METRO Gold Line BRT Project Update

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Transportation Committee

September 23, 2019
Types of Dedicated Guideway (BRT-only lanes)

- Mixed Traffic
- Dedicated Curbside Running
- Dedicated Side Running
- Dedicated Center Running
## Gold Line Overall Funding (up to $460.9 million)

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<th>Funding Source</th>
<th>$25M Project Development</th>
<th>$75M Engineering</th>
<th>~$360.9M Construction</th>
<th>Up to $460.9M Total (Estimate)</th>
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<td>Federal FTA New Starts</td>
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<td>$8.5M</td>
<td>$37.5M</td>
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<td>State</td>
<td>$1.87M*</td>
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*An additional $133,395 in state bonds was spent Pre-Project Development

**Includes $1.1 million match for Federal Regional Solicitation Grant
## Gold Line Project Timeline

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<td>January 2018-January 2020</td>
<td>1-2 Years</td>
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<td>2024</td>
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**WE ARE HERE**
Project Development Stakeholder Engagement

- Open Houses and Neighborhood Meetings
- Corridor-wide events to review design updates and options
Project Development Stakeholder Engagement

- Door Knocking
- One-on-One Meetings
- Community Events

Flyer Translation into Hmong Language

ZEJ ZOG KEV SAB LAJ:
Txog Chav Tos Nce Tsehbt ntwam Mounds Boulevard los yoa Maria Avenue

Xaw tau koj li tswv yim. METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) thow los soy ntawm ob qhov chaw xav los sim chaw vos no tsehbt rau ntwam txoj kev Mounds Boulevard thib Maria Avenue. Kjop guaus xav kom lub chaw to nce tsehbt ntawm Mounds Boulevard ze rau txoj kev 3rd Street los yoa Maria Avenue ze rau txoj kev Conway Street?
Koj li tswv yim yuav pab los bxwv bim rau coz kev txeej ceeb no.

Mus koom zej zog kev sab laj:
- Pab txew yim zeog chaw tsim kho chaw nce tsehbt rau Gold Line BRT thib xav kev ntawm Mounds Boulevard thib Maria Avenue
- Kom paubi txoj kev闭环 kho no, ua tau mus li cas lawm, thib cov kawv rumm tom ntej
- Tham mng ov neeg xaw zaw lai thib nug lawv
- Kom paubi xayvtaug qab txoj kev闭环 kho no tau li cas

Taoj kev thov tshim khe Gold Line

East Metro Garage Open House
Gold Line in the Community

• 2018-2019 Outcomes*
  – More than 130 outreach & engagement events, meetings and activities
  – Over 3,300 individual connections
  – Mailings to over 2,600 residents
  – Nearly 800 survey respondents
  – Contact with nearly 200 residents while door-knocking

*as of Sept. 19, 2019
Design Refinements

- Added/Replaced Station Ped Connections
- Station Upgrades
- Refined Park and Rides
- Added BRT Grade Separation
- Reviewed Bus Propulsion Assumptions (Diesel, Hybrid)
- Roadway/BRT/Ped Bridge Funding
## Environmental Assessment Resource Areas

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- Evaluated by Build Alternative: No Build, Alternative 1, Alternative 2
- Short-term (construction phase) and long-term (operating phase) activities are evaluated for all resource areas.
EA Comment Period

- EA Publication on October 7
- 30-day Comment Period (October 7 to November 5)
- Open Houses:
  
  East Side Community Room at Conway Rec Center
  October 22nd
  5-7 PM

  Landfall Community Center
  October 23rd
  5-7 PM

  Gold Line Project Office
  Drop-in hours
  October 28th
  11 AM -1 PM

- The FTA and Metropolitan Council will review all comments
- Substantive comments will be responded to in the EA
- Outcome of comment period: Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) determination or complete additional analysis
- Anticipated FONSI January 2020
Gold Line Project Development Phase

Jan 19, 2018
FTA grants Entry into Project Development

May 2019
CMC project scope and funding identified

August 2019
Local funding commitments

August 2019
New Starts Annual Report submitted to FTA (Med-High rating anticipated)

Q4 2019
Review comments and develop responses

Jan 2020
FTA issues Decision Document

Q1 2020
Apply for Entry into Engineering
To submit comments on the Environmental Assessment:
   By email: goldline@metrotransit.org
   Online: www.metrotransit.org/gold-line-environmental
   By regular mail: ATTN: Chelsa Johnson, METRO Gold Line Project Office

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