



# County Road 81 Community Conversation: July 2021



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# Today's Topics

- Potential Station Locations
- County Road 81 LRT Visualizations
- Schedule



# Potential Station Locations



# Purpose & Timeline

- We are seeking your feedback to advance potential station locations and LRT visualizations to be incorporated in a report released this fall
- Expect ongoing, continued discussion as we refine and further develop these options and design

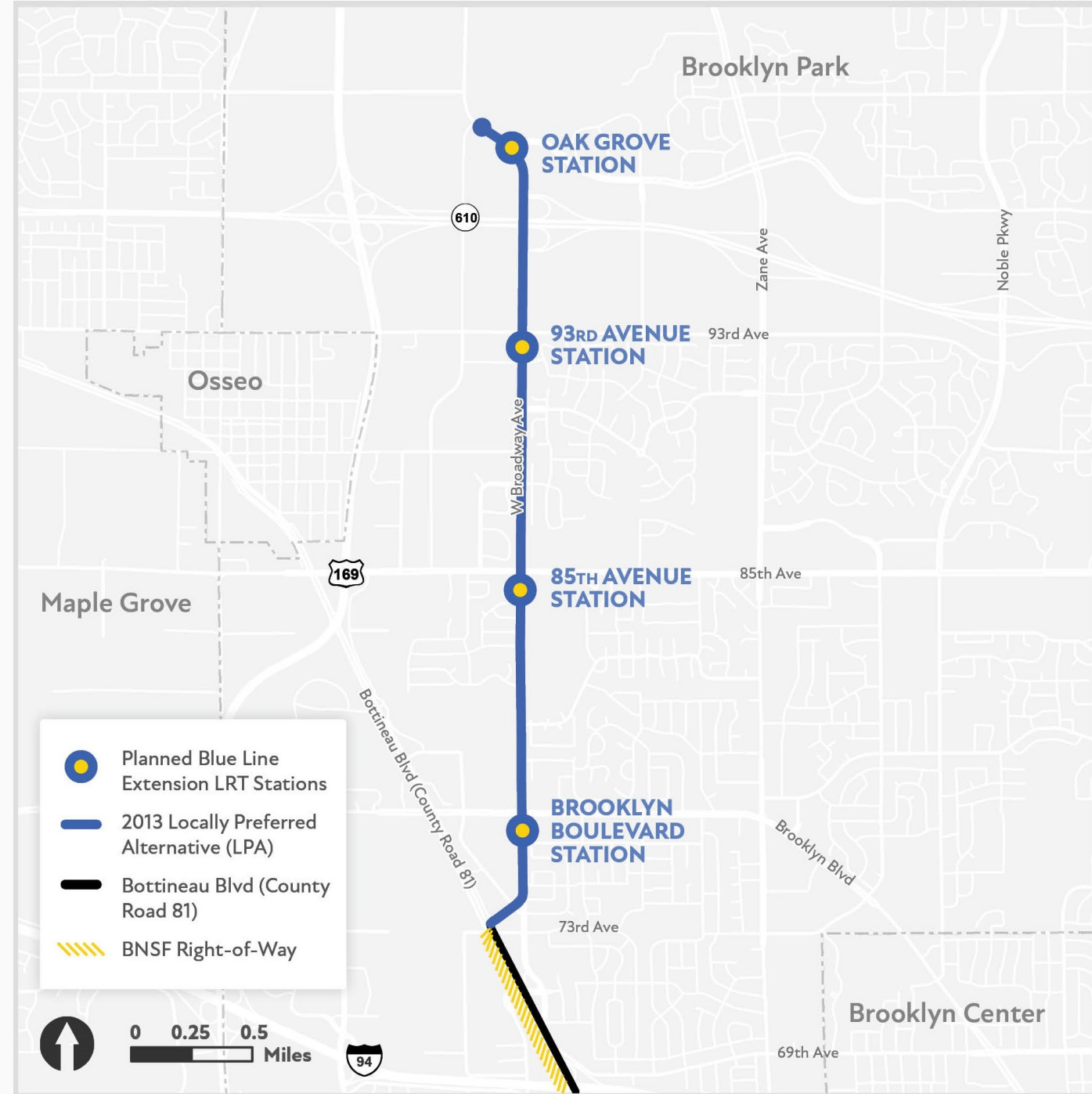


# How were these potential station study areas determined?

- Previously planned stations
- Stakeholder and community input
- Key destinations
- Transit connections
- ½ to 1 mile spacing
- Overall number of stations

