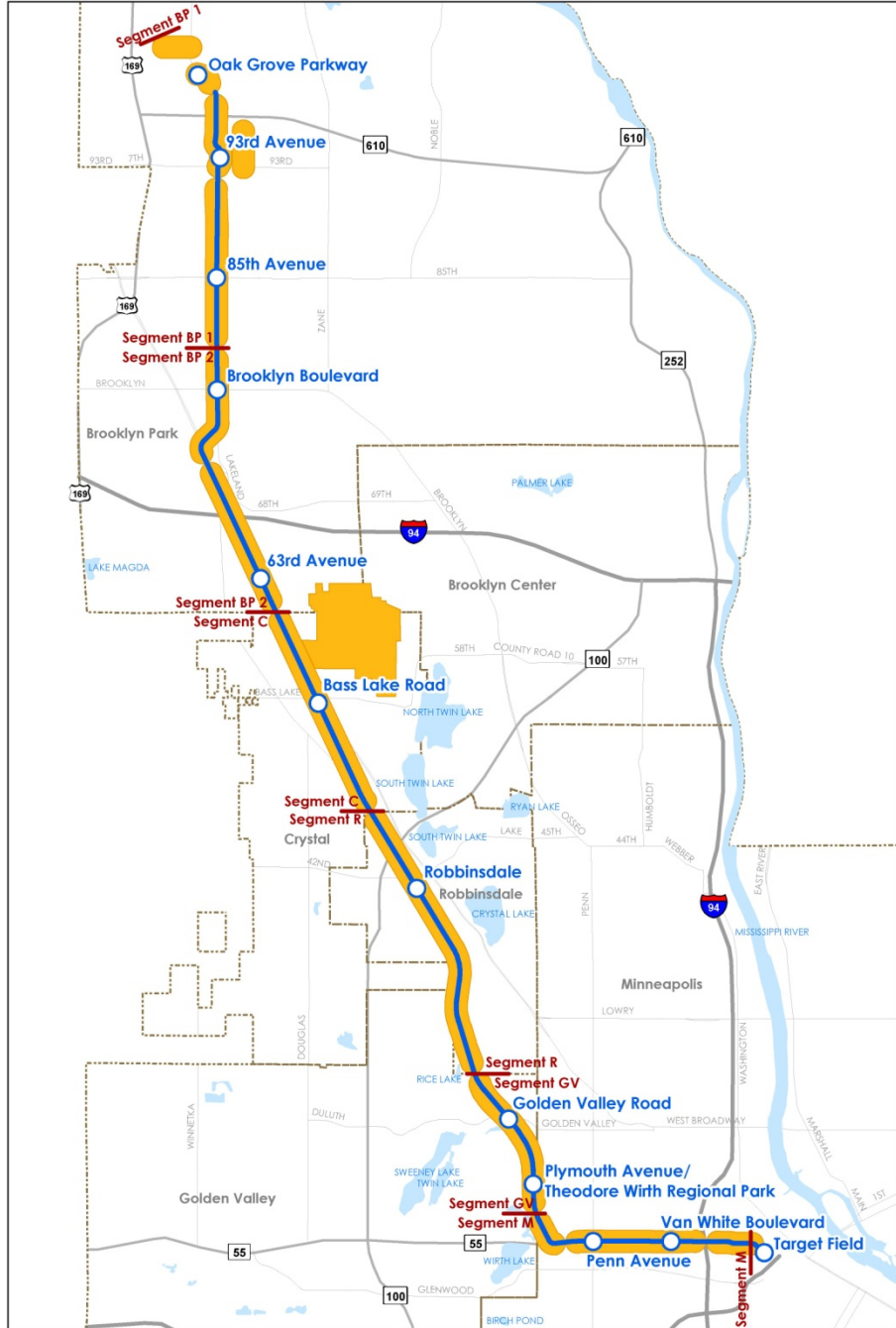


# Technical Issues/Issue Resolution Process



# Project Development Activities

- Issue Resolution Teams
  - Track alignment
  - Station locations
  - Operation & maintenance facility design
  - CSAH 103/LRT design



METRO Blue Line Extension Technical Issues

Rev. 1  
November 2014



# Minneapolis

Segment	Technical Issue	Sub Issues	Schedule
M-1	Target Field Station Connection	7 <sup>th</sup> Street Intersection Design	Q3 2015
M-2	Olson Memorial Highway	I-94 Interchange Operations	Q3 2015
		Design Treatment	
		Penn Ave Intersection operations	
		Median Tree Impacts	
M-3	Olson Memorial Highway Crossing	Right-of-way Pinch Point	Q3 2015
		Bassett Creek Floodplain Impacts	
		Poor Soils through Watershed	



# Golden Valley

Segment	Technical Issue	Sub Issues	Schedule
GV-4	Plymouth Ave/Golden Valley Road Station	Station Location	Q2 2015
		Parking	
GV-5	Golden Valley Alignment	Bassett Creek Floodplain Impacts	Q2 2015
		Poor Soils	
		Theo. Wirth Park Property Impacts	



