



Community Advisory Committee: November 10, 2021



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Today's Topics

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



Approve October 6, 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



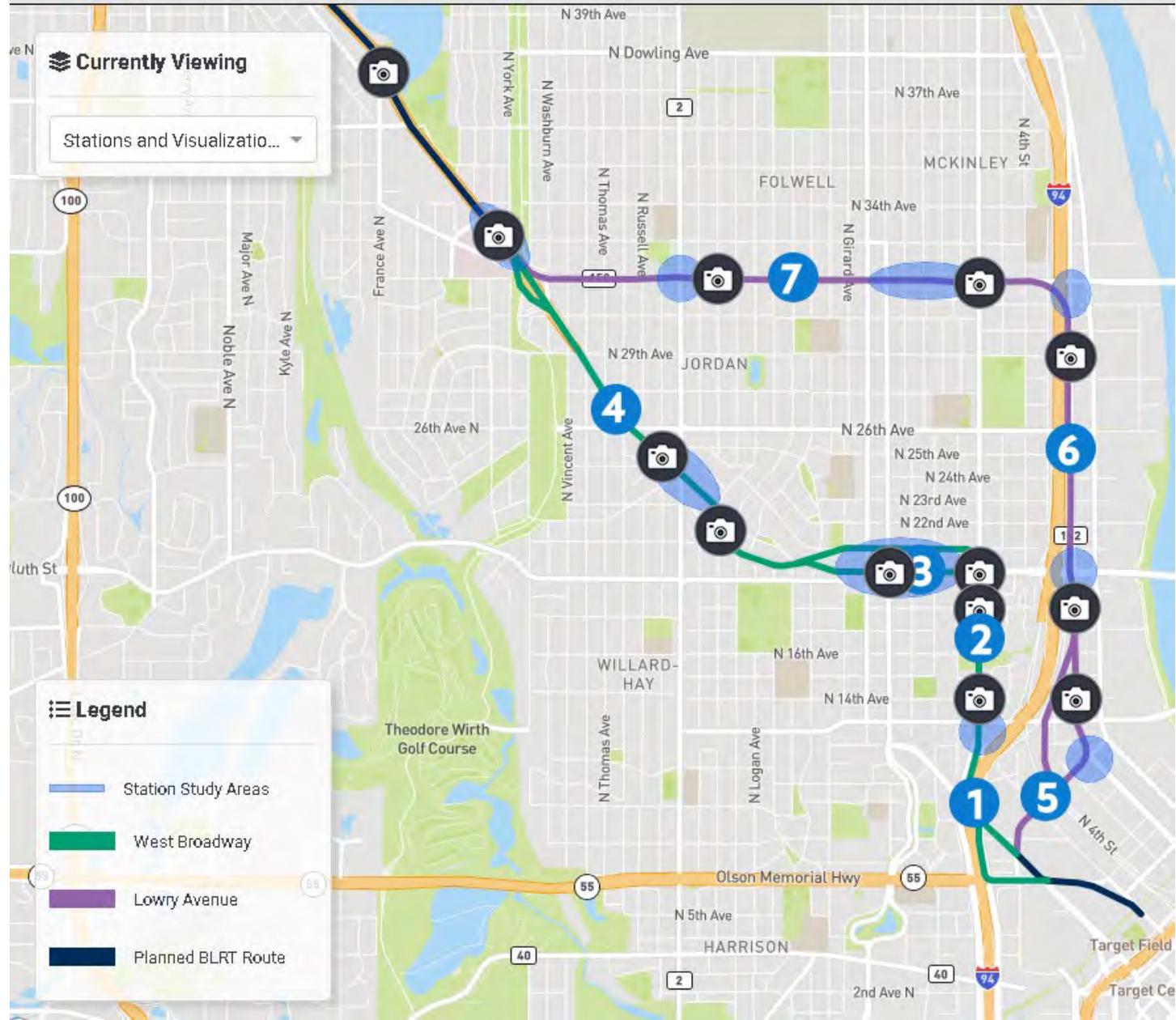
Minneapolis Sections

- 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



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

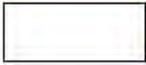
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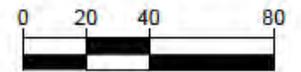
- Review of Lowry Avenue Section 7
- Review of West Broadway Section 3

