



Transportation Committee

September 17, 2014

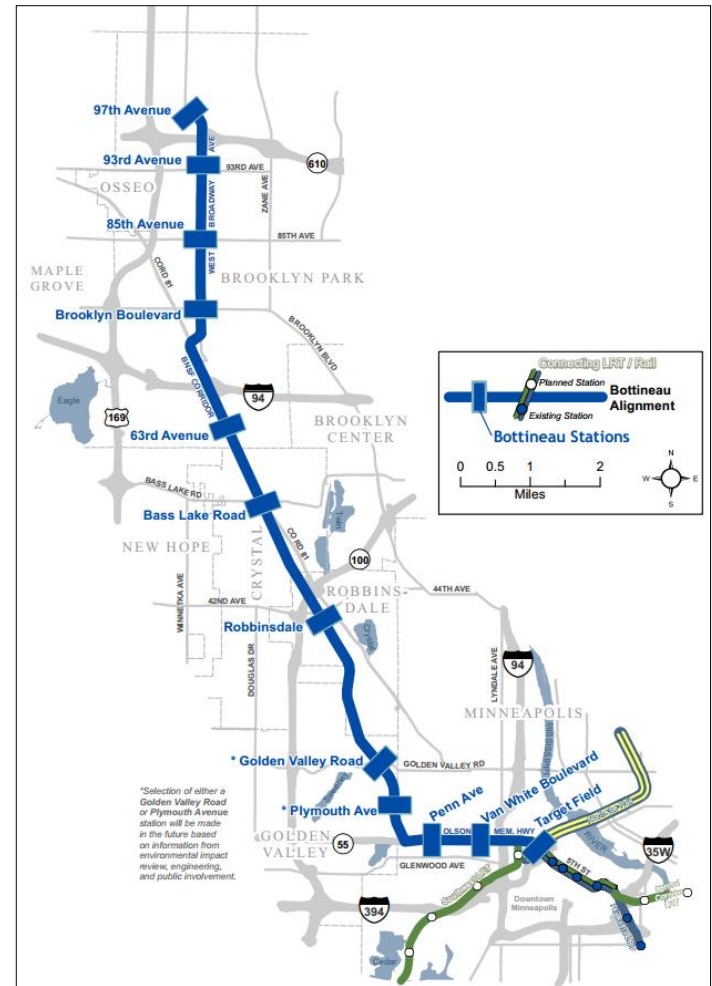


Business Item 2014-228

- Award Engineering Services Consultant Contract (14P061) for the METRO Blue Line Light Rail (BLRT) Extension Project

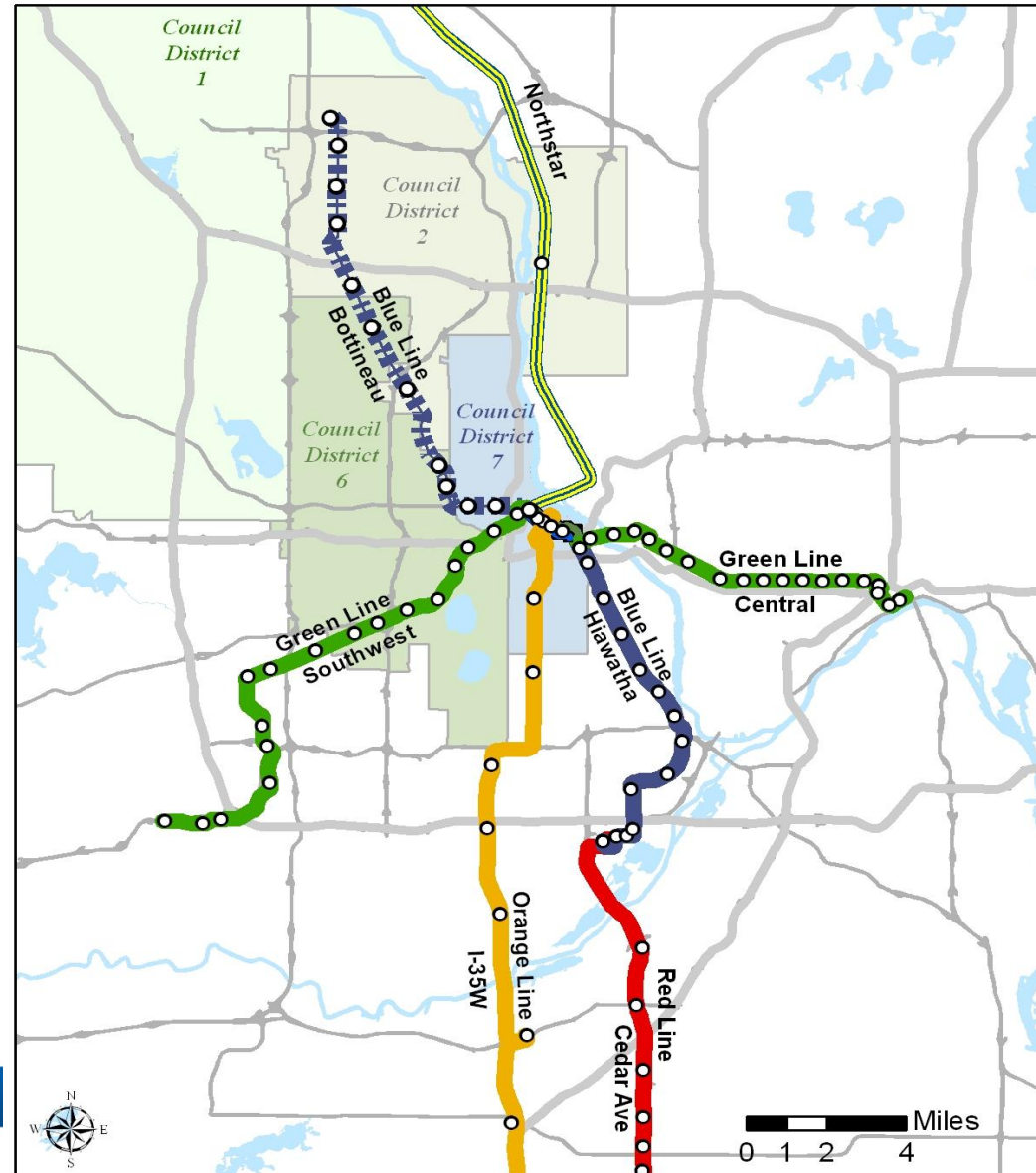
Blue Line Ext. (Bottineau LRT)

