

Blue Line Extension Municipal Consent Public Hearing

August 26, 2024



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Today's Topics

- Project Overview
- Municipal Consent
- Design Plans



Project Overview

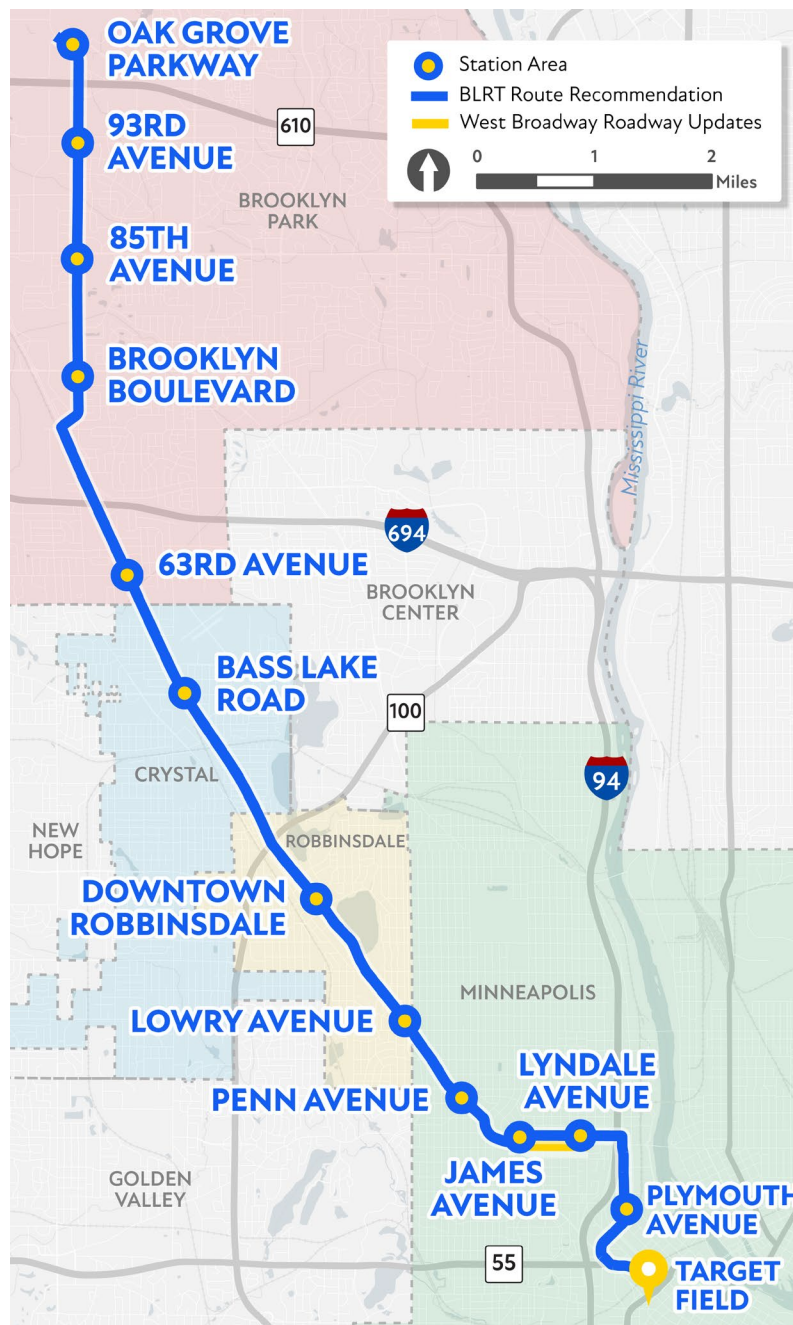




Blue Line

EXTENSION

- 13.4 miles & 12 new stations
- Connecting Minneapolis, Robbinsdale, Crystal, Brooklyn Park and surrounding communities to fast, frequent, all-day service across the METRO system
- Single seat ride to existing Blue Line stops downtown, MSP Airport and Mall of America
- Focus on building community prosperity through anti-displacement strategies before, during, and after construction



