



CAC/BAC Committees

September 14, 2020



Today's Topics

- Introductions
- Approval of September 23, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- Project update
- Draft Alignment Principles/ Discussion
- Next Steps: Draft 2020 Project Activities Outline Discussion
- Committee housekeeping



Committee Member Virtual Meeting Logistics

- Mute your mic when not speaking
- To ask a question or add to the discussion: place a comment in chat, use the hand raise option or unmute and jump-in
- Committee members are encouraged to use their video function
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 - Closing other applications, such as Teams or Zoom, improves video and sound quality



Project Update



Project Framework: Draft Project Principles



Draft Alignment Principles/Discussion

- Meet Federal Transit Administration New Starts Criteria
 - Maintain BLRT Purpose and Need
 - Maximize ridership
 - Minimize travel time
 - Maximize project rating
- Maintain Existing Alignment as Much as Possible
 - Maintain existing termini: Target Field Station in Minneapolis and Oak Grove Station in Brooklyn Park
 - Serve existing corridor cities and major destinations



Draft Alignment Principles/Discussion

- Mitigate Impacts
 - Complement and avoid redundancy with planned and existing transitways
 - Minimize residential impacts



Draft Engagement Principles/Discussion

- Meaningfully Engage Stakeholders
 - Honor and build on previous robust community engagement
 - Tailor engagement practices to meet the needs of the community
- Engage, inform, and consult diverse communities to co-create project solutions that reduce disparities
 - Ensure corridor communities of all races, ethnicities, incomes and abilities are engaged so all communities share in growth opportunities
 - Use community goals, priorities, and criteria for growth to inform decision-making



Discussion

- What else should we be considering?
- What do you see as opportunities to improve transit in this corridor?
 - Example: Destinations
- What do you want us to know?



Next Steps: Draft 2020 Project Activities Outline



2020 Objectives

- Inform and involve stakeholders around new project direction
- Contract with organizations to support long-term engagement
- Work with stakeholders to co-create project engagement plan for implementation in 2021
- Review previously studied or possible alignment alternatives and routes



2020 Work Activities & Discussion

Action	Lead Agency
August	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8/6: CW TIC Meeting 8/13: Hold CMC meeting 	<p>HC</p> <p>MetC</p>
September	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend City Council meetings to share project update Mid-September: Hold CAC/BAC Meeting 	<p>HC & MetC</p> <p>HC & MetC</p>
October	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Oct: Hold CMC Meeting Execute community engagement contracts Hold community conversations in partnership community-based organizations 	<p>MetC</p> <p>HC</p> <p>HC & MetC</p>
November	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop community engagement plan 	HC & Contractors
December/January 2021	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold CMC (December/January TBD) CMC/CAC/BAC Reappointment Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refresh committee charters 	<p>MetC</p> <p>MetC</p>



Committee Housekeeping



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METRO BLUE LINE EXTENSION

Bottineau Transitway – Minneapolis & Northwestern Communities

The METRO Blue Line Extension (LRT) will operate northwest from downtown Minneapolis through north Minneapolis, Golden Valley, Robbinsdale, Crystal and Brooklyn Park, drawing riders northwest of Brooklyn Park. The proposed alignment is primarily at-grade and will have up to 11 new stations in addition to Target Field Station and about 13 miles of double track. The line will interline with the METRO Blue Line and connect Minneapolis and the region's northwest suburbs with existing LRT on the METRO Green Line, future LRT on the METRO Green Line Extension, bus rapid transit on the METRO Red Line, the Northstar commuter rail line and local and express bus routes.

Latest News
Feds: Met Council can begin designing METRO Blue Line Extension

Route
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