



# Transportation Committee

September 26, 2016



# Environmental Review Process

March 2014

- Draft EIS Published

May 2015

- Final EIS Annotated Outline

Q2-Q4 2015

- Data Collection and Technical Analysis

Feb 2016

- Administrative Draft of Final EIS/ROD to FTA

May 2016

- Legal Sufficiency Review of Final EIS / Amended 4(f) – 6(f) Evaluation

July 2016

- FEIS / Amended 4(f) – 6(f) Notice of Availability

Sept 2016

- Sept 19: Record of Decision Issued



# Proposed Council Action

- Determine the adequacy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) for the Blue Line Light Rail Transit Extension
- Authorize the Chair to sign the Final EIS Determination of Adequacy on behalf of the Council



# Project Readiness: Scope, Budget, Schedule

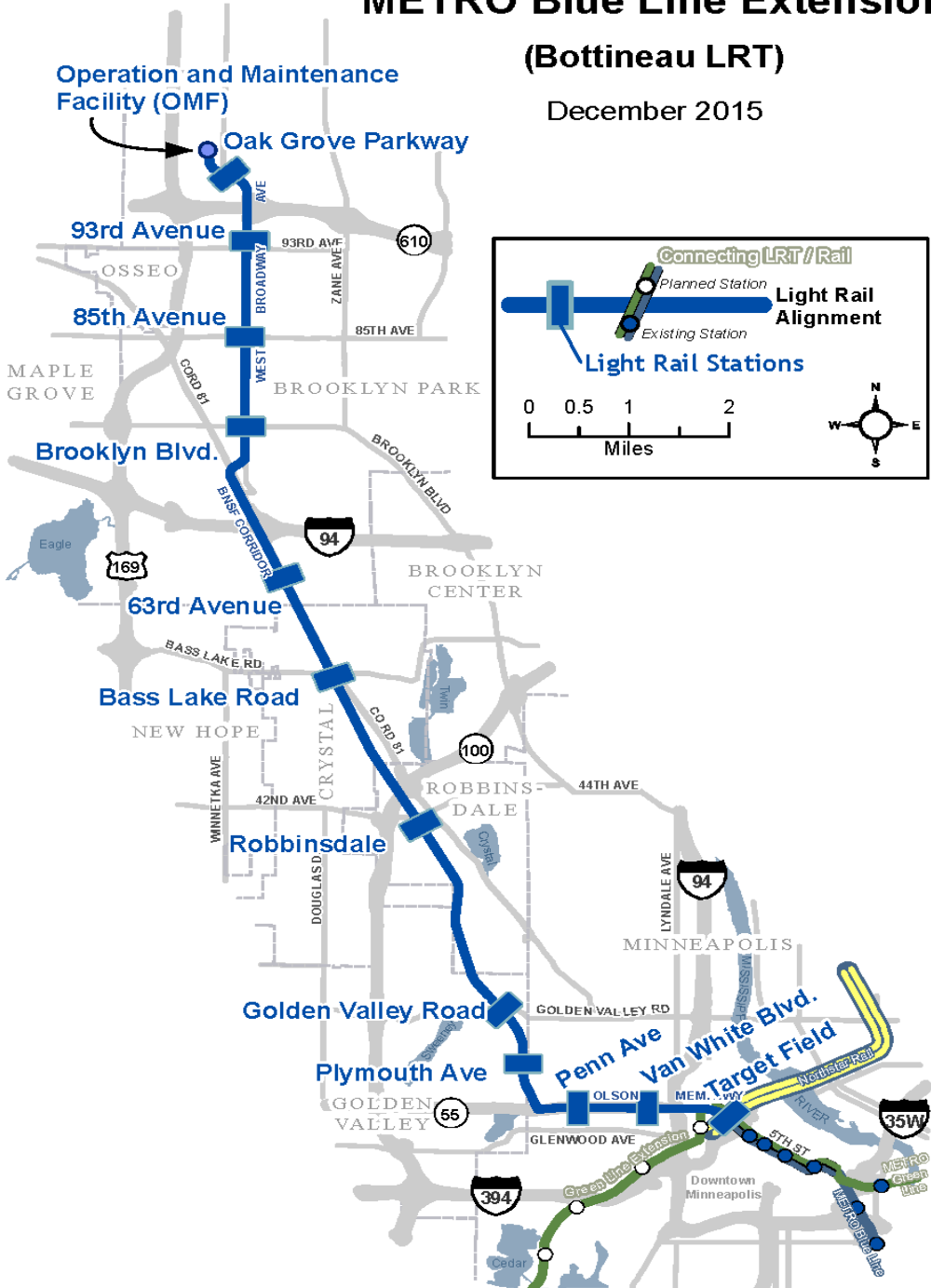


# Project Description

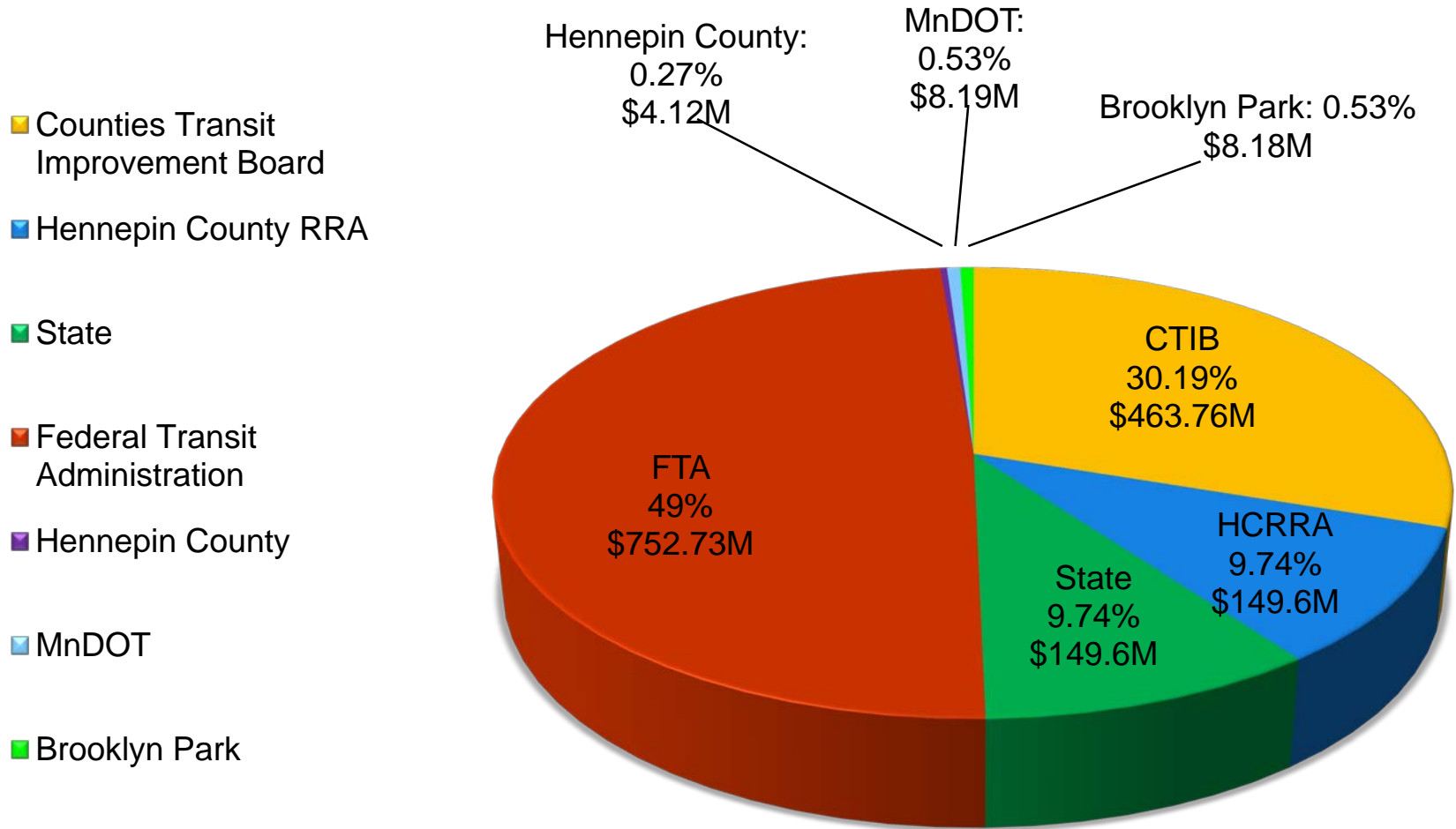
- 11 new LRT stations
- 13 miles of double track
- 27,000 est. rides by 2040
- Serving Brooklyn Park, Crystal, Robbinsdale, Golden Valley & Minneapolis
- Provides one seat Blue Line ride to MSP Airport and Mall of America
- Connections to METRO Green Line, Northstar and bus services

## METRO Blue Line Extension (Bottineau LRT)

December 2015



# Funding Sources



- Counties Transit Improvement Board
- Hennepin County RRA
- State
- Federal Transit Administration
- Hennepin County
- MnDOT
- Brooklyn Park

**Proposed Project Budget: \$1.536 billion**



# Project Timeline

2014-2016

- Project Development

2016

- Environmental/Municipal Consent

2017

- Engineering

2018

- Full Funding Grant Agreement

2018-2020

- Heavy Construction

2021

- Passenger Operations



# More Information

The screenshot shows the Metropolitan Council website with a navigation bar at the top containing links for About Us, News & Events, Data & Maps, Publications, Doing Business, Council Meetings, Contact Us, and Employment. Below the navigation bar is a menu with categories: COMMUNITIES, PARKS, TRANSPORTATION (highlighted), WASTEWATER & WATER, HOUSING, and PLANNING. The main content area features a large photograph of a blue and yellow METRO bus at a station platform with passengers. Below the photo is a sidebar with a menu for 'METRO BLUE LINE EXTENSION' including links for Route, Stations, Environmental, Timeline, and Project Partners. The main text area is titled 'METRO BLUE LINE EXTENSION' and 'Bottineau Transitway – Minneapolis & Northwestern Communities'. It contains a paragraph describing the LRT route and a 'Latest News' section with a link to 'Feds: Met Council can begin designing METRO Blue Line Extension'. A 'Route' section includes a link to 'Click on the map below for more information'.

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