



Blue Line Extension Tour

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Today's Topics

- Project Overview
- Project Schedule
- Technical Issues/Issue Resolution Process



Project Overview

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



Project Schedule

2014-2016

- Project Development

2016

- Environmental/Municipal Consent

2017

- Engineering

2018

- Full Funding Grant Agreement

2018-20

- Heavy Construction

2021

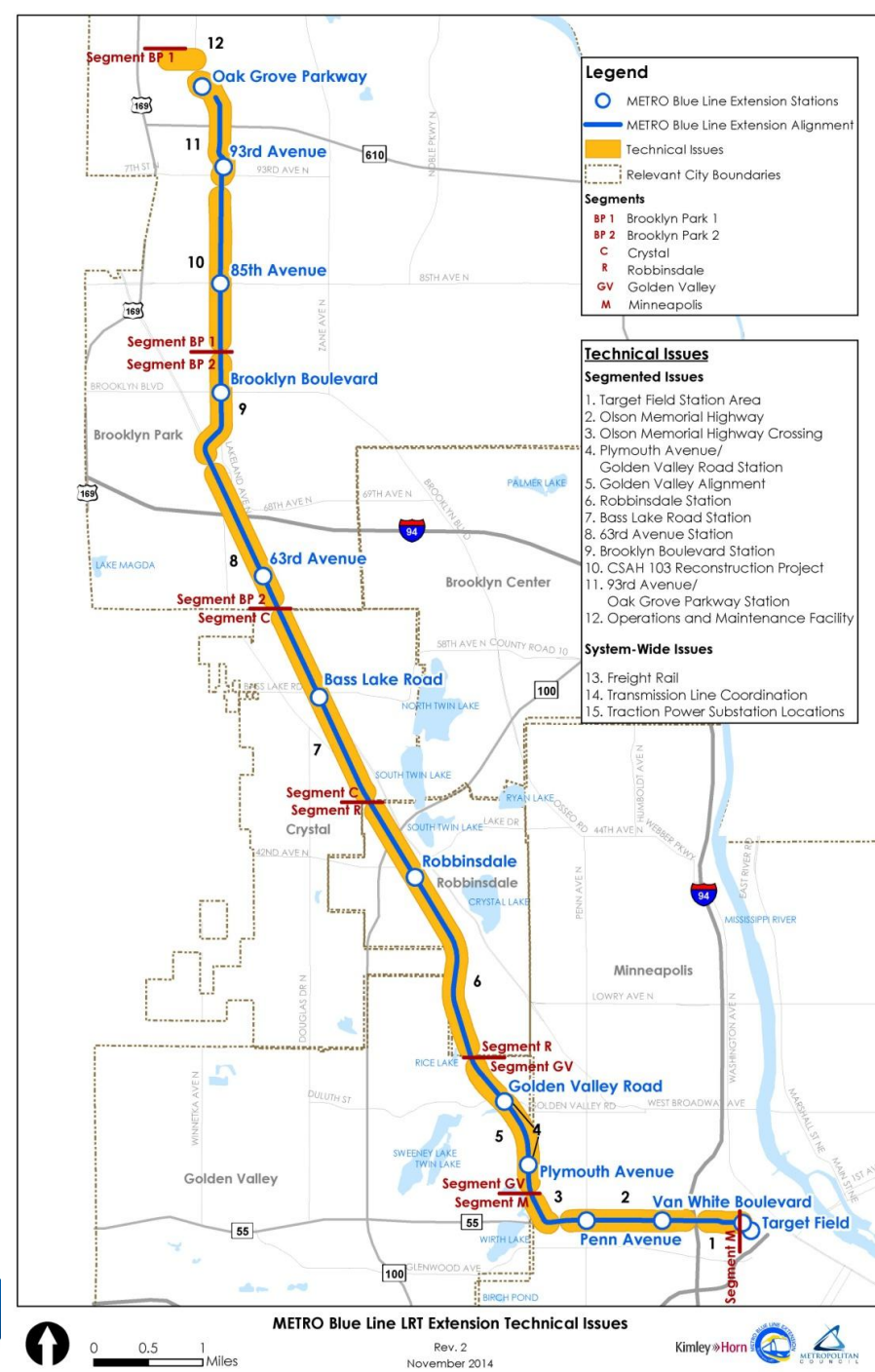
- Passenger Operations



Technical Issues / Issue Resolution Process



Technical Issues



Issue Resolution Process

Issue Resolution Teams (IRT):
Meeting since late 2014 on a regular basis

Technical Project Advisory Committee (TPAC):
3 meetings held

Business and Community Advisory Committees (BAC/CAC):
Kick-off April 15

Corridor Management Committee (CMC):
6 meetings held

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Minneapolis

Segment	Technical Issue	Sub Issues	Schedule
M-1	Target Field Station Connection	7 th 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 th	
		Grade Separated Pedestrian Crossings of LRT Tracks	
		Traffic Impacts at 42 nd 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 rd Ave Park & Ride	Park & Ride Expansion	Q2 2015
BP2-9	Brooklyn Blvd Station	73 rd 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 rd Ave/Oak Grove Parkway Station	Park and Ride	Q2 2015
		Station configuration	
BP1-12	OMF	Site configuration	Q3 2015



System Wide

Segment	Technical Issue	Sub Issues	Schedule
13	Freight Rail	Design Issues	Q3 2015
		ROW Acquisition Identification	Q4 2015
14	Transmission Line Coordination	Location and Support Structures for Xcel HVTL	Q3 2015
15	Traction Power Substation	Locations	Q3 2015




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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.

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Route
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