Robbinsdale Check-in

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2021 Project Timeline
Project Transition

• August 2020: After a multi-year effort to negotiate with BNSF that included many levels of government and offers including buying the corridor, it was time to move the project forward.
2021 Activities and Beyond

• End of 2021: Adopt a community supported route
  ▪ Conceptual engineering for new route options, including station locations
  ▪ Evaluation of project benefits and impacts
  ▪ Identify a community supported route
  ▪ Identify environmental path moving forward

• Beyond 2021
  ▪ Begin environmental analysis
  ▪ Municipal Consent
  ▪ Develop construction ready engineering plans & design details
2021 Milestones

Tier 1: Initial Screening
- Routes options released for analysis and discussion

Tier 2: Route Evaluation
- Draft report with routes evaluated against project criteria with additional engineering work, and preliminary station locations released for comments
- Final draft report with recommended route released for comments

Recommended route
- Route advances for further engineering and environmental work in 2022
Initial Route Identification & Design Details
Project Areas

• Project route options
  - Confirmation of route options for Areas 1 & 2
  - Preliminary options for Area 3

• Options based on:
  - Adopted Project Principles
  - Conceptual review of LRT right of way and operational needs
  - Applicable previous work
  - Community feedback on key destinations and connections
Robbinsdale Area Design Assumptions

• Two station: one serving downtown, and one serving North Memorial hospital
  ▪ Placement TBD

• Design focused on the pedestrian experience

• Existing conditions & future development considered

• Center running at-grade LRT (exploring grade separated where appropriate)
LRT Operations & Traffic Flow

• All traffic signals/ crossings would remain

• Four lane road design

• Train movements tied with signals
  - Minimal impact on traffic operations
  - LRT doesn’t prohibit emergency vehicles
Next Steps: Continue to Seek Solutions

Project Goals, Objectives and Criteria

Conceptual Engineering and Design
- Engineering Analysis to Understand LRT & Roadway Configurations
- Potential Station Locations
- Right of Way Impacts

Community Benefits
- Further efforts to address anti-displacement, equitable development and community wealth building

Previous Project Commitments
- Address investments related to the previous alignment
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