Design Drawings

- How to read the design drawings

LEGEND

	LRT TRACK AREA		RETAINING WALL		PROPOSED DIRECTIONAL LANE USE
	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

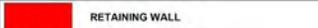
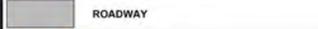
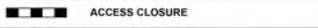
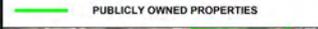
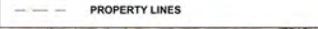
- Design challenges include currently unsignalized intersections, mostly residential land use and property impacts
- Potential for more building impacts as pedestrian crossings are added
- Options in this section focus on geometry adjustments

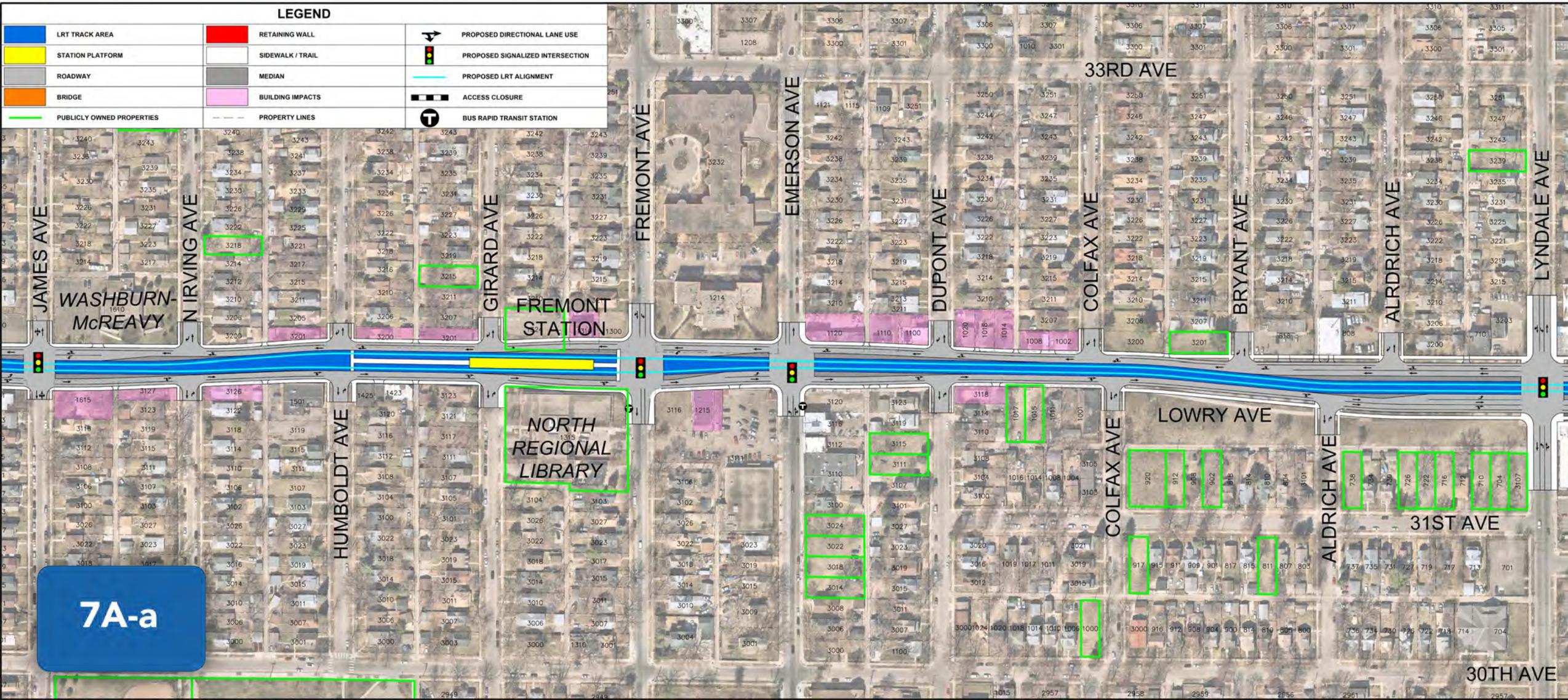


7A-a

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

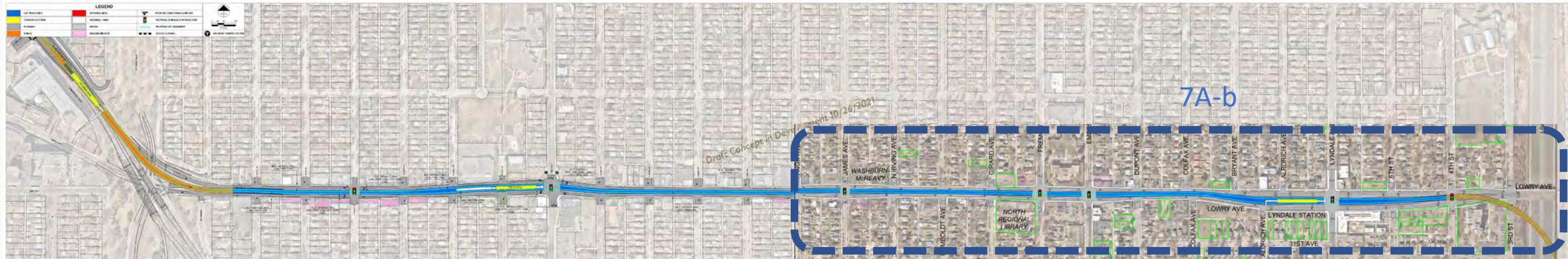


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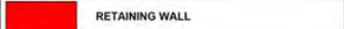
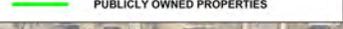
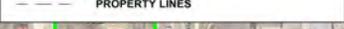


