

Corridor Management Committee

June 8, 2023



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Today's Topics

- Call to Order and Welcome & Public Invitation
- Approval of May 11 Meeting Summary
- Community and Business Advisory Committees Report
- Project Update
- Minneapolis Design Update
- Anti-Displacement Discussion
- Next Steps



The public can submit written comments to Nkongo Cigolo (Nkongo.Cigolo@metrotransit.org)

Approval of May 11 Meeting Summary



Public Invitation

- 15 minutes allotted to receive public comments
 - Up to 3 minutes per speaker
- Speakers who have pre-registered will be called in order
- If there are more speakers than the time allotted, comments may be submitted in writing to Nkongo.Cigolo@metrotransit.org



Community and Business Advisory Committees Report



Project Update



Blue Line LRT Extension

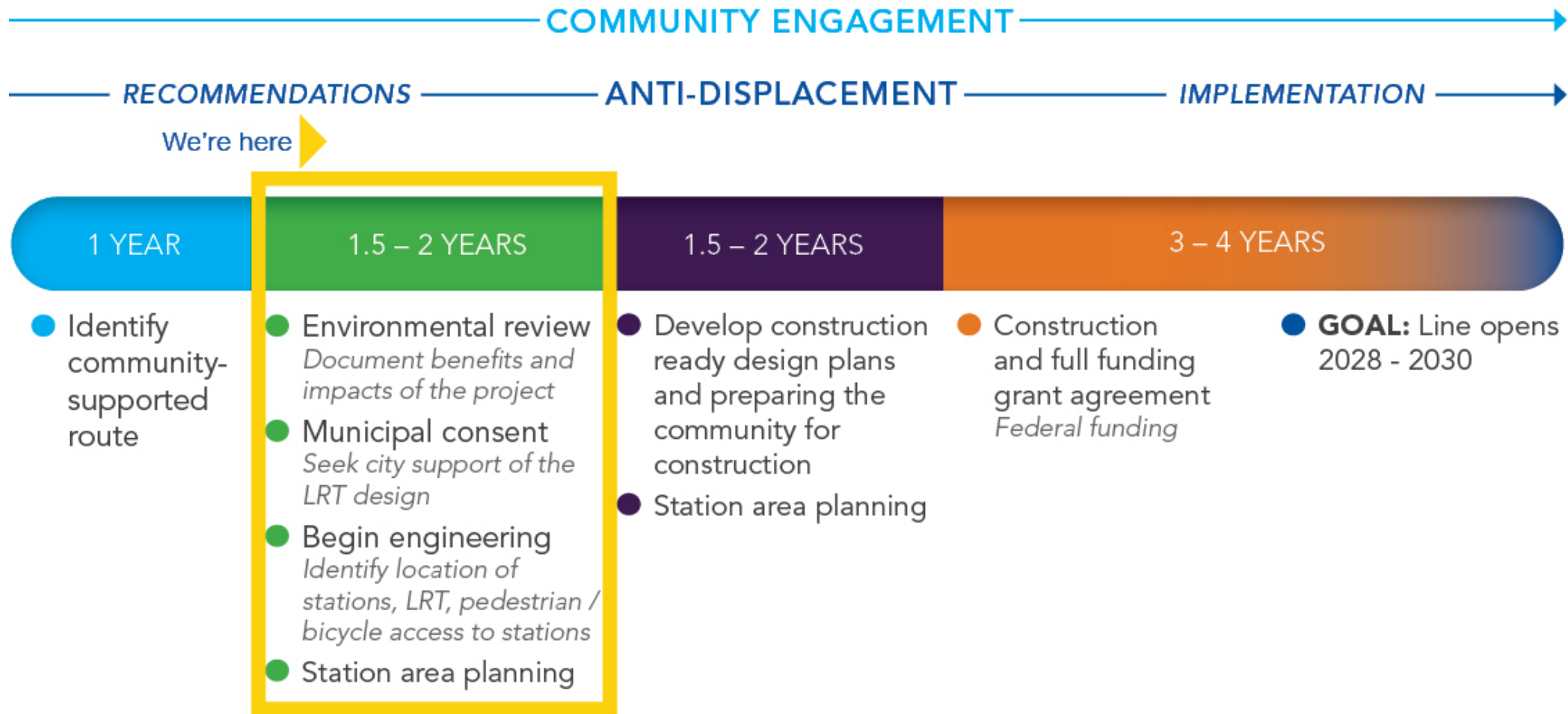
- BLRT Extension located in Hennepin County directly connecting downtown Minneapolis, Robbinsdale, Crystal and Brooklyn Park and communities in the northwest metro
- Modified route adopted in June 2022
- Public engagement ongoing, including an Anti-Displacement Workgroup
- Anti-Displacement Recommendations Report published for comment in May 2023
- Policy recommendation on route in Summer 2023 where Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement includes more than one option



