



# Transportation Committee Schedule Update

June 12, 2017



# Major Project Milestones Achieved

- September 2016
  - Completed NEPA environmental process
  - Completed Project Development phase of the New Starts process
  - Set project scope and budget at \$1.536 B
- January 2017
  - FTA granted Entry into Engineering
- March 2017
  - Completed 60% Civil and OMF design
- May 2017
  - Completed 60% Systems design



# Next Steps for FFGA Application:

- Complete 90% design
- Secure full local funding commitment
  - CTIB dissolution and increase in Hennepin County sales tax allows for Hennepin County to assume remaining local funding share
  - FTA completes Financial Capacity Assessment
- Negotiate freight rail agreements
  - Conclude negotiations with BNSF
- Secure Federal funding
  - Recognized as one of five projects in Engineering in the May 2017 Annual FTA report with Medium-High rating
  - Seek congressional appropriations in FY2018 budget
- Submit FFGA application in May 2018



# Schedule Comparison:

Milestone	Previous	Updated
Advanced Utility Work	October 2017	October 2017
90% Plans	August 2017	November 2017
100% Plans	December 2017	April 2018
Advanced Construction	October 2017	May 2018
Apply For FFGA	September 2017	May 2018
Receive FFGA	April 2018	October 2018
Heavy Construction	2018 - 2020	2019 - 2021
Operational Testing	Late 2020 - 2021	Mid 2021 - 2022
Revenue Service Date	Late 2021	Mid 2022



# More Information

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