

RESOLUTION #2024-

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PHYSICAL DESIGN COMPONENT OF THE PRELIMINARY DESIGN PLANS FOR THE BLUE LINE EXTENSION LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT PROJECT WITHIN THE CITY OF BROOKLYN PARK

WHEREAS, the Governor designated the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) as the responsible authority for the Blue Line Extension Light Rail Transit Project (“Project”), which makes the Council responsible for planning, designing, acquiring, constructing and equipping the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Project is now in the preliminary design phase; and

WHEREAS, the design at this phase is approximately 30 percent complete; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 473.3994 allows cities and counties along a proposed light rail route to provide input to the Council on the physical design components of the preliminary design plans; and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2024, the Council submitted the physical design component of the preliminary design plans; and

WHEREAS, public hearings are then required, which the City of Brooklyn Park held on September 9, 2024 and September 23, 2024; and

WHEREAS, within 45 days of notice and request by the Council for municipal consent, which was delivered on July 26, 2024, the City of Brooklyn Park must review and approve or disapprove the Plans for the route to be located in the City of Brooklyn Park; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 473.3994 provides that a local unit of government that disapproves the plans shall describe specific amendments to the plans that, if adopted, would cause the local unit to withdraw its disapproval; and

WHEREAS, approval or disapproval by the City of Brooklyn Park is part of the statutory preliminary design process; and

WHEREAS, City staff has reviewed the Plans and has provided comments on these Plans; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brooklyn Park will continue to work with the Council throughout the design and construction process; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brooklyn Park desires that the Council and its staff continue to address and work with the City of Brooklyn Park staff to satisfactorily resolve issues including, but not limited to the following:

- Continued work and funding for anti-displacement efforts to help existing businesses and residents remain in their location during and after the construction project
- Enhanced and additional east/west bus routes to feed into the Metro Blue Line
- An added “fourth leg” at the existing intersection of West Broadway Ave and TH 610 North Ramp to provide access to the west of West Broadway at this intersection
- Expedited and priority construction of the of the realignment of West Broadway Ave and related local roads north of TH 610 to support strong development interest in this area

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Brooklyn Park that the City Council Finds, Determines, and Orders as Follows:

1. The City of Brooklyn Park provides its municipal approval of the Plans pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 473.3994 consistent with the above.
2. The City of Brooklyn Park staff is directed to submit the City of Brooklyn Park's approval to the Metropolitan Council.