PUBLIC COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Freight Rail Issues

The Southwest LRT (Green Line Extension) Project will host two community meetings July 17 & 18, 2013, on engineering concepts for resolving the location of freight rail in the design of the project.

LOCATIONS & TIMES:

JULY 17    MINNEAPOLIS

Jones-Harrison Residence
3700 Cedar Lake Avenue, Minneapolis
Open House: 4:30 – 5:30 P.M.
Presentation: 5:30 – 6:15 P.M.
Facilitated Q&A Session: 6:15 – 7:00 P.M.
MAP: http://goo.gl/maps/UhXfh

JULY 18    ST. LOUIS PARK

St. Louis Park High School
6425 W 33rd Street, St. Louis Park
Open House: 4:30 – 5:30 P.M.
Presentation: 5:30 – 6:15 P.M.
Facilitated Q&A Session: 6:15 – 7:00 P.M.
MAP: http://goo.gl/maps/MLBmJ

The concepts explore various possibilities for co-locating freight and LRT tracks in Minneapolis, as well as options to reroute freight rail traffic in St. Louis Park to make way for LRT tracks. The relocation concepts to be presented will be different than the one described in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

Both co-location and relocation options would have impacts on residences and businesses, including the freight railroads. The goal is to choose one option and design it in a way that is safe and operationally efficient for both LRT and the freight railroads and cost effective.

Feedback from these community meetings will be shared with members of the project’s Business and Community Advisory Committees, the Corridor Management Committee and the Metropolitan Council to help them understand the issues around co-location and relocation as they provide input.

Any individual who requires assistance to participate should contact Southwest LRT Community Outreach Coordinator Sophia Ginis, 612-373-3895 or Sophia.Ginis@metrotransit.org. Requests for special assistance should be made seven business days in advance of the scheduled community meetings.

See map of concepts on reverse side.

To learn more about the Green Line Extension Project, visit www.swlrt.org
The six co-location concepts being presented involve the following in the Kenilworth Corridor:

- Building LRT tracks along the freight tracks and trail, with all modes at ground level.
- Relocating the trail out of the corridor between the Midtown Greenway and Cedar Lake Parkway.
- Elevating the trail.
- Elevating the LRT tracks.
- Building a shallow tunnel for LRT tracks.
- Building deep twin tunnels, with one tunnel for each LRT track.