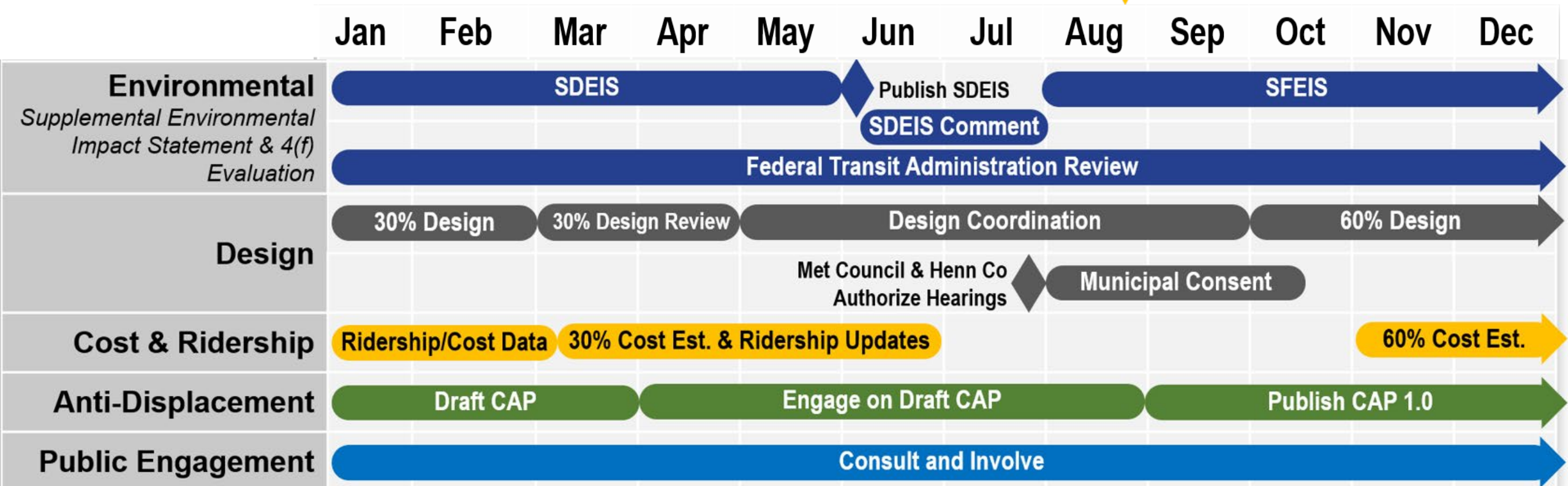
Next steps

- Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement: Spring 2024
- Municipal Consent process to confirm final route: Summer 2024
- Updated 60% cost estimate: Fall 2024
- Final Design: 2024-2025
- Construction starts: 2026-2027
- Anticipated opening: 2030



2024 Schedule

WE ARE HERE



Municipal Consent



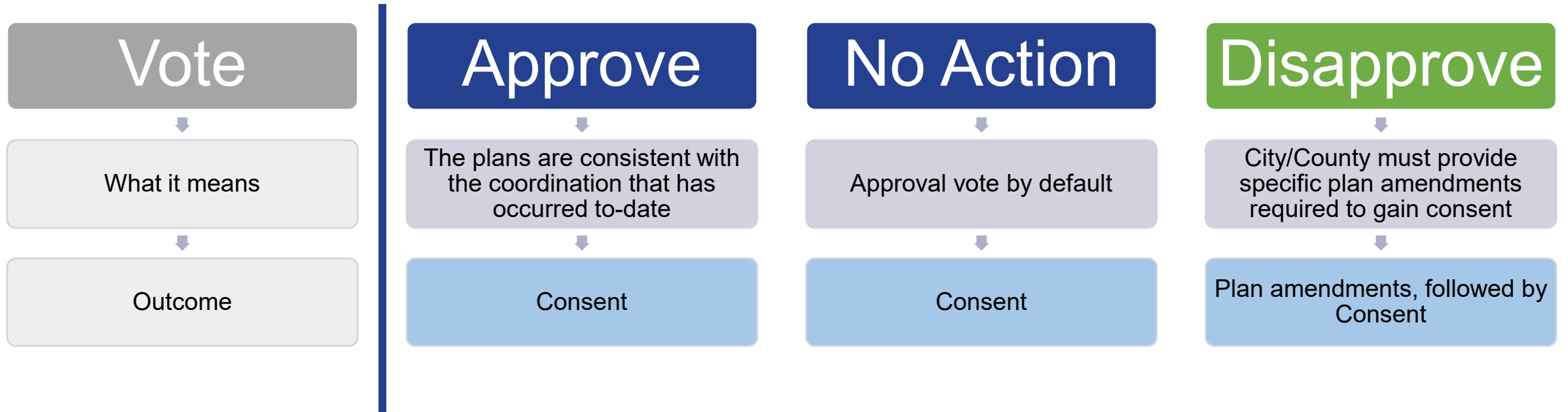
What is Municipal Consent?