- 10 to 11 stations
- 27,000 est. rides by 2030
- DEIS published Spring 2014
- FTA approved entry into Project Development August 22
- Estimated Capital Cost: \$1 billion
- Opening 2021



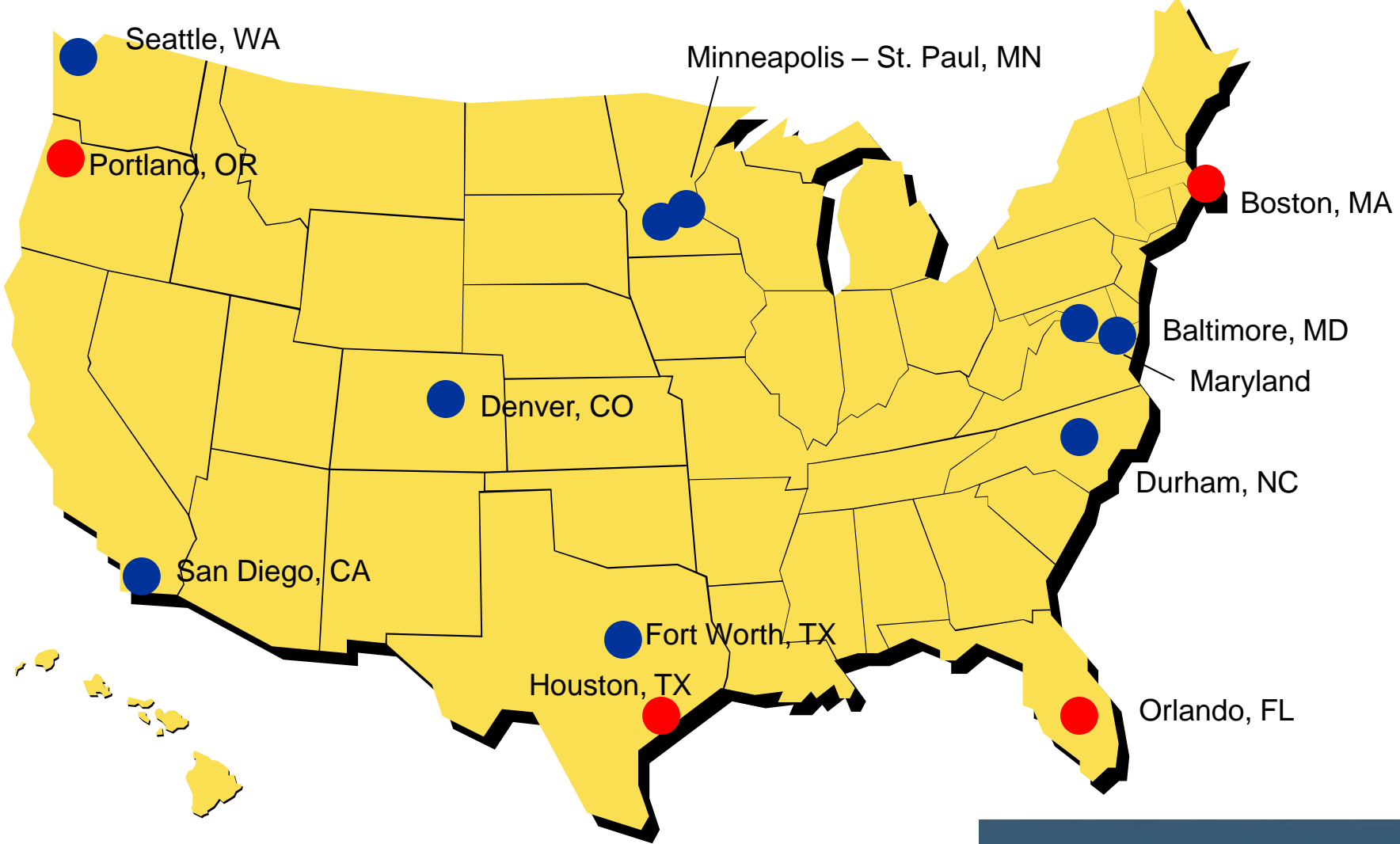
Blue Line Extension

- Council Districts
 - 1 – Maple Grove (Rodriguez)