Project Schedule

Blue Line Extension Community Supported Route:

- Best meets the project Principles and Goals
- Grounded in community feedback through collaboration with stakeholders
- Supported by project corridor communities and decision-makers



LRT projects are complex and unforeseen challenges arise. Schedules and timelines are subject to change.



Legislative Update

- \$50 Million for Blue Line Extension
- BLRT Community Engagement Meetings
 - Quarterly meetings in consultation with community groups; documented and provided to the CMC
 - Will include representatives from Met Council, Henn County, MnDOT, and all corridor cities
 - By July 1, the BLRT Project Team must coordinate with community groups to establish a framework for community engagement meetings
- BLRT Route Alignment Consultation
 - Evaluation of east of I-94 options in Mpls (Met Council, Henn Co, MnDOT, Mpls)
 - All cities to have opportunity to present concerns and proposals to the CMC

Engagement Principles

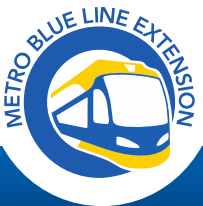
Honor and build on previous robust community engagement

Tailor engagement practices to meet the needs of the individual communities

Ensure corridor communities of all races, ethnicities, incomes, and abilities are engaged so all share in growth opportunities

Use community goals, priorities, and criteria for growth to inform decision-making

Adjust strategies and approach as needed to ensure corridor communities are fully represented in engagement efforts



CMC Timeline

	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Blue Lines Committees including Corridor Management Committee (CMC)	X	X	X	X							
Brooklyn Park	X			X							
Crystal		X		X							
Robbinsdale			X	X							
Minneapolis				X							
Anti-Displacement Workgroup				X							
Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)											