- State process that requires local approval of physical design components ([Minnesota Statutes Sec. 473.3994](#))
- Acknowledgment (consent) that the represented concept plan is consistent with the design coordination that has occurred to date
- One step in the design process, not the end of the process



The screenshot shows the Minnesota Legislature website. The header includes the Minnesota Legislature logo and navigation links for House, Senate, Joint, Schedules, Committees, Bills, Law, Multimedia, and Publications. Below the header is a banner image of the Minnesota State Capitol building with the text "Office of the Revisor of Statutes". A search bar is visible with the text "Retrieve by number" and "Statutes" selected. Below the search bar, the breadcrumb trail reads "2023 Minnesota Statutes > METROPOLITAN AREA > Chapter 473 > Section 473.3994". The section title is "473.3993" and the main heading is "2023 Minnesota Statutes". The text of the statute is "473.3994 LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT; DESIGN PLANS." and "Subdivision 1. [Repealed, 1989 c 339 s 24]".

Municipal Consent Outcomes

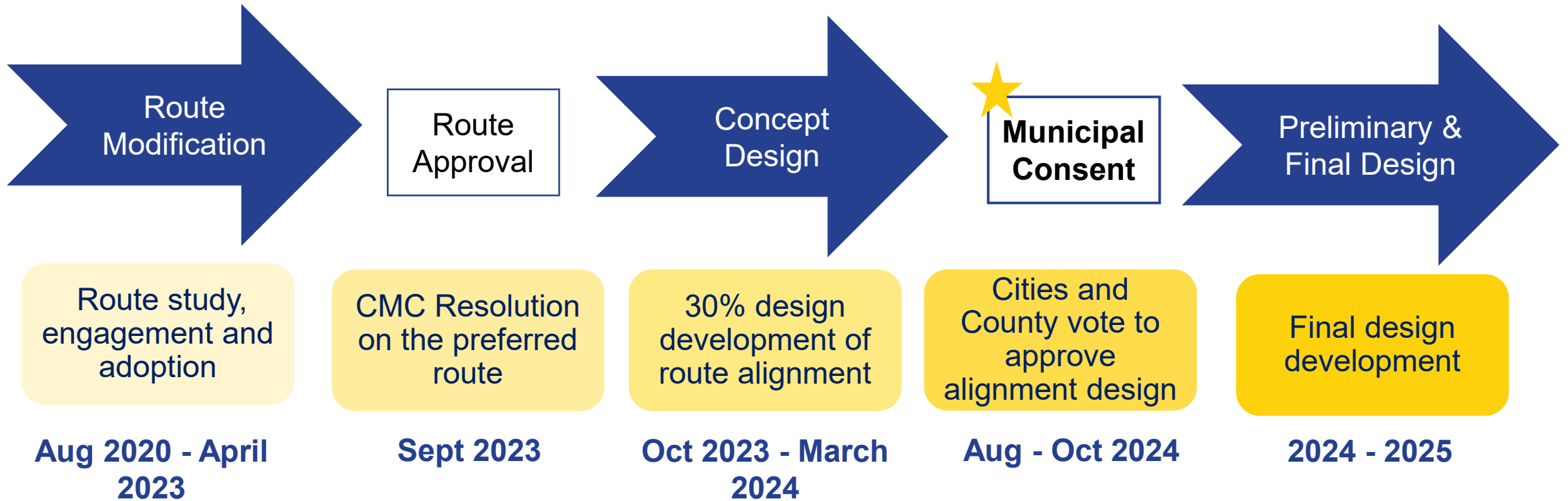


- Hennepin County and each city along the line vote to approve preliminary design plans



