

# **Public Comment Summary**

Transportation Policy Plan Amendment 1 – Blue & Gold Line Extensions



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### **Comment Period Summary**



### Comment period open July 10 – August 27

Public hearing on August 13 at Met Council meeting

### Outreach methods used

- Star Tribue ad (2 consecutive Saturdays)
- Council web page notice
- GovDelivery email announcements
- Facebook
- BlueSky (no analytics available)

# Comment Period Engagement



### • Comments received via

- Form submission
- Email
- Public hearing

### People Engaged

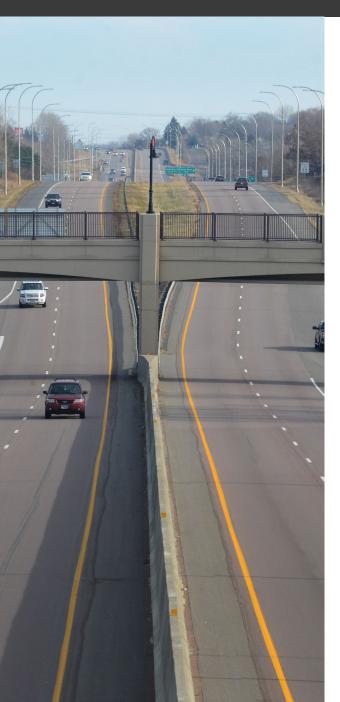
- 20 comments received
- 240 web page views
- Facebook posts viewed 2,026 times with 50 interactions
- GovDelivery announcement opened by 3,439 unique recipients, clicked by 152
- GovDelivery public hearing reminder opened by 3,433 unique recipients, clicked by 242

### **Comment Themes**

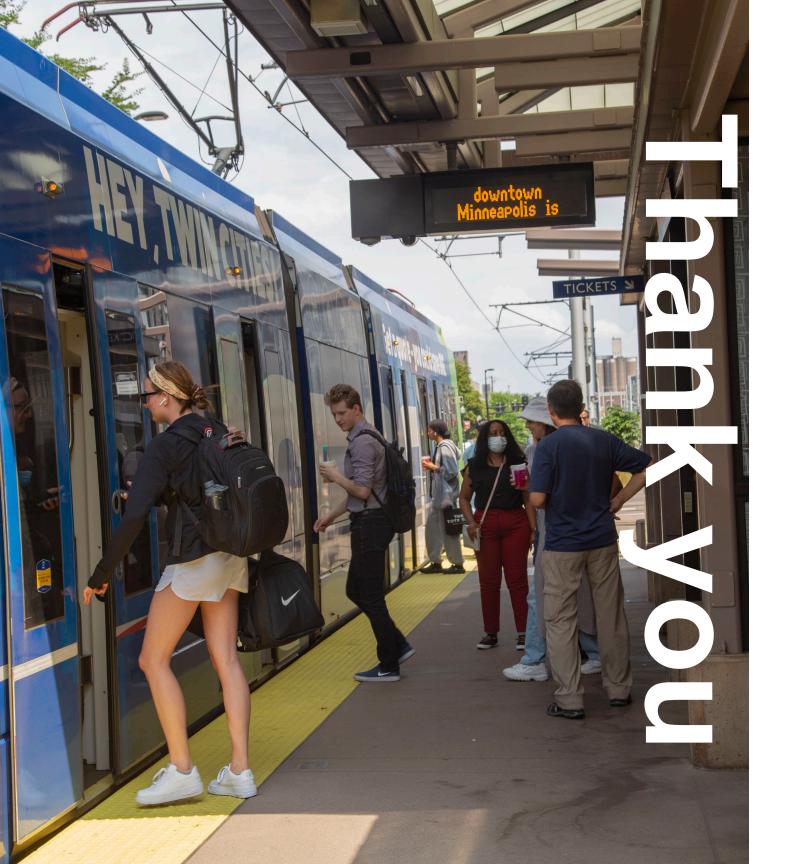


- Majority support for projects and amending them in the TPP
  - 12 supportive of Blue Line Extension
  - 15 supportive of Gold Line Extension
  - Some offered specific suggestions about stations, route, and connections
- Reasons for project support varied
  - Improved transit service, connectivity, and reliability
  - Community needs in north Minneapolis and northwest suburbs
  - Economic development
  - General support for expanding transit and its benefits
- Some commenters opposed or had concerns about Blue Line Extension
  - 3 commenters stated opposition to project because of:
    - Project costs and funding availability
    - Budget and timeline risks
    - Construction impacts and displacement
    - Ridership and changes in travel patterns
  - 2 commenters supported project but had concerns and/or suggestions

# **Next Steps**



- Staff does not recommend any changes to be made to draft TPP amendment based on comments
- Comments have been provided to relevant project offices
- Next step is an action item to recommend adoption at September 22 Transportation Committee meeting



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