Minneapolis Design Update



New Staff Introduction

- Bojan Mistic
 - Hennepin County Manager of Design and Engineering

- Kaja Vang
 - Community Outreach Coordinator



Design Principles

Maintain BLRT Purpose and Need

Minimize travel time

Maximize ridership

Maximize community and economic development

Maximize Federal Transit Administration New Starts project rating

Pursue opportunities to serve even more people and destinations

Complement existing and planned METRO transitways

Minimize residential, commercial and environmental impacts

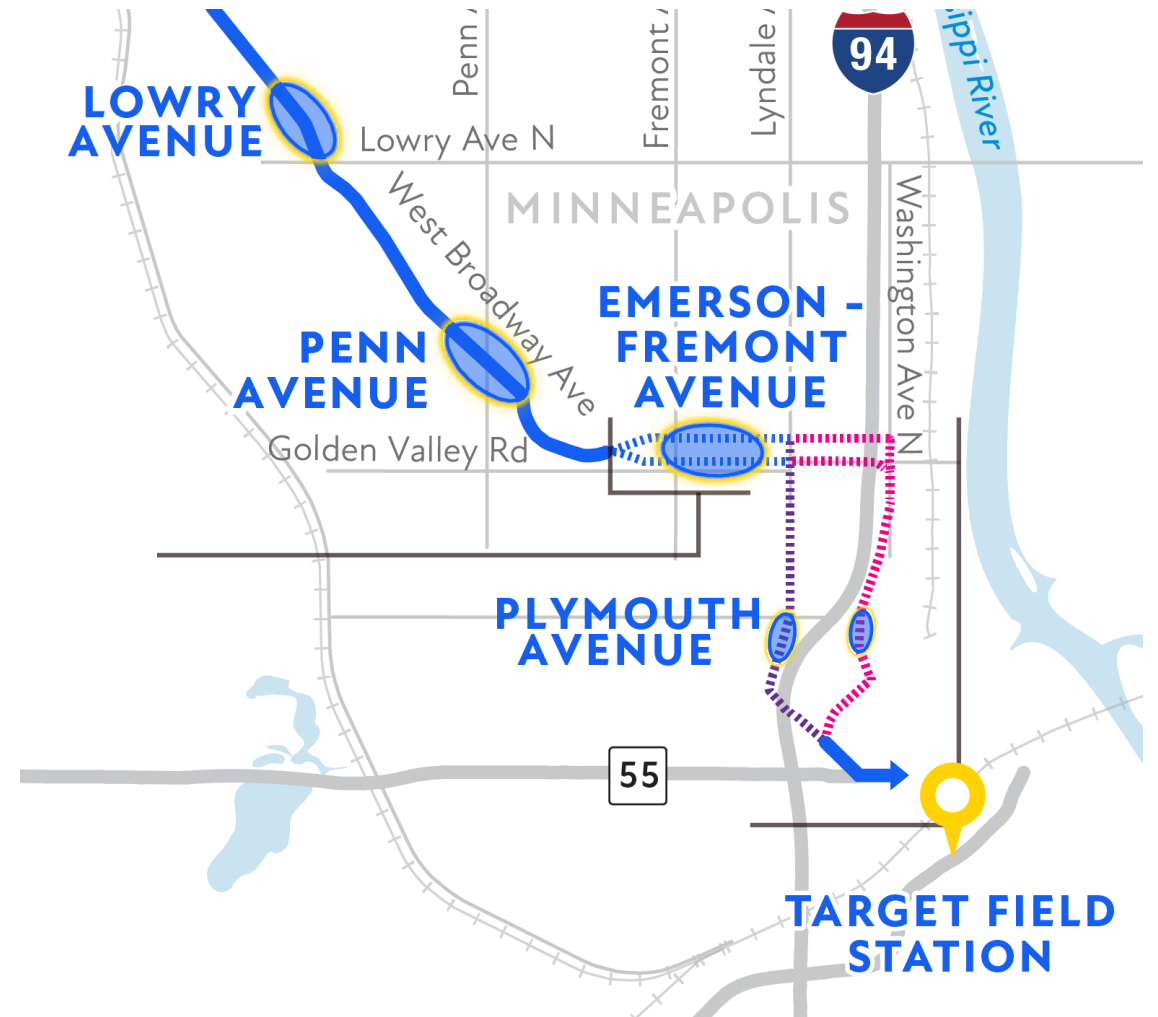
Support safety and connections prioritizing people walking, biking, and rolling

Maximize carbon pollution reduction



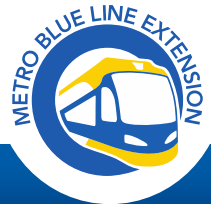
Minneapolis Decisions

- Route from Target Field Station to 21st Avenue or West Broadway Avenue
- Route on 21st Avenue or West Broadway Avenue
- Station number (1 or 2) and placement in the area between Knox Avenue and Lyndale Avenue
- Penn Avenue Station Refinement



