C Line: Long-Term Glenwood Avenue Recommendation

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Background and Proposed Action

• Background
  – Community input helped spur study of Glenwood Avenue
  – Study results favoring Glenwood Avenue presented at September 26, 2016 Transportation Committee
  – October engagement process assessed community sentiment of realignment

• Proposed Action 2016-234
  – Approve recommendation to move the C Line alignment from Olson Memorial Highway to Glenwood Avenue in the long term
2019: C Line opens

- Temporary stations on Olson Memorial Highway

- The C Line will serve Olson Memorial Highway starting on its opening day.
Stations on Glenwood Avenue to be determined through future planning

2021: METRO Blue Line Extension opens

- The C Line will be moved to Glenwood Avenue once the Blue Line Extension is in service and Glenwood stations are completed

Timeline subject to change
October Engagement

- 10 hours of mobile open houses
- 1 large format open house with over 1,000 Facebook Live viewers
- 10 neighborhood meetings
- Over 400 informational handouts
- Hundreds of conversations
- 10 hours of pop-up outreach
Next steps

• **Glenwood recommendation**
  – December 2016: Coordinate long-term C Line locations within METRO Blue Line Extension design process
  – 2018: Begin Glenwood project development upon execution of METRO Blue Line Extension FTA Full Funding Grant Agreement

• **C Line project development**
  – 2016-2017: Design (Temporary stations on Olson)
  – 2018: Construction (pending full funding)
  – 2019: Start of service
C Line Project Cost Estimate

- Preliminary cost estimate: $30-35 MM (subject to change based on further engineering)
  - $15.6 MM in Federal and Met Council funding secured
  - $15-20 MM funding gap must be filled by mid-2017
  - $7 MM in Federal funding requested (Regional Solicitation)

- Non-C Line Penn intersection improvements are fully funded outside C Line ($4-5 million; 80% County / 20% City)
Proposed action 2016-234:

- Approve recommendation to move the C Line alignment from Olson Memorial Highway to Glenwood Avenue in the long term. The recommendation includes the following points:
  - The C Line will serve Olson Memorial Highway from its opening day until the METRO Blue Line Extension is in service and Glenwood stations are completed;
  - The C Line will be realigned to Glenwood Avenue once the METRO Blue Line Extension is in service and Glenwood stations are completed; and
  - Project development for the Glenwood alignment will begin following execution of a Full Funding Grant Agreement for the METRO Blue Line Extension

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