



West Broadway Transit Study

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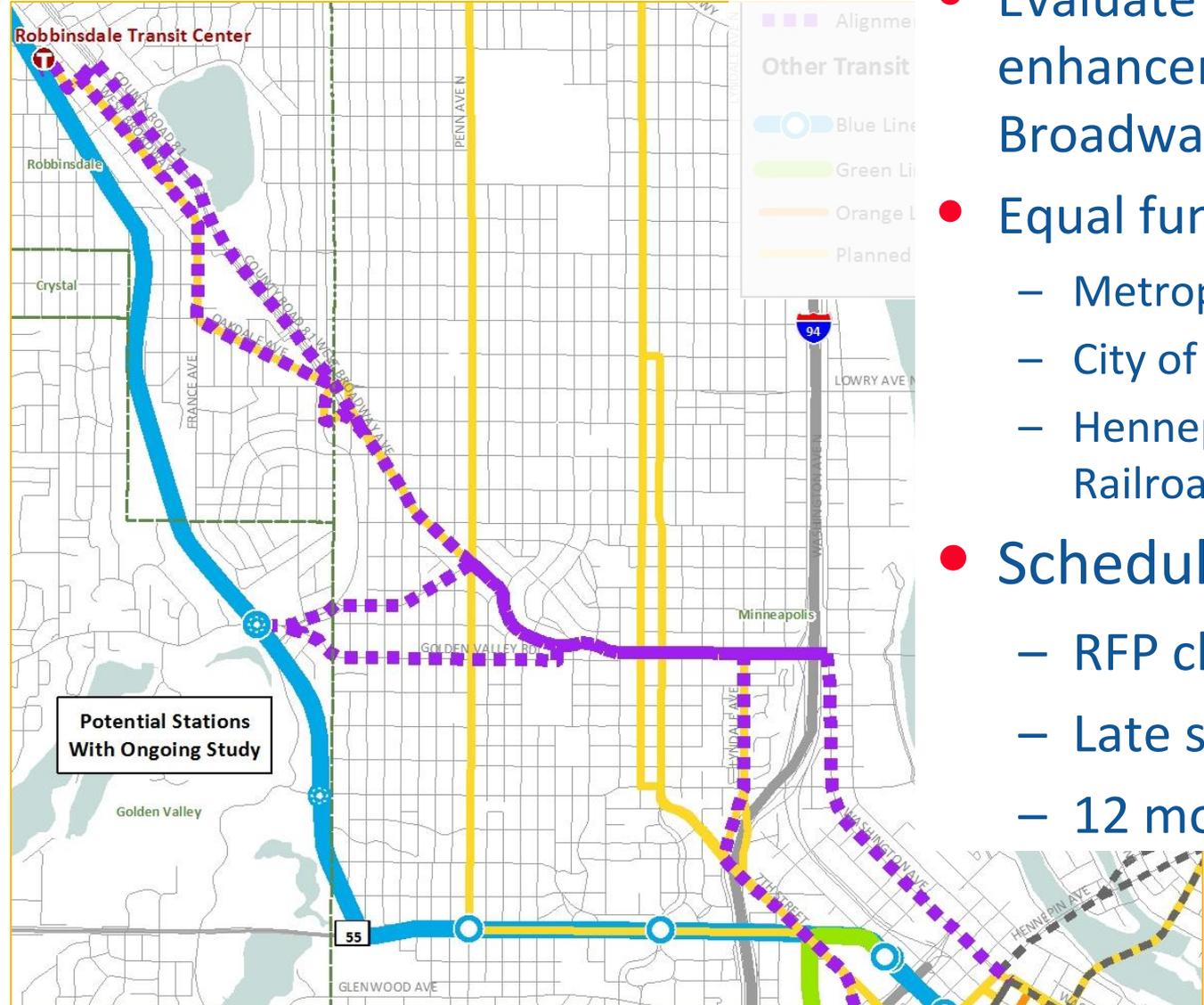
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- West Broadway Alignment
- Alignment Options
- Green Line Extension LPA
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- Orange Line
- Planned BRT Line