The municipal consent period is expected to be from Aug to October 2024

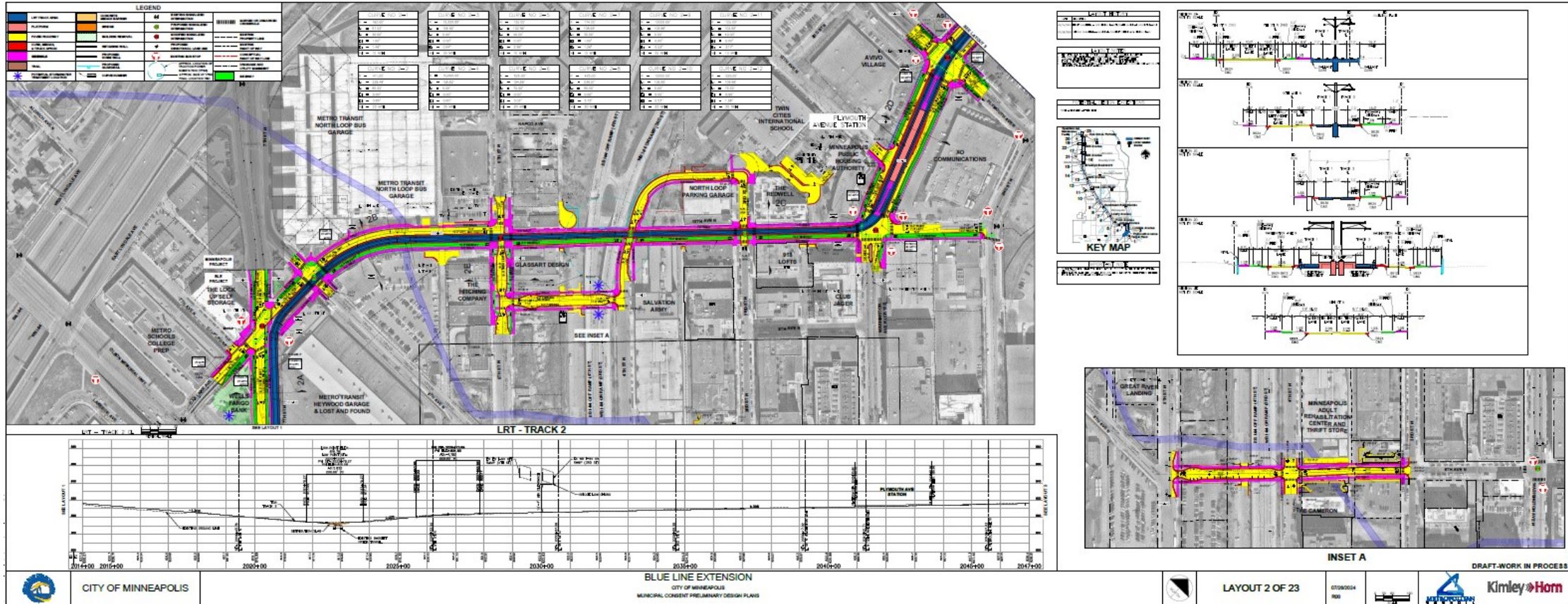
Design before and after Municipal Consent