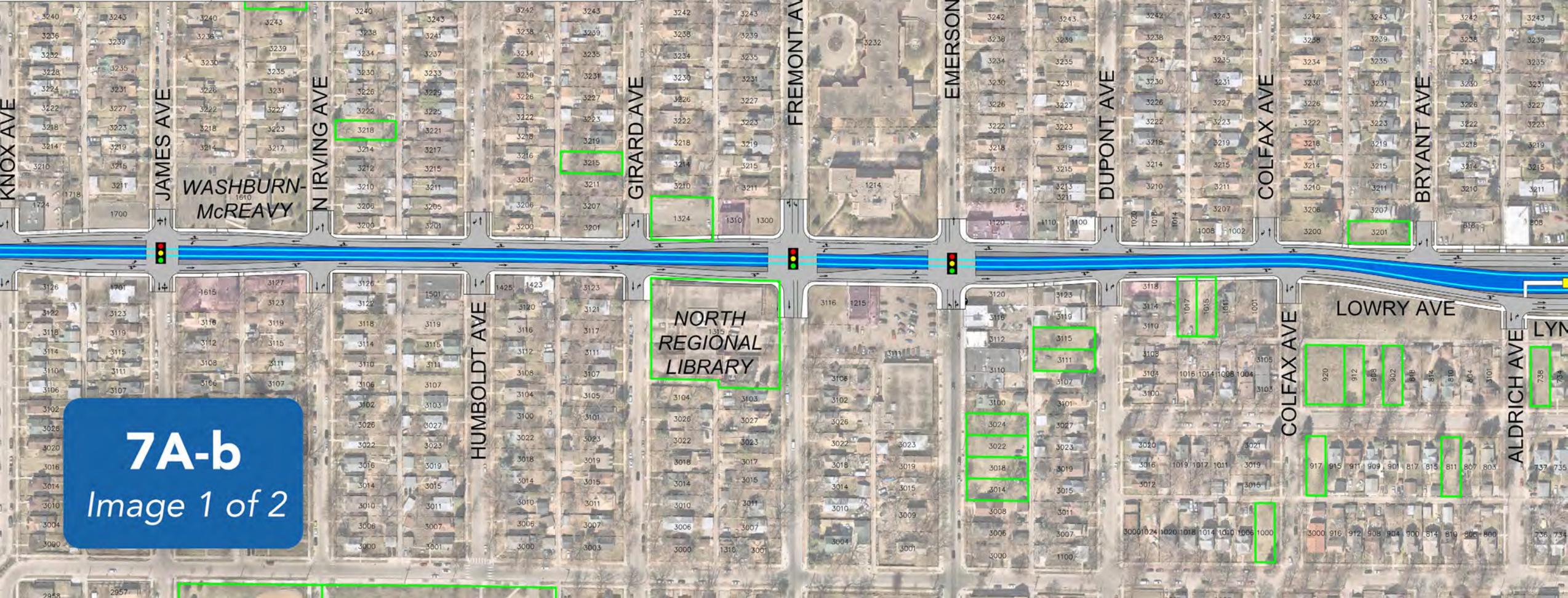
7A-b

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



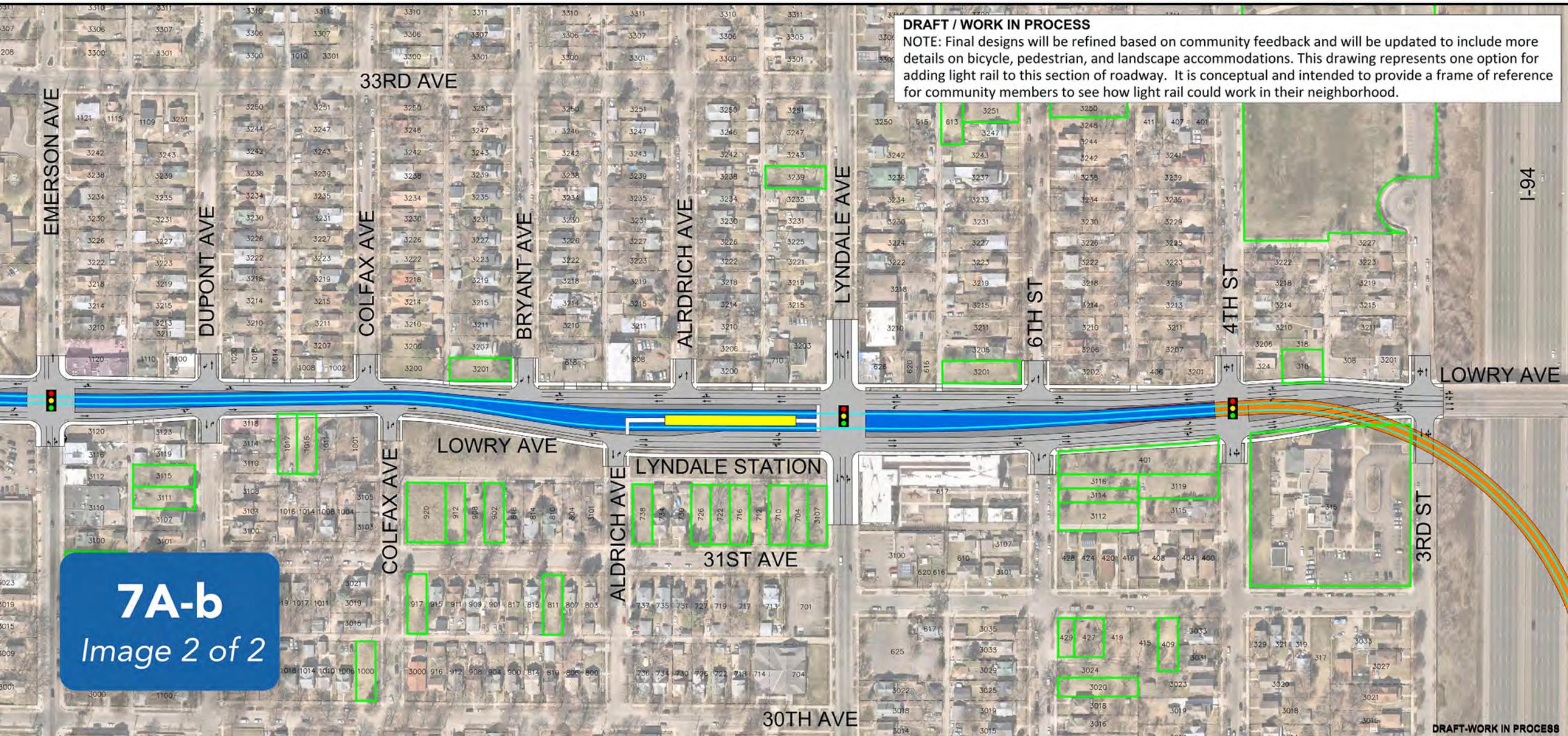
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DRAFT / WORK IN PROCESS

NOTE: Final designs will be refined based on community feedback and will be updated to include more details on bicycle, pedestrian, and landscape accommodations. This drawing represents one option for adding light rail to this section of roadway. It is conceptual and intended to provide a frame of reference for community members to see how light rail could work in their neighborhood.