Potential Stations
With Ongoing Study

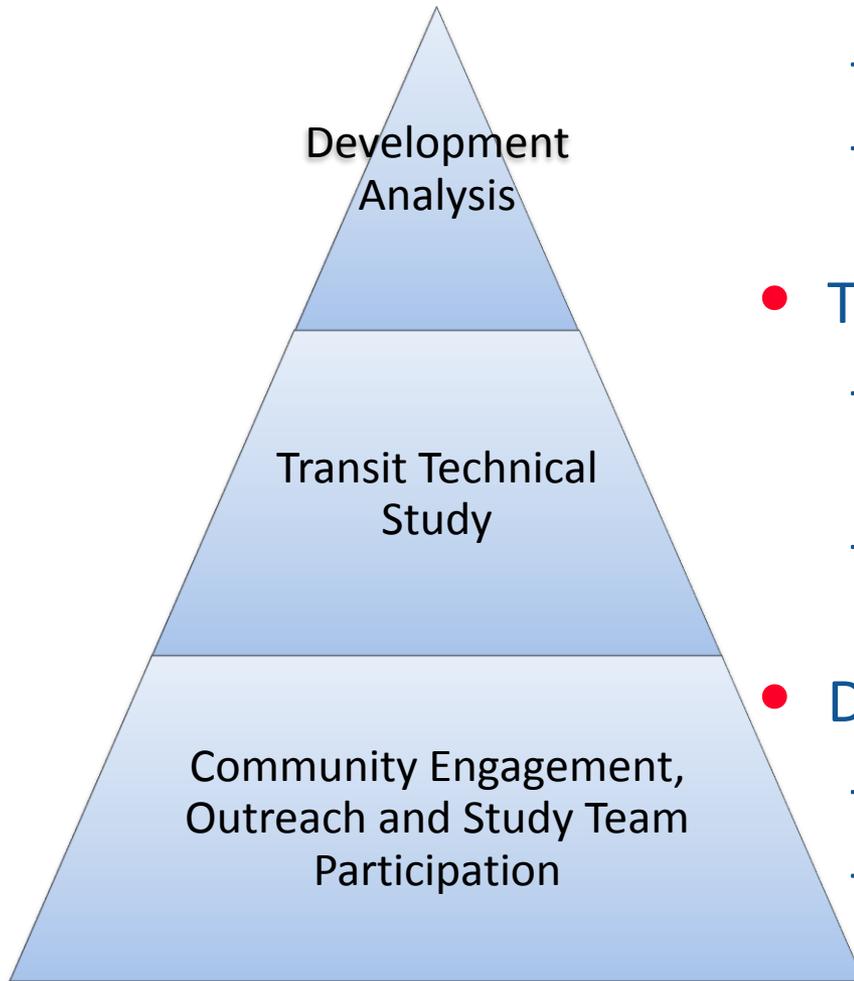


Study Basics



- Evaluate streetcar and bus enhancements along West Broadway Avenue
- Equal funding partnership:
 - Metropolitan Council
 - City of Minneapolis
 - Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority
- Schedule
 - RFP closes June 17
 - Late summer launch
 - 12 month study

Study Approach



- Grounded in community outreach and participation
 - Key focus as lasting study legacy
 - Supplemented by privately funded engagement activities
- Transit technical tasks
 - Metro Transit in-house: Service plans, operating cost estimation
 - Consultant: Concept engineering, capital costs, ridership forecasting
- Development analysis
 - Review barriers to development
 - Analyze effects of transit on development potential

Study Alternative: Initial Streetcar

- Shorter segment to:
 - Fit within FTA “Small Starts” (<\$250M) project size
 - Supports development in areas identified for investment



Key study tasks include:

- Determine downtown alignment
- Determine routing from core of downtown to West Broadway Ave
- Determine western terminus (Penn? Fremont? Knox? Lowry?)

Study Alternative: Bus Network Enhancements

- Not limited to West Broadway Avenue
- May include local bus and/or mixed-traffic BRT improvements



Key study tasks:

- Metro Transit identifies bus improvements through community engagement process
- Closely tied to SIP process
- Scale similar to “initial streetcar” operating costs
- Accompanying capital investments

Study Alternative: Streetcar Extension Options

- Explore connection to Bottineau LRT (Blue Line Extension) project at Golden Valley Road or Robbinsdale
- Key factors in evaluation
 - Options and feasibility overview
 - Summary evaluation, less detail than bus or initial streetcar work
 - Evaluate feasibility of options, recommend “most promising”



Development Evaluation

- Evaluate development market to document barriers and create baseline development scenario
- Develop streetcar development scenarios, ranging from minimal effects to full zoning code build-out



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