

Transportation Committee Meeting: Nov. 22, 2021









Today's Topics

- Minneapolis Design Update
- Project Evaluation Criteria Update
- Update on Anti-Displacement
 Working Group
- HDR Contract Amendment





Minneapolis Design Update







November Community Workshops

- The purpose of the November workshops is to show how LRT could fit into and serve the community with basic design details and potential station locations
- Feedback received from the workshops and subsequent community conversations will inform:
 - Draft Route Modification Report (December 2021) and then
 - Final recommendation for a community supported alignment (March 2022)



Minneapolis Routes

- Sections are used to help organize designs and alternatives
- Sections 1-4: W. Broadway
- Sections 5-7: Lowry/Washington





Minneapolis Sections

- Each section has multiple alternatives
- The alternative show different challenges and opportunities
- After route selection alternatives can carry into design





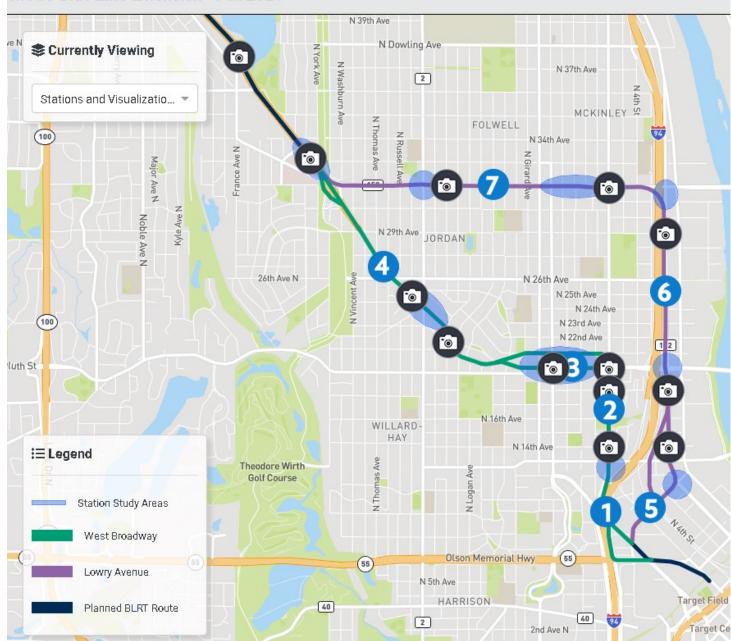
All LRT Concepts Available Online

- Layouts for each section can be found by clicking the number
- Community members can comment directly on the design options or place icons with issues and opportunities
- Also available in PDF format at BlueLineExt.org



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Seeking Community Feedback

- This information is being shown to help the community evaluate and then decide whether a West Broadway or a Lowry route advances
- Multiple options for a section of West Broadway or Lowry can be evaluated further as the project advances
- Details and refinement of the designs will be the focus of the environmental and engineering work over the next couple years for the single, community supported alignment
- The project team will capture community feedback through the end of November to include in the draft report
 - Draft report: 45-day comment period
- Final report: 30-day comment period

Evaluation Framework

ROUTE PRINCIPLES

- Meet FTA New Starts criteria
- Maintain existing alignment (route) as much as possible
- Mitigate negative impacts

Project Principles

ENGAGEMENT PRINCIPLES

- Meaningfully engage stakeholders
- Engage, inform, and consult diverse communities to co-create project solutions that reduce disparities

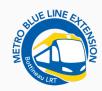
PROJECT GOALS

- 1. Improve transit access and connections to jobs and regional destinations.
- 2. Improve frequency and reliability of transit service to communities in the corridor.
- 3. Provide transit improvements that maximize transit benefits, while being cost competitive and economically viable.

- 4. Support communities' development goals.
- 5. Promote healthy communities and sound environmental practices including efforts to address climate change.
- 6. Advance local regional equity and work towards reducing regional economic disparities.



Update on Anti-Displacement Working Group







Anti-Displacement Working Group Update

- Center for Urban Regional Studies selected as consultant
- Currently on-boarding with project team
- Connecting with community and stakeholders
- Developing the proposal to form the antidisplacement table
- Organizing for research and engagement work



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Proposed Action

• That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 7 to Contract 14P156 with HDR Engineering, Inc. to add \$2,500,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$6,445,113.



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