7A-b
Image 2 of 2

DRAFT-WORK IN PROCESS



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: EXISTING CONDITIONS

WEST BROADWAY AVE FROM LYNDALE TO IRVING AVE



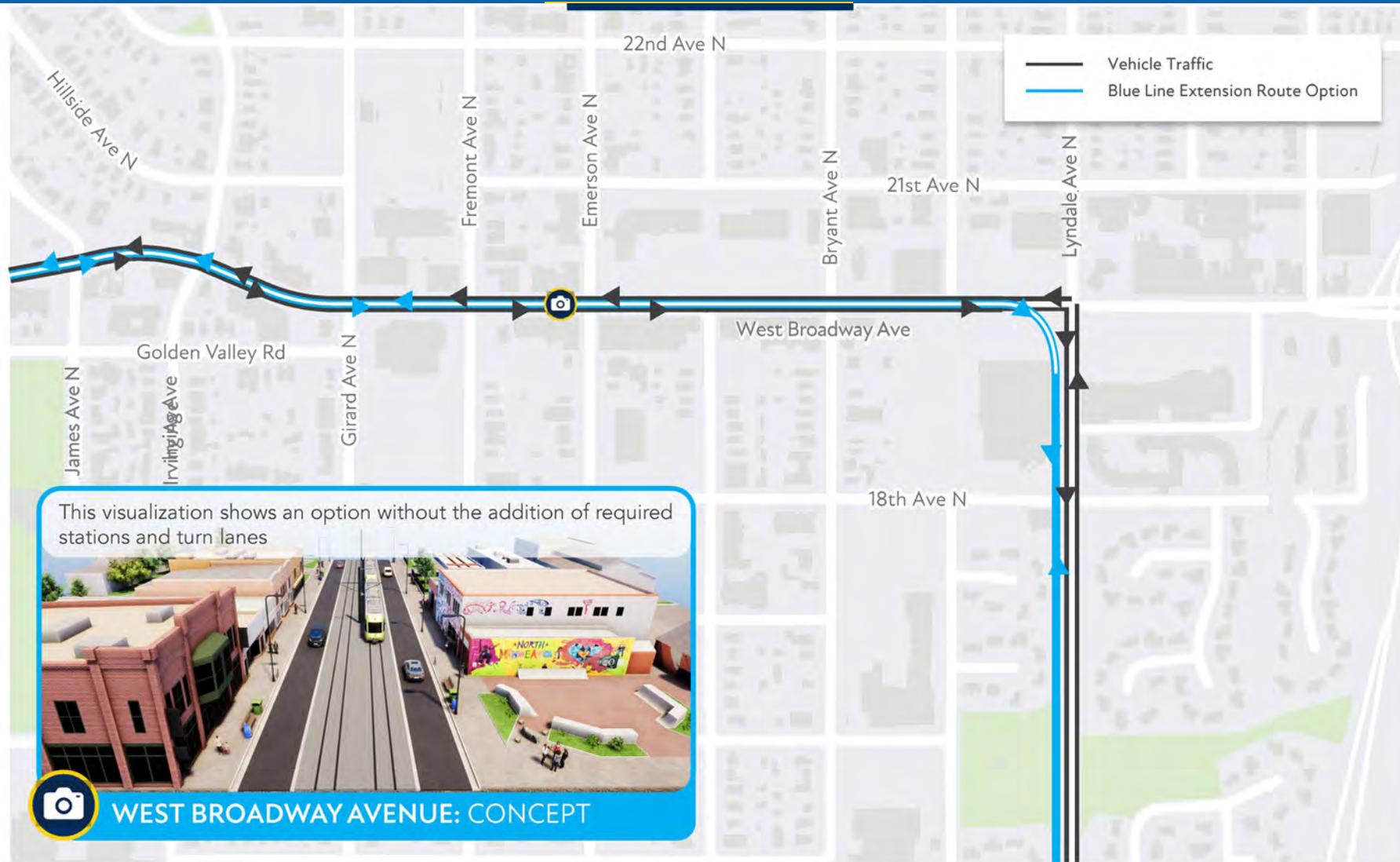
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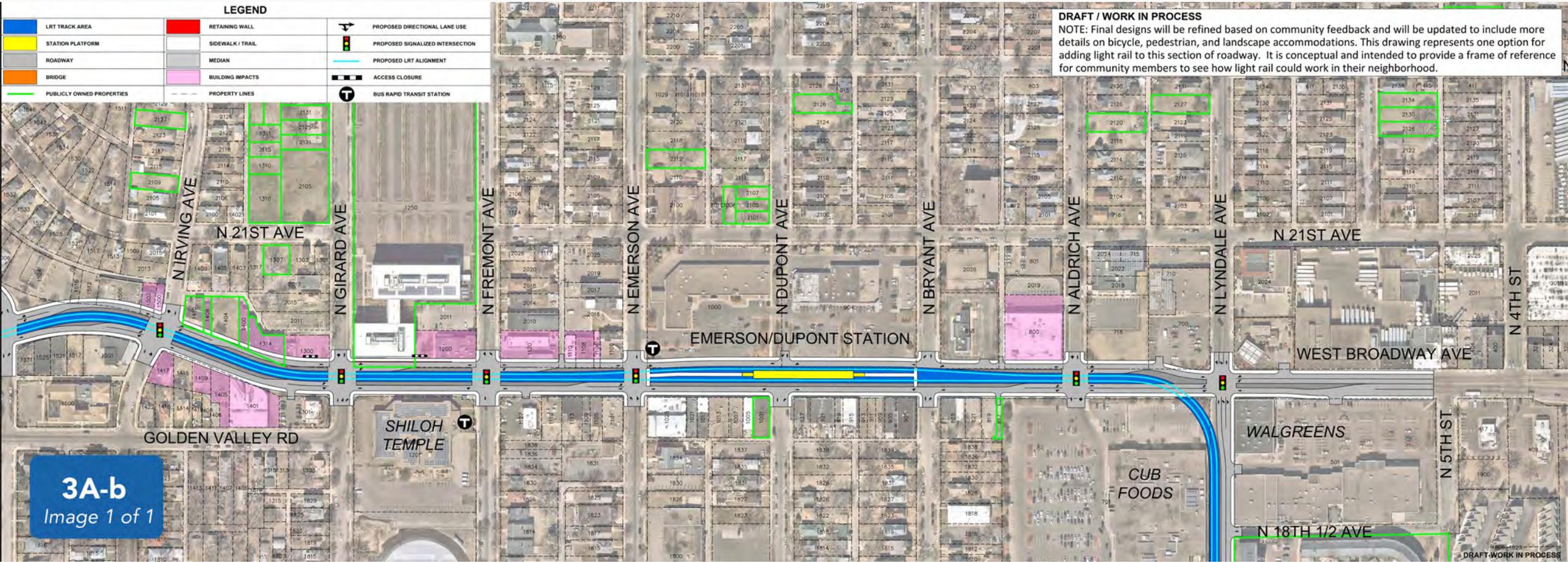
 21ST AVE N: EXISTING

