

Businesses Advisory Committee: November 9, 2021









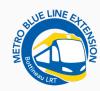
Today's Topics

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





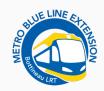
Approve October 5, 2021 Meeting Summary







Update on Anti-Displacement Working Group

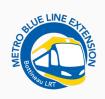






Anti-Displacement Working Group Update

- Currently onboarding with project team
- Connecting with community and stakeholders
- Developing the proposal to form the anti-displacement table
- Organizing for research and engagement work







Minneapolis Design Update

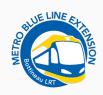






November Community Workshops

- 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





Highlights

- Simplified links area going into Downtown
- Route options along 21st Avenue for West Broadway
- Two options for West Broadway near North Memorial





Minneapolis Sections

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



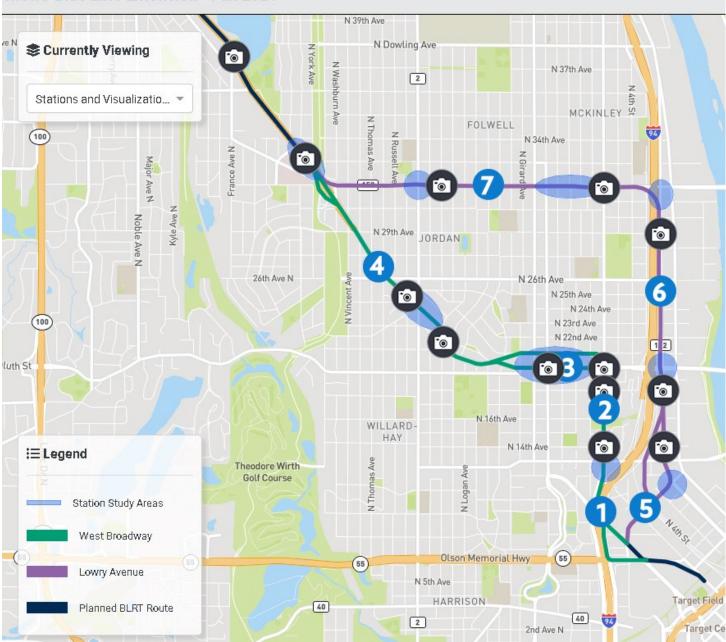
All LRT Concepts Available Online

- 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



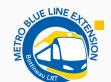
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Seeking Community Feedback

- 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



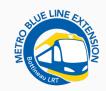
Final report: 30-day comment period





Example Options

- Review of Lowry Avenue Section 7
- Review of West Broadway Section 3







Design Drawings

How to read the design drawings

LEGEND			
LRT TRACK AREA	RETAINING WALL	PROPOSED DIRECTIONAL LANE USE	0 20 40 80
STATION PLATFORM	SIDEWALK / TRAIL	PROPOSED SIGNALIZED INTERSECTION	
ROADWAY	MEDIAN	PROPOSED LRT ALIGNMENT	
BRIDGE	BUILDING IMPACTS	ACCESS CLOSURE	
PUBLICLY OWNED PROPERTIES	— — PROPERTY LINES	BUS RAPID TRANSIT STATION	







Section 7

- Design challenges include currently unsignalized intersections, mostly residential land use and property impacts
- Potential for more building impacts as pedestrian crossings are added
- Options in this section focus on geometry adjustments





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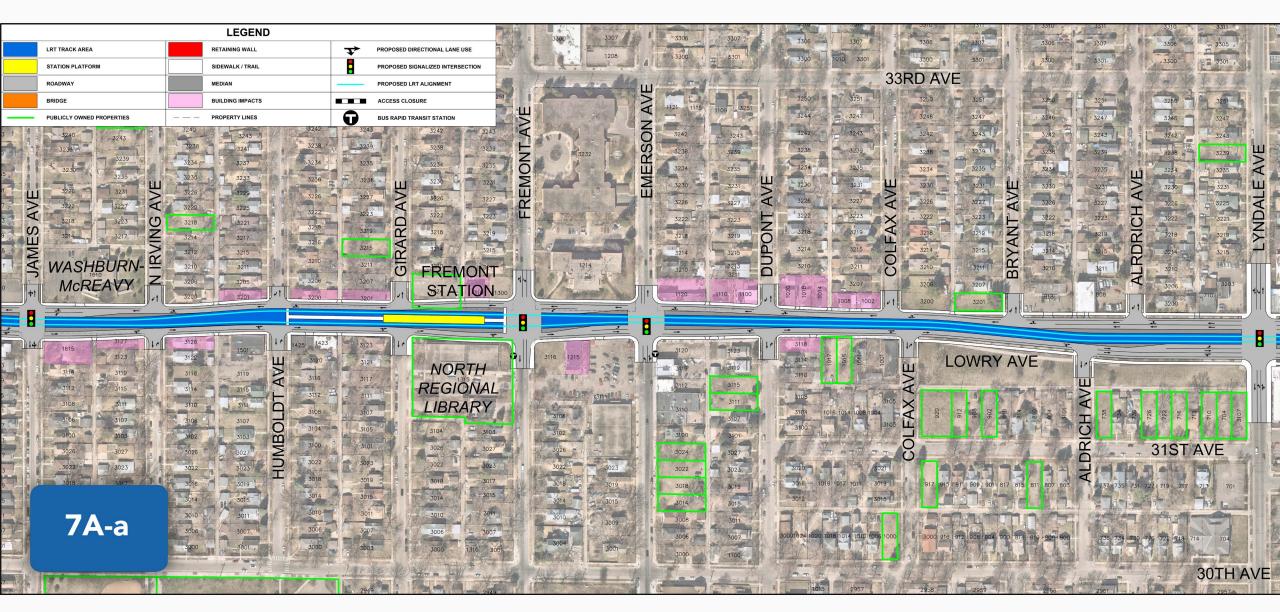
- View of the Section 7A-a
- More design detail can be seen on zoomed in sections
- Example between James Avenue and Lyndale Avenue

