# Robbinsdale

Segment	Technical Issue	Sub Issues	Schedule
R-6	Robbinsdale Station	Park and Ride, Bus Transit Hub	Q3 2015
		At-Grade Crossing at 39 ½ - 40 <sup>th</sup>	
		Grade Separated Pedestrian Crossings of LRT Tracks	
		Traffic Impacts at 42 <sup>nd</sup> Ave Crossing	
		Noise and Visual Impacts	



# Crystal

Segment	Technical Issue	Sub Issues	Schedule
C-7	Bass Lake Road Station	Station access via all modes	Q2 2015
		Quiet zone for at-grade crossings	
		Parking/drop off areas	
		Vera Cruz/West Broadway Intersection	



# Brooklyn Park

Segment	Technical Issue	Sub Issues	Schedule
BP2-8	63 <sup>rd</sup> Ave Park & Ride	Park & Ride Expansion	Q2 2015
BP2-9	Brooklyn Blvd Station	73 <sup>rd</sup> Ave Crossing	Q2 2015
BP1-10	CSAH 103/West Broadway Reconstruction Project	Coordination with Hennepin Co reconstruction project	Q2 2015
		Traffic Impacts	
		Operating Assumptions	
BP1-11	93 <sup>rd</sup> Ave/Oak Grove Parkway Station	Park and Ride	Q2 2015
		Station configuration	
BP1-12	OMF	Site configuration	Q3 2015



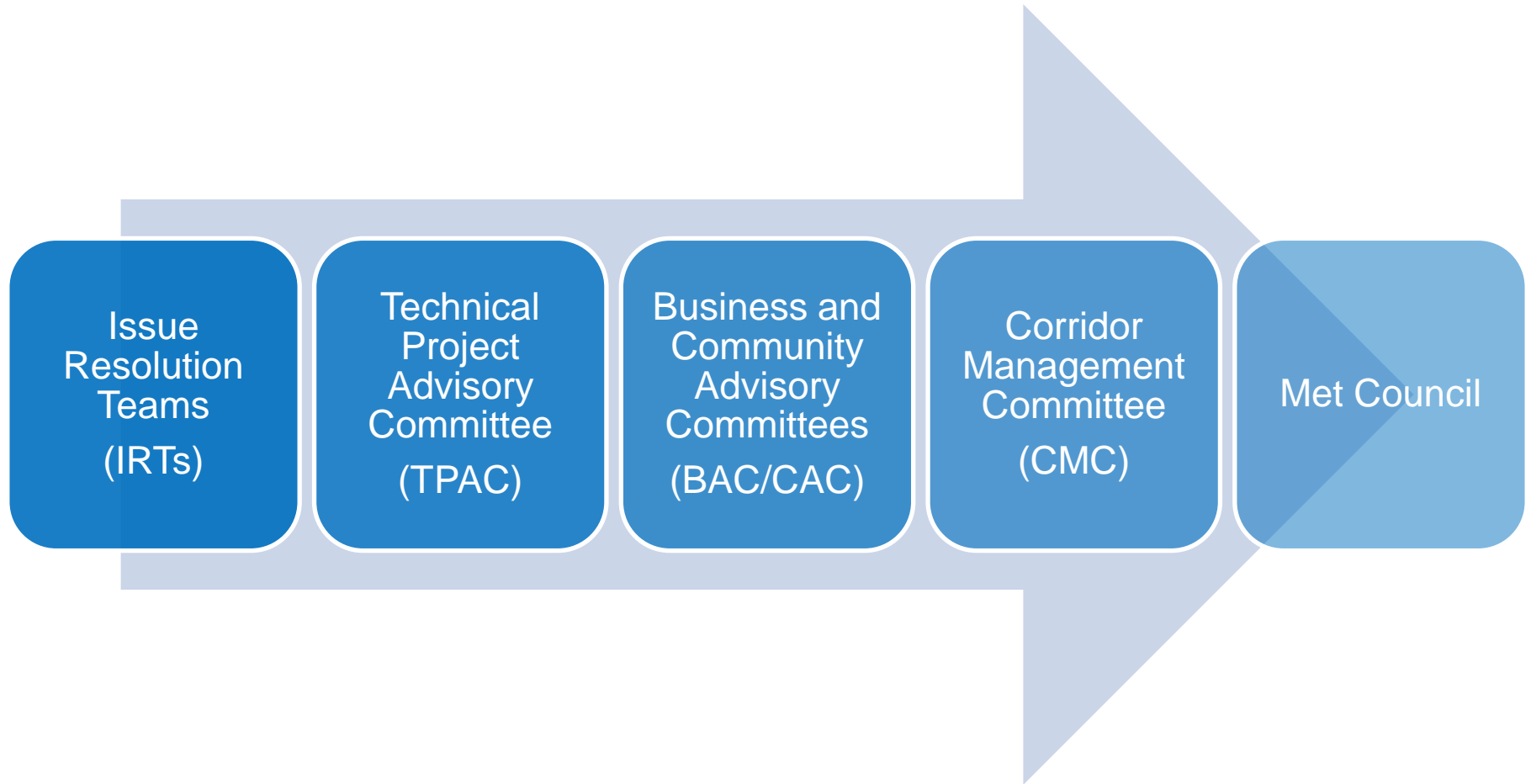
# Engage Project Partners Through Issue Resolution Teams