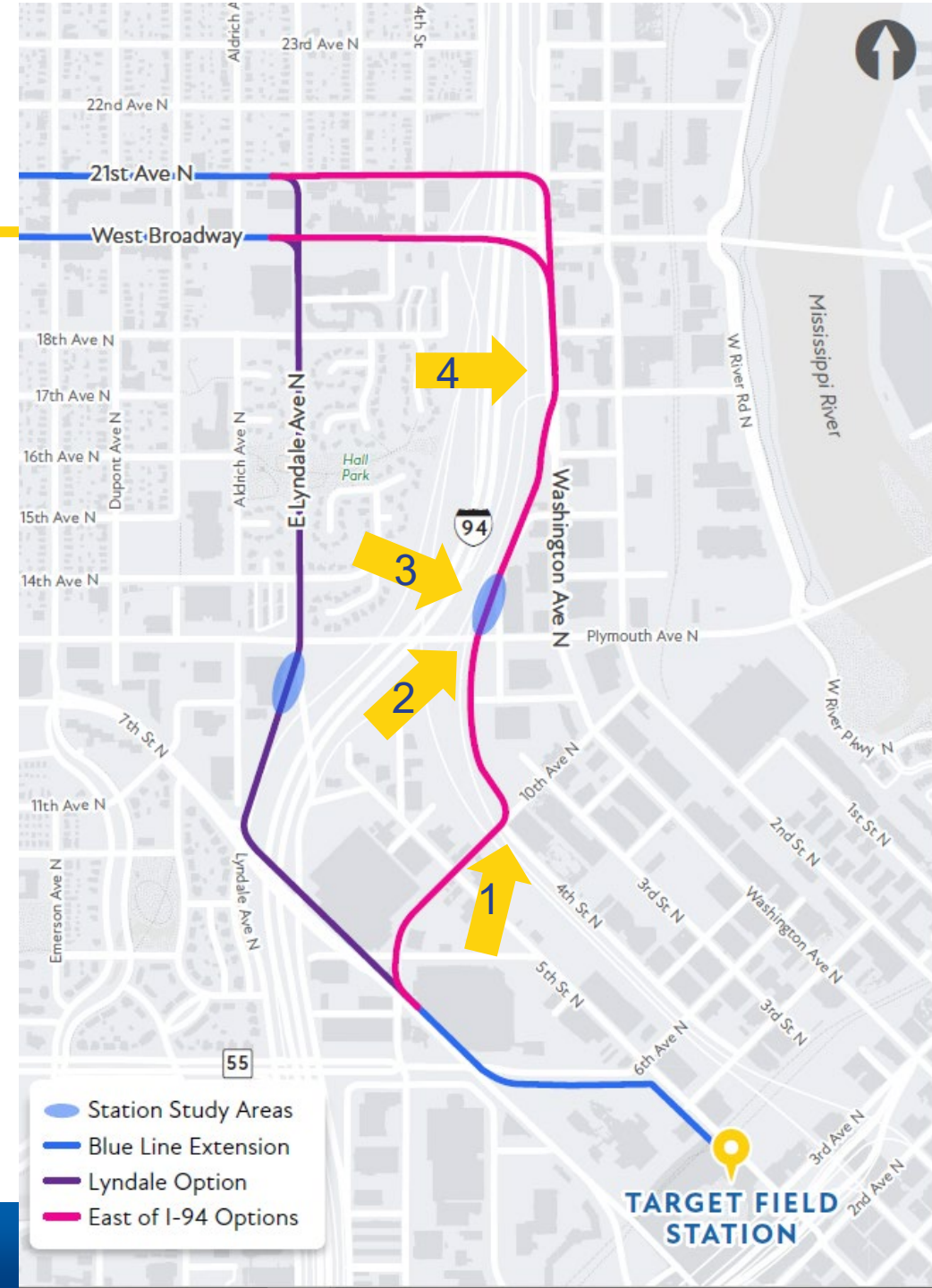
West Broadway or 21st to Target Field Station – October 2022

- Studied route options:
 - Olson Memorial Hwy or North 7th Street to Lyndale Avenue
 - North 7th South to 10th Avenue North then running along the east side of I-94 parallel to Washington Avenue
- Both routes connect to 21st Avenue and/or West Broadway
- Both route options will travel over I-94 on a bridge