SECTION 3: 3A-b

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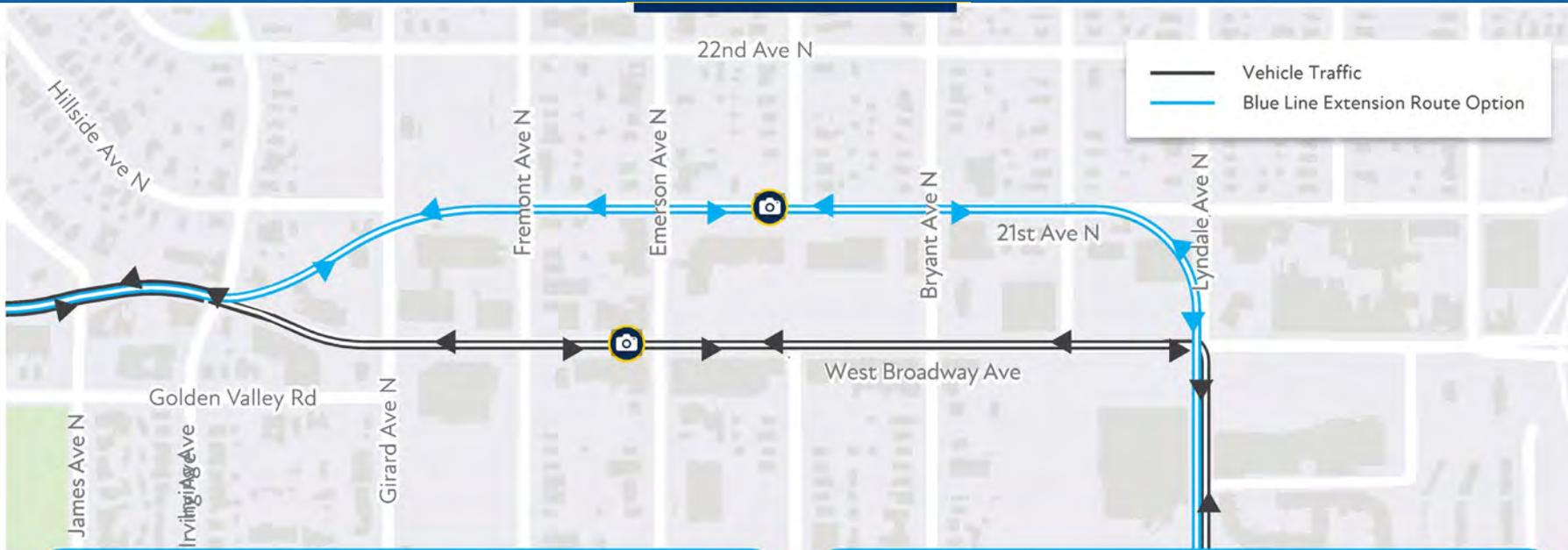