 - 2 – Brooklyn Park, Osseo, Robbinsdale (Schreiber)
 - 6 – New Hope, Crystal, Golden Valley (Brimeyer)
 - 7 – Minneapolis (Cunningham)



Peer “New Starts” PD and Engineering Projects

August 2014 Status

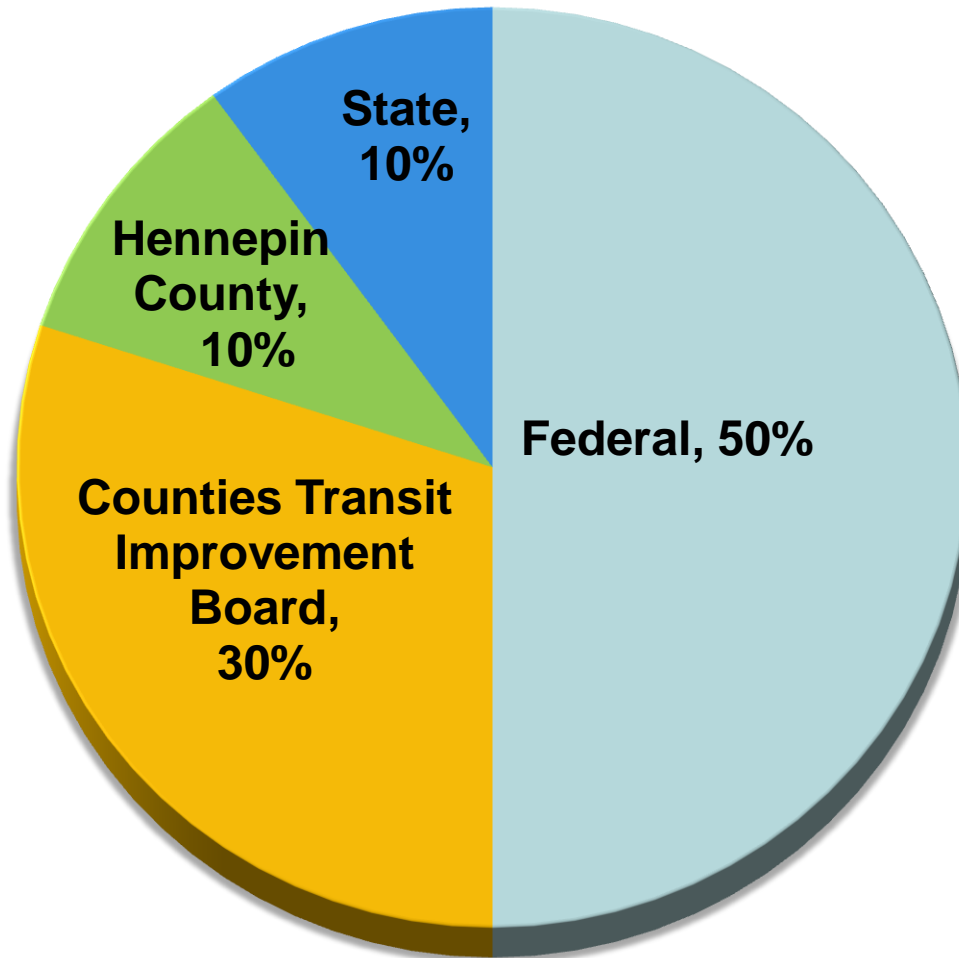


● Project Development (PD)