- Issue Resolution Team includes
  - BPO Design & Engineering staff
  - BPO Environmental, Development and Outreach staff
  - Engineering Consultants
  - Agency staff: Cities, MnDOT, County, Park Board, Watershed Districts, Freight Railroads





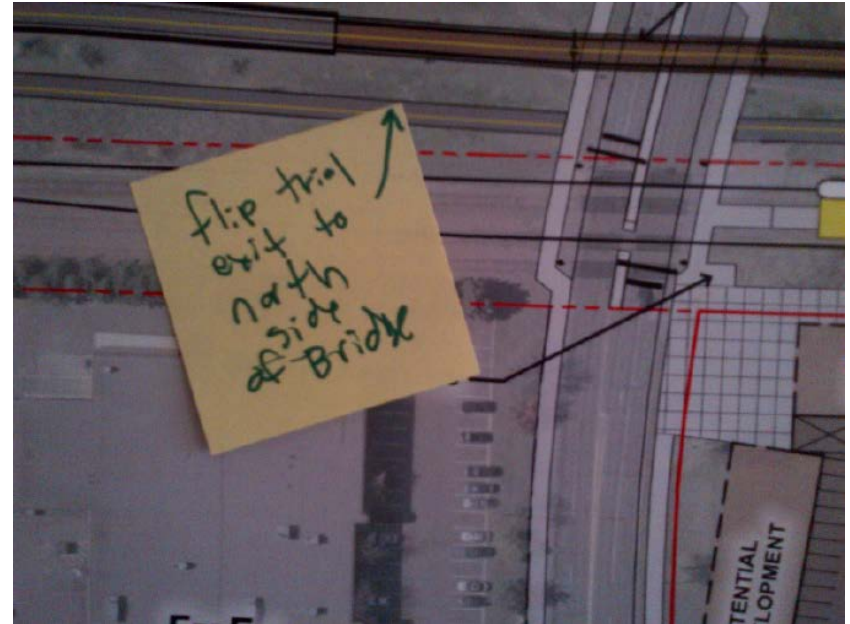
# Issue Resolution Process



# Community Advisory Committee



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Advisory committee discussion and input



# Community Advisory Committee

- Serve as a voice for the community
- Advise Corridor Management and Community Works Steering Committees
- Provide input on design: stations, operations and maintenance facility, bike, pedestrian, and park-and-ride facilities
- Serve as information resource and liaison to the community



# Accountability

- Serve a 2-year term and attend meetings
- Actively participate in discussions; be a voice to advance the broader interests of community
- Report back to entity represented
- Provide feedback on communication and public involvement efforts
- Listen to and respect the viewpoints of others
- Accept outcomes of Met Council decisions



# CAC Membership

- Community appoints members:
  - Minneapolis
  - Golden Valley
  - Robbinsdale
  - Crystal
  - Brooklyn Park
- Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Corridors of Opportunity Engagement Grantees
- Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
- At-large representation appointed by Met Council and Hennepin County Community Works



# More Information

The screenshot shows the Metropolitan Council website with a navigation menu at the top. The 'TRANSPORTATION' menu item is highlighted. Below the navigation is a large photograph of a blue and yellow METRO bus at a station platform with passengers. To the left of the main content is a sidebar with a blue header 'METRO BLUE LINE EXTENSION' and a dropdown arrow. The sidebar contains links for 'Route', 'Stations', 'Environmental', 'Timeline', and 'Project Partners'. The main content area features the title 'METRO BLUE LINE EXTENSION' and subtitle 'Bottineau Transitway – Minneapolis & Northwestern Communities'. Below this is a paragraph of text describing the project. At the bottom of the main content area, there are two sections: 'Latest News' with a link to 'Feds: Met Council can begin designing METRO Blue Line Extension' and 'Route' with a link to 'Click on the map below for more information'.

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**METRO BLUE LINE EXTENSION**

Route

Stations

Environmental

Timeline

Project Partners

## METRO BLUE LINE EXTENSION

### Bottineau Transitway – Minneapolis & Northwestern Communities

The METRO Blue Line Extension (LRT) will operate northwest from downtown Minneapolis through north Minneapolis, Golden Valley, Robbinsdale, Crystal and Brooklyn Park, drawing riders northwest of Brooklyn Park. The proposed alignment is primarily at-grade and will have up to 11 new stations in addition to Target Field Station and about 13 miles of double track. The line will interline with the METRO Blue Line and connect Minneapolis and the region's northwest suburbs with existing LRT on the METRO Green Line, future LRT on the METRO Green Line Extension, bus rapid transit on the METRO Red Line, the Northstar commuter rail line and local and express bus routes.

**Latest News**  
Feds: Met Council can begin designing METRO Blue Line Extension

**Route**  
Click on the map below for more information

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