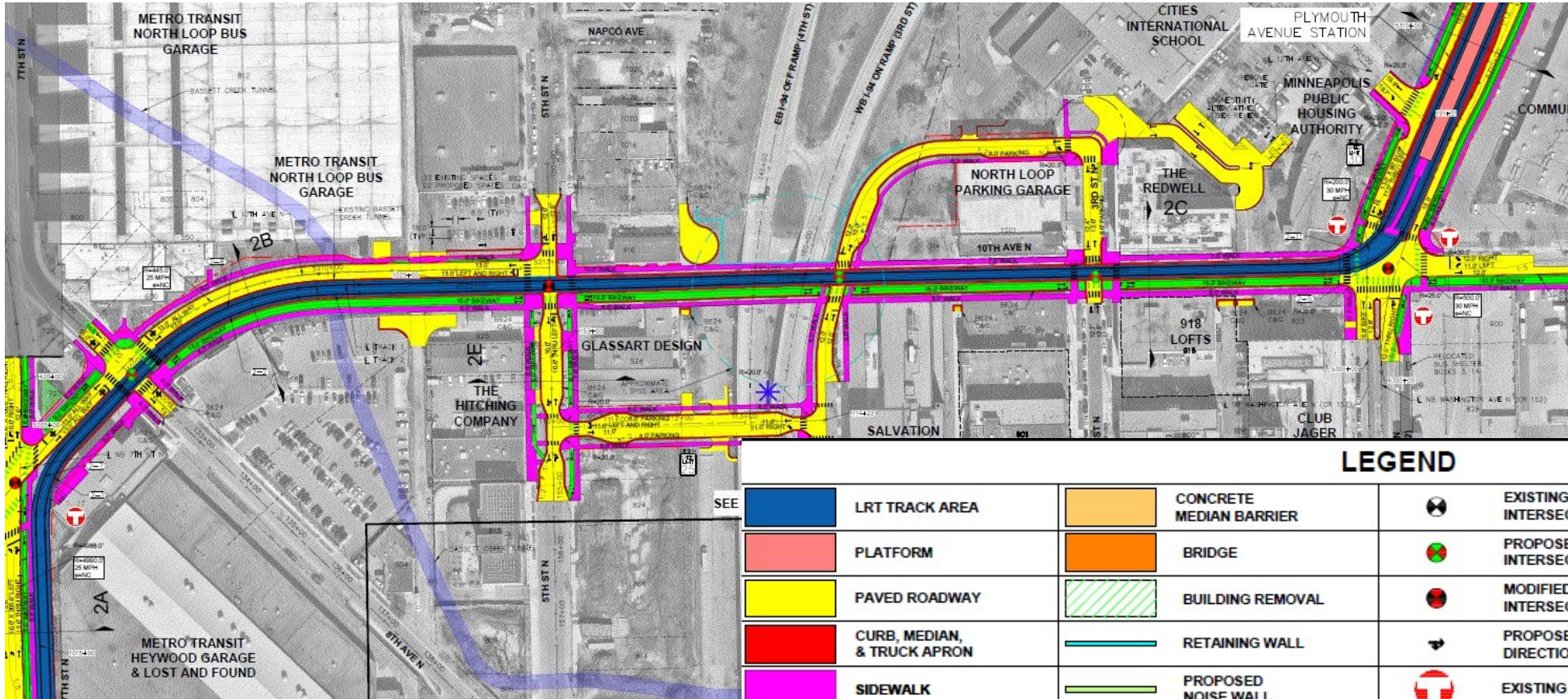
Preliminary Design Plans



Preliminary Design Plan Example



How to Read the Plans



LEGEND

	LRT TRACK AREA		CONCRETE MEDIAN BARRIER		EXISTING SIGNALIZED INTERSECTION		MARKED OR UNMARKED CROSSWALK
	PLATFORM		BRIDGE		PROPOSED SIGNALIZED INTERSECTION		EXISTING PROPERTY LINE
	PAVED ROADWAY		BUILDING REMOVAL		MODIFIED SIGNALIZED INTERSECTION		EXISTING RIGHT OF WAY
	CURB, MEDIAN, & TRUCK APRON		RETAINING WALL		EXISTING BUS STOP		CONCEPTUAL RIGHT OF WAY LINE
	SIDEWALK		PROPOSED NOISE WALL		APPROX. LOCATION OF TRACTION POWER SUBSTATION (TPSS)		DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENT
	TRAIL		PROPOSED GUARDRAIL		APPROX. SIZE OF TPSS FINAL LOCATION TBD		BIKEWAY
	POTENTIAL STORMWATER TREATMENT LOCATION		CURVE NUMBER				



View the Plans

- Here tonight
- On the project website: BlueLineExt.org
- Complete sets located at:
 - Minneapolis Central Library
 - MnDOT Transportation Library
 - Blue Line Extension Project Office
 - Metropolitan Council Library
 - MN Legislative Library
 - North Regional Library
 - Brookdale Library
- City specific sets available at:
 - **Brooklyn Park:** City Hall and Library
 - **Crystal:** City Hall and Rockford Road Library
 - **Robbinsdale:** City Hall and Rockford Road Library
 - **Minneapolis:** City Hall, North Regional Library and Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board



Public Testimony

- Public verbal testimonies will take place following this presentation.
- Your name will be called in order. When you are called to the microphone please state your name, address, and who you represent if applicable (i.e., business).
- Please speak slowly and clearly. The court reporter will record your testimony.
- Please limit your testimony to comments and/or opinions regarding the proposed project aspects for which this public hearing is being held.
- To allow everyone a chance to speak, please limit your testimony to approximately 3 minutes.



How to Submit Comments

- Verbally here tonight
- Written to your city contact:

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