Today’s Topics

• Potential Station Locations
• LRT Visualizations Example
• Schedule Update
Potential Station Locations
How were these potential station study areas determined?

- Previously planned stations
- Stakeholder and community input
- Key destinations
- Transit connections
- ½ to 1 mile spacing
- Overall number of stations

Note: The total number of stations has not been determined, meaning some potential station locations may be consolidated or eliminated.
Brooklyn Park
Planned Stations
Potential Station Study Areas: Brooklyn Park, Crystal, & Robbinsdale
Potential Station Study Areas: Minneapolis
How will these potential station study areas be evaluated?

- Project Principles & Goals
- Public engagement feedback
- Engineering requirements
- Population, connections, destinations, and jobs
- Available right of way
- Existing and future land use
North Memorial Hospital Station Study Area: Connecting to West Broadway Option 1
North Memorial Hospital Station Study Area: Connecting to West Broadway Option 2
North Memorial Hospital Station Study Area: Connecting to Lowry
LRT Visualizations
Crystal Design Considerations

- Confirm center running at-grade on County Road 81
- Four-lane road design
- Bass Lake Road design in development
This is a visualization of a section of Bottineau Blvd (County Road 81) in Crystal as it exists today.
BOTTINEAU BLVD (COUNTY ROAD 81) SOUTH OF BASS LAKE ROAD: CONCEPT

This visualization represents how light rail could fit in Crystal along Bottineau Blvd (County Road 81). This picture uses the typical width of the roadway at this location.

NOTE: Proposed trees and other landscape material omitted for visual clarity. These elements will be added as the design progresses.

DRAFT: CONCEPT IN DEVELOPMENT
Robbinsdale Design Considerations

• Confirm center running at-grade on County Road 81
• Maintain existing intersections
• Focus on safe pedestrian crossings and the pedestrian environment
• To be developed: design details such as landscaping, streetscaping
This is a visualization of a section of Bottineau Blvd (County Road 81) in Robbinsdale as it exists today.
This visualization represents how light rail could fit in Robbinsdale along Bottineau Blvd (County Road 81). This picture uses the typical width of the roadway at this location.
Project Schedule
Project Schedule: Upcoming Milestones

• Fall Community Workshops

• December 2021: Draft Report
  ▪ Culmination of community engagement and technical work
  ▪ 45-day comment period

• March 2022: Final Report
  ▪ Will build on draft report, incorporating feedback from comment period
  ▪ Will recommend route and station study areas to advance for further engineering and environmental review
  ▪ 30-day comment period
Schedule/Next Steps

We're here

1 year
1.5 to 2 years
1.5 to 2 years
3 to 4 years

1. Identify community supported route
2. Environmental review
   Document benefits and impacts of the project
3. Engineering
   Develop construction ready design plans
4. Construction and Full Funding Grant Agreement
   Federal funding
5. Goal — Line opens in 2028

Blue Line Extension Community Supported Route:
- Best meets the Project Principles and Goals
- Grounded in community feedback through collaboration with stakeholders
- Supported by Project corridor communities and decision-makers

Municipal Consent
Seek city support of the LRT design

Light Rail Transit projects are complex and unforeseen challenges arise. Schedules and timelines are subject to change.
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