● Engineering



Anticipated Funding Partners



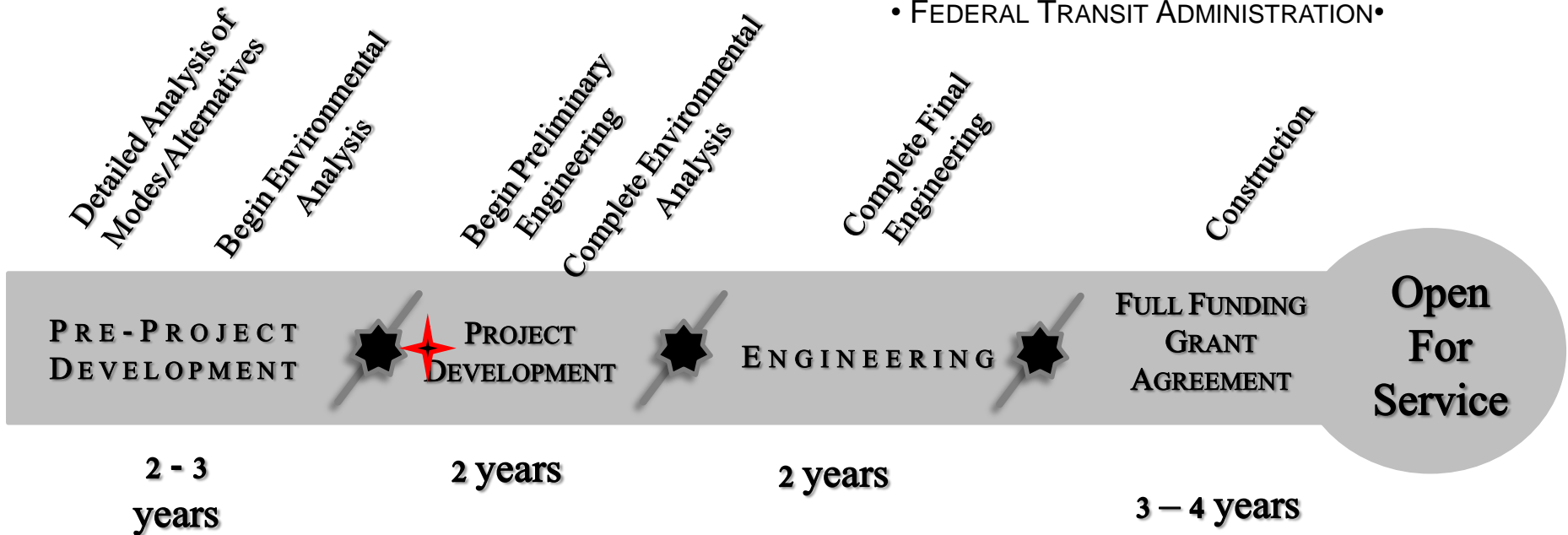
Local Funding Commitments

- **TOTAL LOCAL FUNDING**
 - Pre Project Development: \$150K
 - 100% = HCRRA
 - Project Development: \$46MM
 - 60% CTIB = \$27.6MM
 - 38% HCRRA = \$17.4MM
 - 2% State = \$1.0MM

FTA Map-21 Overview

Typical Fixed Guideway Capital Project (New Starts) Project Timeline

• FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION •



 FTA Approval Point

 **BLRT CURRENT PHASE**

Engineering Services Consultant (ESC) Contract Includes:

- Preliminary Engineering during Project Development
- Engineering (Final Design)
- Design Support Services during Construction

ESC Proposal Review Process

- Evaluation Panel consisted of seven staff from:
 - Metropolitan Council (3)
 - Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (2)
 - Counties Transit Improvement Board
 - Minnesota Department of Transportation

- Technical Advisory Group consisted of seven staff from:
 - Metropolitan Council (2)
 - Minneapolis
 - Golden Valley
 - Robbinsdale
 - Crystal
 - Brooklyn Park

ESC Proposal Review Process (cont.)

- The Council received three responsive proposals
- Proposals reviewed by Evaluation Panel and Technical Advisory Group
- All three proposing teams participated in an interview
- Most qualified proposer identified

Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

determined to be the most advantageous to the Council

- Proven technical expertise on recent New Starts projects including CCLRT and SWLRT
- Strong local presence coupled with national expertise
- Demonstrated knowledge of the Bottineau Corridor
- Cost Proposal less than Independent Cost Estimate (within 1%)
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation is 19.0%, which meets the 19% goal established by OEO

Phased Notices to Proceed (NTP)

Four NTP's will be issued to authorize work:

- Phase I - Completion of the portion of Project Development through municipal consent and support of the Record of Decision (\$30.5MM)
- Phase II - Completion of Advanced Design sufficient to enter Engineering according to the Federal Transit Administration's New Starts Program.
- Phase III - Completion of Final Design.
- Phase IV - Design Support Services during construction

Recommended Action

- That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an engineering services contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for engineering consultant services for the METRO Blue Line Light Rail Transit (BLRT) Extension
 - Not to Exceed \$110,046,172

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