

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: January 14, 2019

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 23, 2019

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| Subject: | Addendum to the D Line Station Plan for Chicago & 48th Street Station |
| District(s), Member(s): | District 8, Cara Letofsky |
| Policy/Legal Reference: | 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 an addendum to the D Line station plan confirming the planned location of the Chicago & 48th Street station.

Background

On July 25, 2018, the Metropolitan Council approved the final D Line Station Plan. In its action, the Council also directed staff to continue planning and community engagement activities related to the planned station at 48th Street and Chicago Avenue. The action stated that following this work and through a future action, the Council would confirm or revise the planned station at this location.

In September 2018, Metro Transit held a community meeting to share project information in response to community discussion and hear additional feedback on the planned station at Chicago & 48th Street. Feedback from this meeting and corresponding outreach showed broad support for a D Line station at Chicago & 48th from local community members as well as from other parts of the city.

Metro Transit conducted additional review of alternatives for the Chicago & 48th Street station in late 2018. The Addendum to the D Line Station Plan summarizes the additional engagement and planning since plan approval, culminating in a recommendation to confirm the planned station as included in the plan, with bus stops on the northeast and southwest corners of Chicago & 48th Street.

Rationale

Approval of this addendum will establish the remaining D Line station location, providing critical direction and focus to D Line engineering beginning in 2019.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This D Line Station Plan amendment process advances Thrive outcomes of equity, through engaging the full cross-section of the community in decision-making action, and livability, through working toward improved transportation choices. Investment in high-quality transportation options like the D Line will advance the thrive outcome of prosperity, by making the region more economically competitive through increased workers' access to employment, and support to employers by increasing available workforce with affordable, convenient transportation.

Funding

The D Line planning process has been included in the Metro Transit operating budget. Full funding for delivery of the D Line project is not yet identified in the

Metro Transit capital budget. While this action carries no direct funding implications, approval of this amendment will confirm this station in the project scope, a necessary step to delivering the project within budget.

Known Support / Opposition

The City of Minneapolis is supportive of the planned station location.