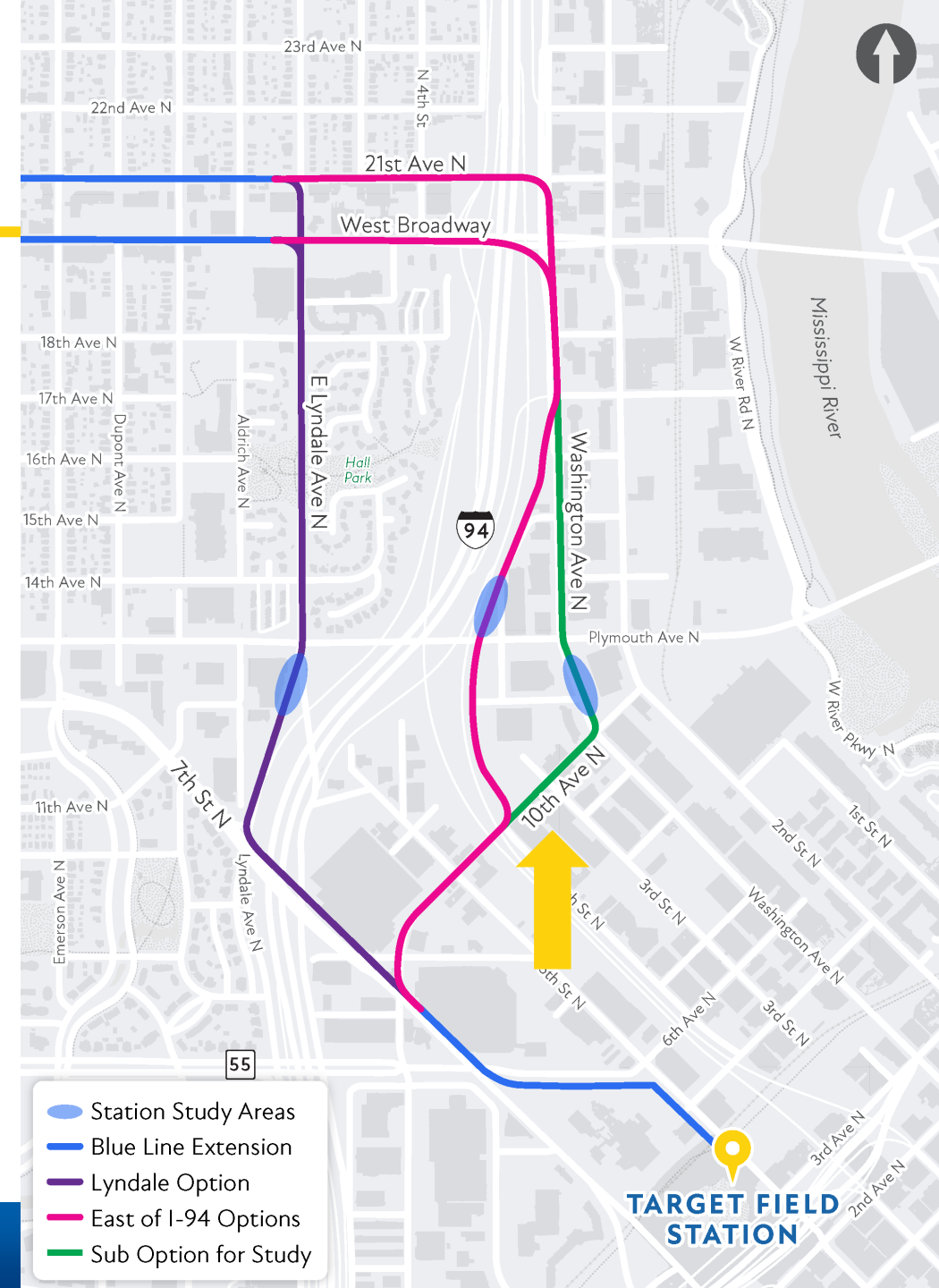
East of I-94 Option

1. Route north of 10th requires moving the 3rd Street ramp
2. Narrow corridor adjacent to Twin Cities International School
3. Impacts to existing commercial property north of Plymouth
4. Due to the challenges with crossing I-94 exit at 17th Avenue and West Broadway the route is on structure



Target Field Station to West Broadway

- Sub option to continue down 10th Ave to Washington Ave
- Station on Washington, south of Plymouth Ave
- Uses existing infrastructure
- Keeps at-grade LRT operation until I-94 crossing
- Narrow 10th Ave right of way has challenges for all roadway uses (bike, ped, buses etc.)



Anti-Displacement Recommendation Report CMC Discussion



CMC Discussion

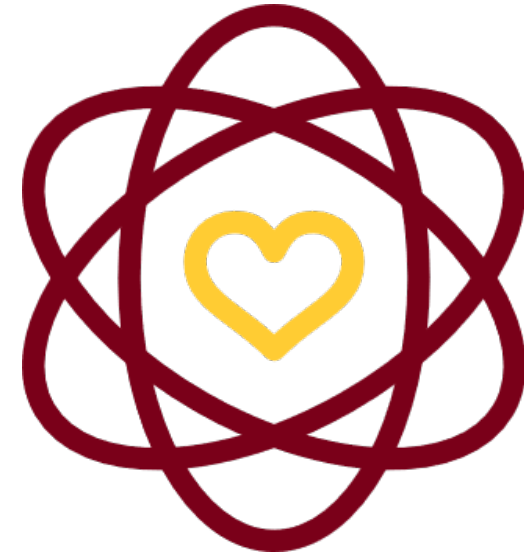


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outcomes first

Distinct to each jurisdiction
and corridor-wide



17 policies support
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ADWG identified underlying
principles for all
recommendations

