



Transportation Committee METRO Blue Line Ext.

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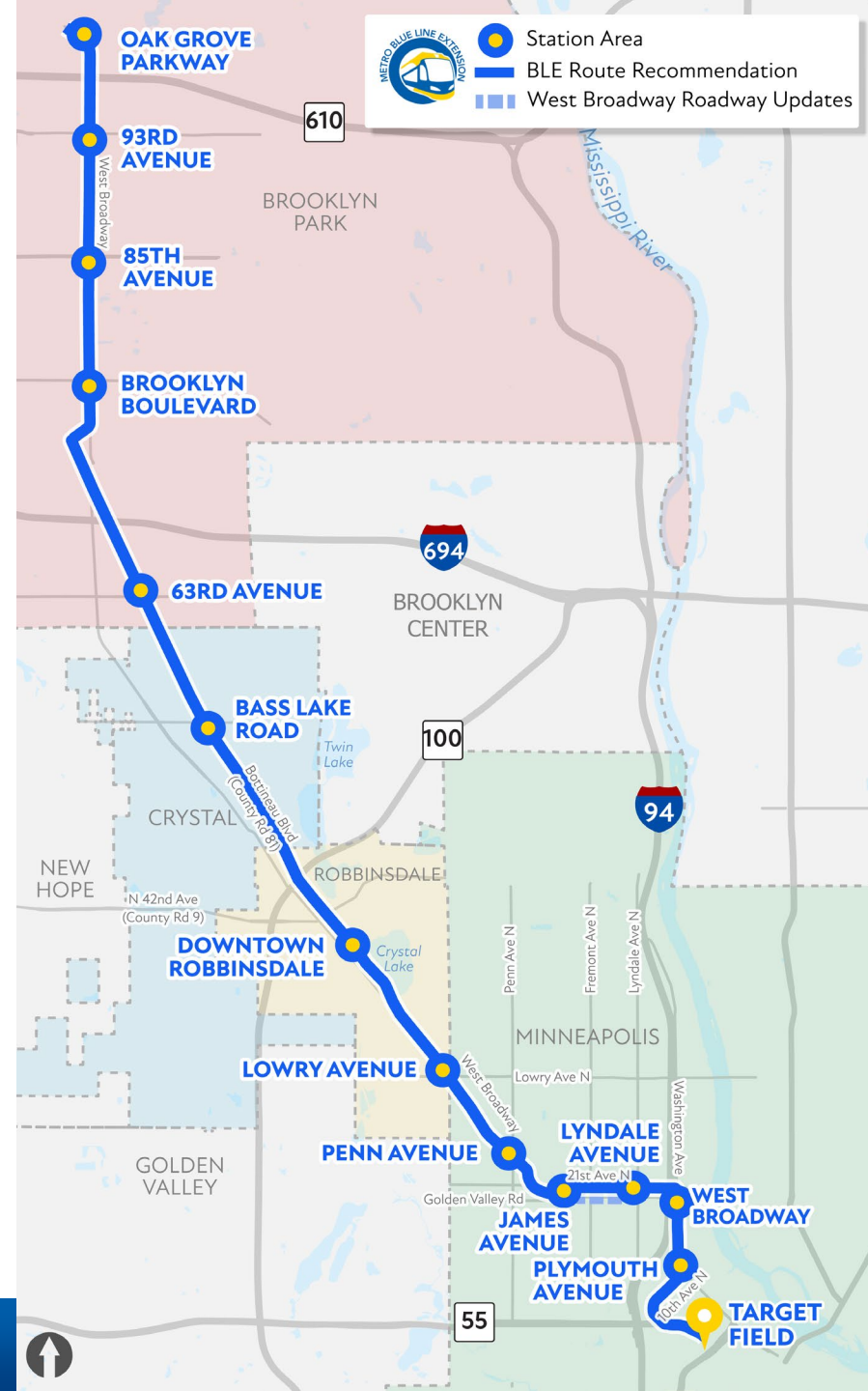
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Blue Line EXTENSION

- 13.4 miles & 13 new stations
- Connecting Minneapolis, Robbinsdale, Crystal, Brooklyn Park and surrounding communities to fast, frequent, all-day service across the METRO system
- Single seat ride to existing Blue Line stops downtown, MSP Airport, and Mall of America
- Focus on building community prosperity through anti-displacement strategies before, during, and after construction



Project Update

- August 2025
 - FTA approved amended Record of Decision finalizing Federal Environmental Process
 - Project submitted information to FTA that will allow finalization of budget and schedule
- January/February/March 2026
 - Final recommendations from FTA incorporated into project budget and schedule
 - County and Council approves final scope, schedule, and budget
 - Project team updates Corridor Management Committee



Design Contract

- Contract 22P103A was awarded to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. in 2023 for \$96,375,448 for design and engineering services for the Project
- Several changes from the 2022 scope of work based on a thorough community outreach process and Municipal Consent process. These include:
 - LRT on Washington Avenue instead of Lyndale Avenue
 - LRT on 21st Avenue North instead of West Broadway
 - LRT on 10th Avenue North
 - A new station located at Washington Avenue and West Broadway
 - Lowry Avenue Station alternatives



West Broadway Station

- Additional station at Washington Avenue and West Broadway
- Provides service to developing area of North Minneapolis



Lowry Avenue Station

- At-grade station & grade separated Theodore Wirth Parkway and Lowry Ave:
 - Favored by community, MPRB & North Memorial Hospital
 - Approved by Project Decision Board 2/19/2025



Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment for contract 22P103A with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. to increase the contract value by \$42,900,000 for a total contract not to exceed amount of \$139,275,448.



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