



METRO Blue Line Extension Corridor Management Committee (CMC)

Date & Time	April 10, 2025 1:30 – 3:00 PM
Location	F.T. Heywood Chambers, 560 N 6th Ave, Minneapolis
Members	Charlie Zelle, Reva Chamblis, Med, Dan Doerrer, Leslie Kandaras, Charles Rucker, Andrea Young, Julie Desher, Theresa Kiser, Kristian Evans, Candy Bakion, Reece Bertholf, Anjuli Cameron, Aaron Wagner
Project Staff	Nick Thompson, Alicia Vap, Shahin Khazrajafari, Kelcie Young, Ryan Kronzer, Anna Beth Gunderson, Nkongo Cigolo, Jer Yang

1. Call to Order and Welcome

Charlie Zelle, Chair of the Metropolitan Council (MetC) called the METRO Blue Line Extension (BLE) Corridor Management Committee (CMC) meeting to order at 1:35 pm. Chair Zelle extended a warm welcome CMC members and members of the public.

Chair Zelle noted that today's meeting materials can be found on the BLE project website at bluelineext.org, and mentioned that members of the public may submit any comments to Nkongo Cigolo by Friday, April 21, 2025.

Nick Thompson, MetC, announced that Alicia Vap has accepted the BLE Project Director position and officially joined the project on April 7, 2025. Additionally, Anna Beth Gunderson began in late February 2025 as the Station and Facilities Design Lead.

2. Approval of February 13, 2024 BLE CMC Meeting Minutes

Chair Zelle called for a motion to approve of the February 13, 2025 CMC Meeting Minutes. Aaron Wagner, Robbinsdale City Council Member, moved a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Julie Desher, Mayor of Crystal. The minutes were officially approved.

3. Community and Business Advisory Committee Reports

Dan Doerrer, Business Advisory Committee (BAC) Co-Chair provided an update on the April 8, 2025 meeting, noting that members received information regarding support for anti-displacement efforts and also expressed concerns about federal funding.

4. Anti-Displacement Community Prosperity Program Board Update

Ricardo Perez, Anti-Displacement Community Prosperity Program (ACPP) Board Chair reported that ACPP Board members are actively working to accelerate anti-displacement efforts and are acknowledging concerns raised by communities and



businesses. Mr. Perez added that the ACPP is currently reviewing related policies and activities.

Mr. Perez provided an update on the ACPP Board's timeline, noting that while efforts progress, there are opportunities to improve communication. He shared that the Board is seeking support from Hennepin County to help address this need. Mr. Perez also explained that the goal of establishing a collective board is to ensure it is community-led, meaning the Board is actively seeking review panelists from corridor communities and local businesses to strengthen this initiative. Interested individuals are encouraged to reach out to Eric Gustafson, Anti-Displacement Lead with Hennepin County.

Reva Chamblis, MetC Council Member, asked whether the ACPP Board had considered how to manage the transition from "striving to thriving," and who is involved in that process. Mr. Perez responded that while the train remains a key focus, the ACPP Board is for supporting people and communities. The goal is to improve the corridor and help residents remain in their neighborhoods. However, he stressed that continued investment and funding are essential for sustaining this work.

5. Environmental Update

Kelcie Young, MetC, provided an update on the continued development of the Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement (SFEIS), reporting that it is currently under legal review by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Ms. Young noted that mitigation strategies remain an integral part of the project and are still included in the SFEIS, pending FTA approval. She pointed out that securing FTA funding is a key objective, and the SFEIS is a required step in that process.

Ms. Young also reported that the BLE project is on track to publish the SFEIS in early summer 2025, followed by a public comment period and an amended Record of Decision (ROD) anticipated by August 2025.

Mayor Desher inquired about the likelihood of the BLE project receiving FTA funding. Chair Zelle acknowledged the question and stated that the BLE project represents a strong investment in the corridor, reaffirming the commitment to keeping it on track toward securing FTA funding.

6. Design Update

Ryan Kronzer, MetC, provided an overview of the BLE 60% Design Deliverable plans and stated that today's meeting will focus on design plans for Brooklyn Park and Crystal, with Brooklyn Park scheduled for release in May and Crystal in June. Release plans for Robbinsdale are expected in July, followed by Minneapolis and Lowry Station in late July to early August.



Mr. Kronzer pointed out that the current designs represent only 60% completion and that many elements are still in development.

Mr. Kronzer began the design deliverable overview at the northern end of Brooklyn Park, starting with the Oak Grove Park & Ride (P&R), then moving south to the 85th Avenue Station and the 63rd Avenue P&R.

Mr. Kronzer also reviewed the design elements for the Bass Lake Road Station at County Road 81 in Crystal, noting there are still more design elements to add.

Mayor Dasher expressed concerns about graffiti at the Bass Lake Road Station. Mr. Kronzer responded that a couple strategies are being considered—one involves installing fencing to deter access to non-designated areas, and another includes using color-matched paint to make it easier for maintenance teams to quickly cover any graffiti.

7. Schedule Update

Shahin Khazrajafari, Hennepin County, highlighted upcoming key milestones, including the anticipated publication of the SFEIS this summer, continued progress on the 60% Design Plan, FTA submittal, and cost and ridership estimates - expected to be presented at the July 2025 CMC meeting.

8. Engagement Update

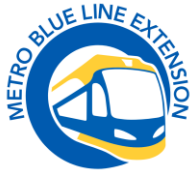
Nkongo Cigolo, MetC, provided an update on engagement initiatives, noting that the Engagement team is committed to keeping communities well-informed about the project and its progress.

Mr. Cigolo reviewed the engagement matrix, which outlines activities conducted from August 2020 through March 2025.

- Hosted 933 events
- 80,000 reaches on social media platforms
- Approximately 250,000 postcards mailed
- Over 7,000 emails and phone calls were made

Mr. Cigolo shared this year's engagement goals, expressing that the Engagement team remains committed to maintaining connections with communities and businesses along the corridor. He noted that the Design Workshops have been effective and that future sessions are being planned.

Mayor Deshler asked where the public can access previous written comments and mailers. Mr. Cigolo responded that recent engagement activities and public comments are available on the [BLE website](#).



Council Member Wagner inquired whether community feedback is being tracked. Mr. Cigolo confirmed that feedback is being tracked and is accessible through the dashboard on the [BLE website](#).

9. Next Meeting: July 10, 2025

10. Adjourn

Chair Zelle concluded the meeting and adjourned it at 2:46 pm.

Meeting Materials Provided:

Meeting Agenda, April 10, 2025

CMC Presentation

February 13, 2025 CMC Minutes

Respectfully submitted, Jer Yang, Blue Line Ext. Administrative Lead