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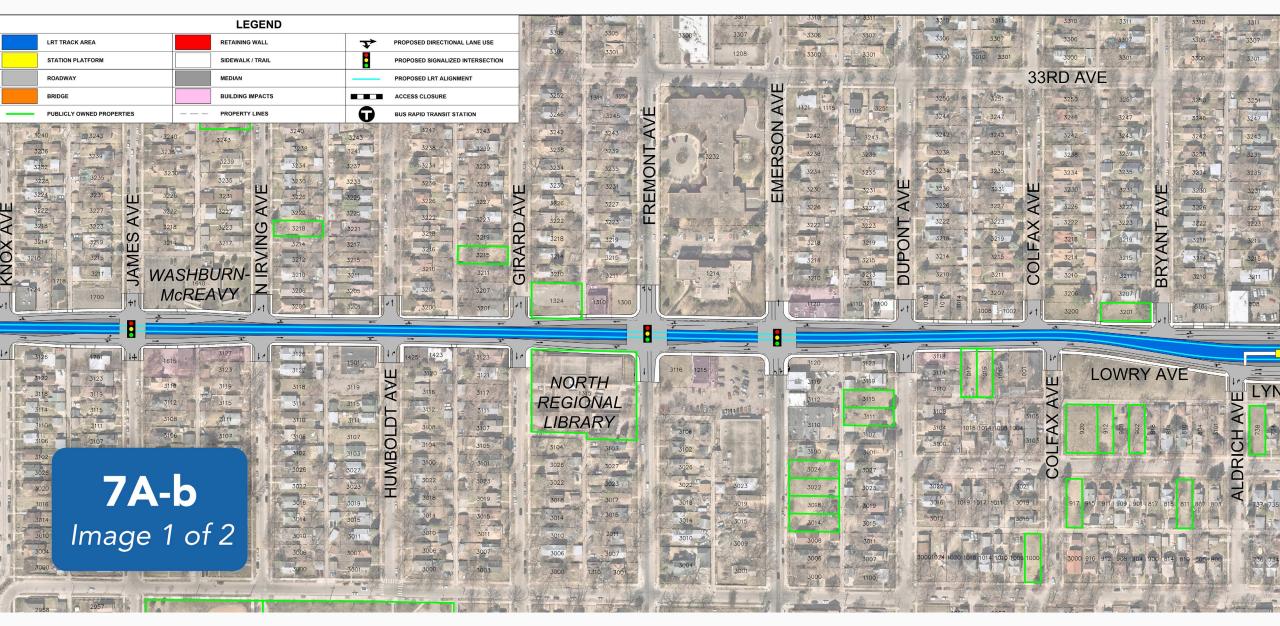
- View of the Section 7A-b
- More design detail can be seen on zoomed in sections
- Example between Knox Avenue and 3rd Street