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SECTION 3: 3D-a

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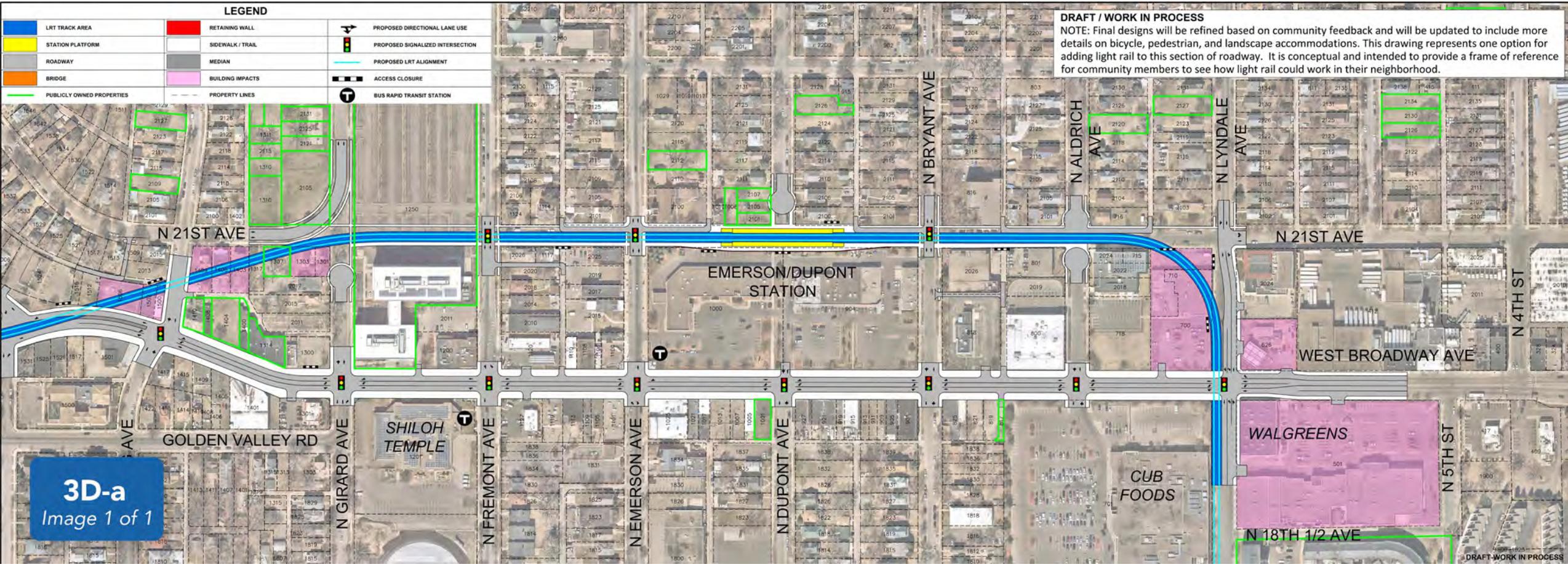
WEST BROADWAY AVENUE: MAINTAINS EXISTING



21ST AVE N: CONCEPT



3D-a



Evaluation Criteria Update



Evaluation Framework



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 1*



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