Blue Line Extension Project Next Steps



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Recommendations

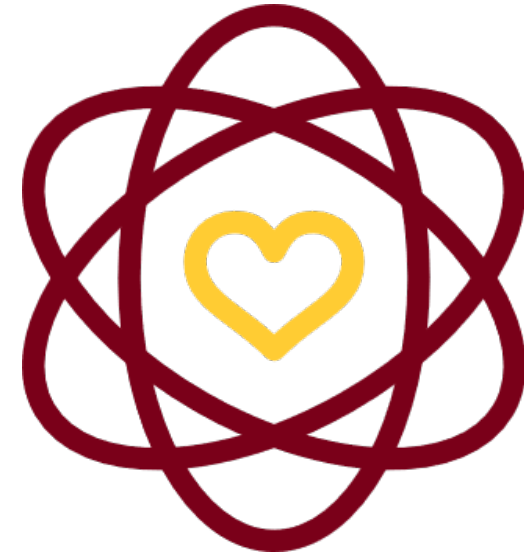


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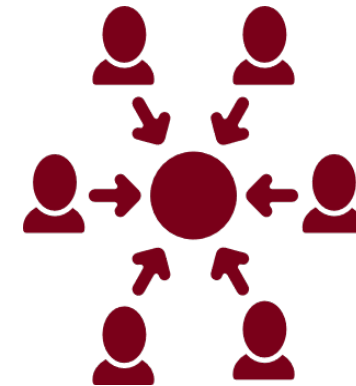
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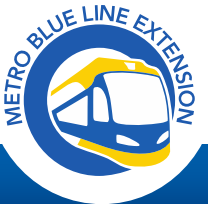
Principles for Recommendations

- Accessible to all
- Measurable with accountability mechanisms
- Designed to support those most impacted by construction
- Target existing residents, not potential ones



Brooklyn Park Recommended Outcomes

- Keep the rich culture of the corridor in place
- Improve the climate for businesses post-construction, and prioritize development of spaces for small businesses
- Provide opportunities for existing residents and businesses to stay in place and feel supported
- Support development, preservation, and access of safe and affordable housing and housing choice
- Ensure youth feel safe on and around the light rail and feel excited and proud to remain in their communities



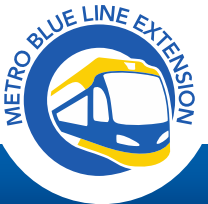
Crystal/Robbinsdale Recommended Outcomes

- Address indirect construction impacts
- Improve the climate for businesses post-construction, and prioritizing development of spaces for small businesses
- Improve infrastructure around the project
- Support development, preservation, and access of safe and affordable housing and housing choice
- Keep the rich culture of the corridor in place
- Ensure there are sufficient resources to support policy implementation, organizing efforts, community development and ownership, and other anti-displacement strategies



Minneapolis Recommended Outcomes

- Provide opportunities for community to connect to BLRT and development in a joyful way
- Create opportunities for community ownership and being able to measure levels of community ownership
- Empower community to have control over decision-making throughout the corridor
- Provide opportunities for existing residents and businesses to stay in place and feel supported
- Grant reparations to the Harrison neighborhood for the harm caused by the previous iteration of the alignment



Minneapolis Recommended Outcomes

(continued)

- Create and enforce structures of accountability for government agencies along the alignment
- Ensure there are sufficient resources to support policy implementation, organizing efforts, community development and ownership, and other anti-displacement strategies
- Ensure there is access to land, housing and businesses in the corridor throughout all phases of construction
- Ensure that 50% of jobs from the Bottineau Light Rail development are held by North Minneapolis residents
- Ensure that there is a continued role for ADWG members throughout all phases of the project



Policy Recommendations

Mandatory
Relocation
Assistance

Tenant
Opportunity to
Purchase

Limiting Investor
Purchasing/
Corporate
Ownership

Land Disposition
Policy

Right to Return

Rent Stabilization

Commercial and
Residential Land
Trusts

Financial
Resources for
Organizing/The
Right to Organize

Zero to Low
Interest Loans

Small Business
Grants/Small
Business Support

Workforce
Programs

NOAH
Preservation

Inclusionary
Zoning

Universal Basic
Income/
Guaranteed
Basic Income

Right to Counsel

Tenant Screening
Reform

Cultural
Placekeeping/
Placemaking



What it Will Take for Implementation



Coordination, collaboration and commitment



Investment and partnership from public, private, philanthropic, and community organizations



Transparency and shared decision-making

Transitioning to Implementation

June 2023-2024

- Communicate recommendations, Phase I deliverables
- Engage communities in developing implementation plan
- Prioritize strategies for before, during, after construction
- Bring implementing partners together for action



Read the recommendations and provide feedback

Yourblueline.org/anti-displacement