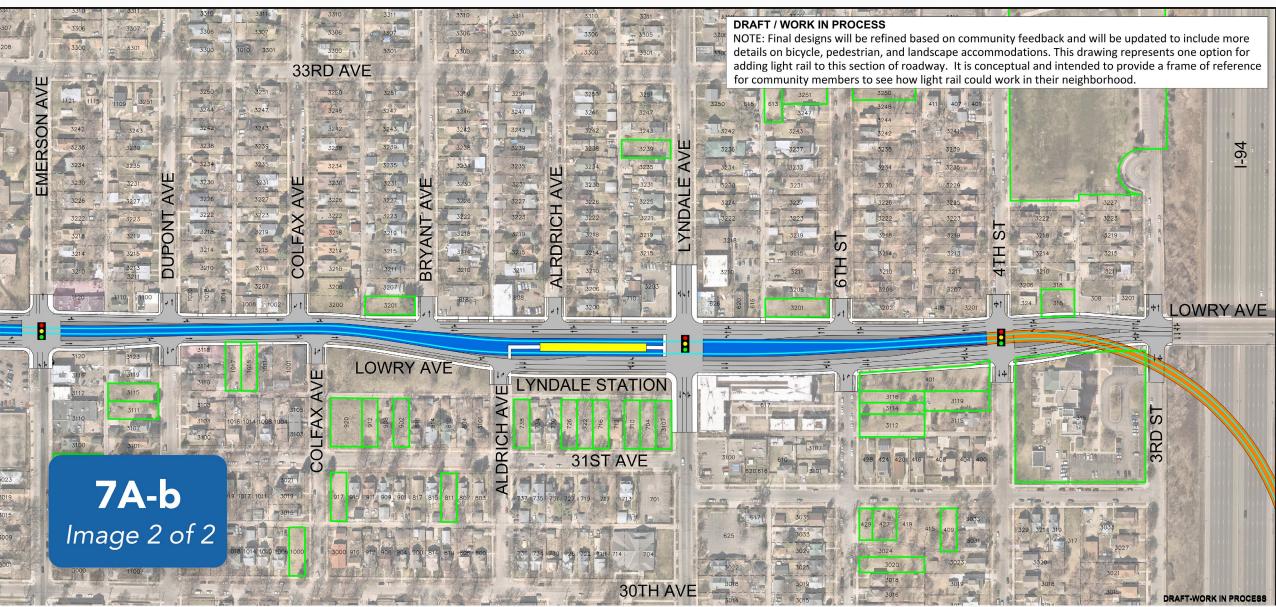


















Section 3

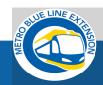
- Many concepts designed to avoid building impacts
- Design challenges include curves, necessary turn lanes and overall tight right of way
- Alternatives focus on geometry as well as roadway and LRT operational adjustments





SECTION 3: **EXISITING CONDITIONS**WEST BROADWAY AVE FROM LYNDALE TO IRVING AVE







SECTION 3: 3A-b WEST BROADWAY AVE FROM LYNDALE TO IRVING AVE

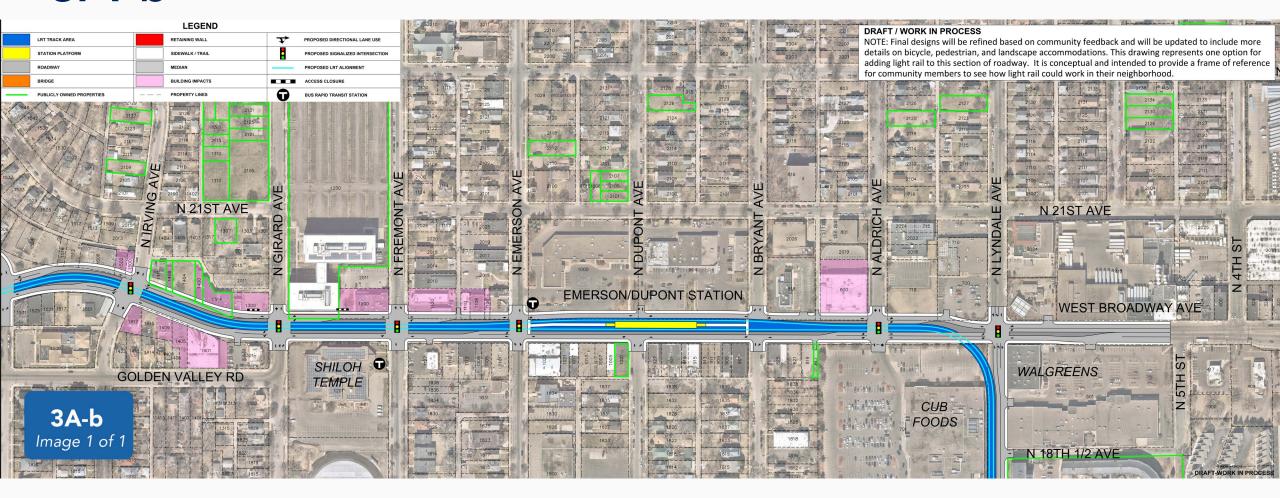


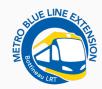






3A-b









SECTION 3: 3D-a WEST BROADWAY AVE FROM LYNDALE TO IRVING AVE

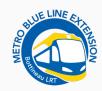






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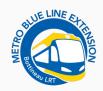








Evaluation Criteria Update







Evaluation Framework

ROUTE PRINCIPLES

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

Project Principles

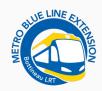
ENGAGEMENT PRINCIPLES

- 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.

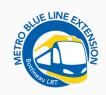






Evaluation Timeline

- Focus of December advisory committees
- Seek comments on the criteria in the draft report







Next Meeting: December 7*







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