

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: November 14, 2016

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 30, 2016

<b>Subject:</b>	Approval of C Line long-term realignment recommendation to Glenwood Avenue
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	District 7 (Cunningham); District 2 (Schreiber)
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Public Accountability Policy 2-1; Public Involvement in the Transportation Planning Process 1-3b
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### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve staff's recommendation to move the C Line 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 Avenue alignment will begin following execution of a Full Funding Grant Agreement for the METRO Blue Line Extension.

### Background

The Glenwood Avenue recommendation stems from community interest in reviewing a different alignment from Olson Memorial Highway considering the planned METRO Blue Line Extension. A study process considering Glenwood Avenue was completed in 2016, with results favoring Glenwood Avenue as the long-term alignment. A community engagement process was implemented in October to assess community sentiment for the realignment. Engagement included five "mobile open houses" on Route 19, five pop-up meetings at bus stops, 10 neighborhood group presentations, and one open house held in conjunction with other transportation projects.

### Rationale

Approval of the Glenwood Avenue recommendation will confirm the long-term C Line alignment, providing direction for coordination with the METRO Blue Line Extension project.

### Funding

Glenwood Avenue recommendation planning has been funded by Metro Transit operating resources. Future design and construction for the realignment is unfunded.

### Known Support / Opposition

The community engagement process has identified support of the recommendation.