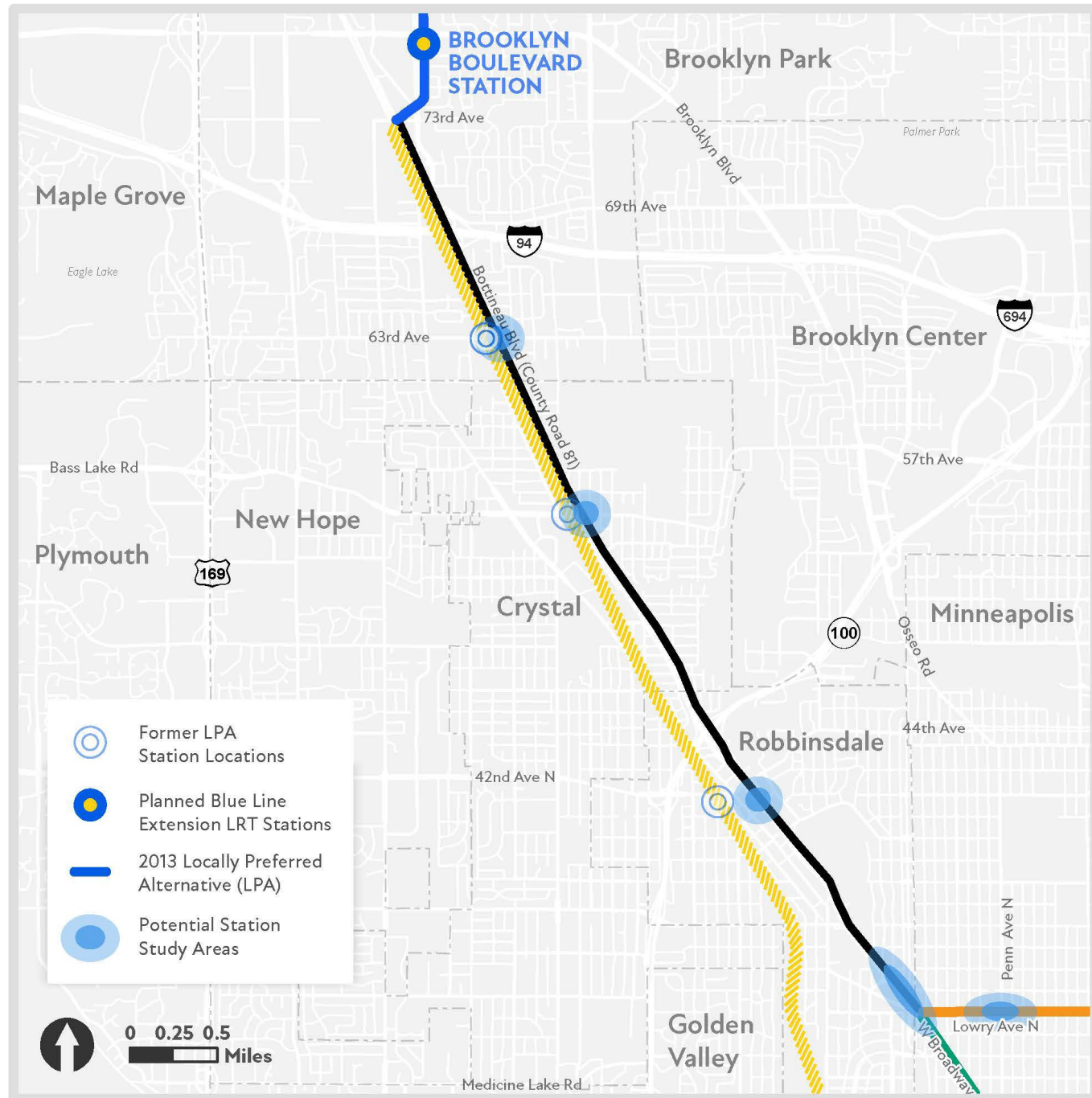
Note: The total number of stations has not been determined, meaning some potential station locations may be consolidated or eliminated.

# Brooklyn Park Planned Stations





# Potential Station Study Areas: Brooklyn Park, Crystal, & Robbinsdale



# Potential Station Study Areas: Minneapolis





# How will these potential station study areas be evaluated?

- Project Principles & Goals
- Public engagement feedback
- Engineering requirements
- Population, connections, destinations, and jobs
- Available right of way
- Existing and future land use

# LRT Visualizations





# Crystal Design Considerations

- Confirm center running at-grade on County Road 81
- Four-lane road design
- Bass Lake Road design in development

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CENTER-RUNNING  
LIGHT RAIL

MAINTAINS EXISTING  
CURB LINE

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# Robbinsdale Design Considerations

- Confirm center running at-grade on County Road 81
- Maintain existing intersections
- Focus on safe pedestrian crossings and the pedestrian environment
- To be developed: design details such as landscaping, streetscaping



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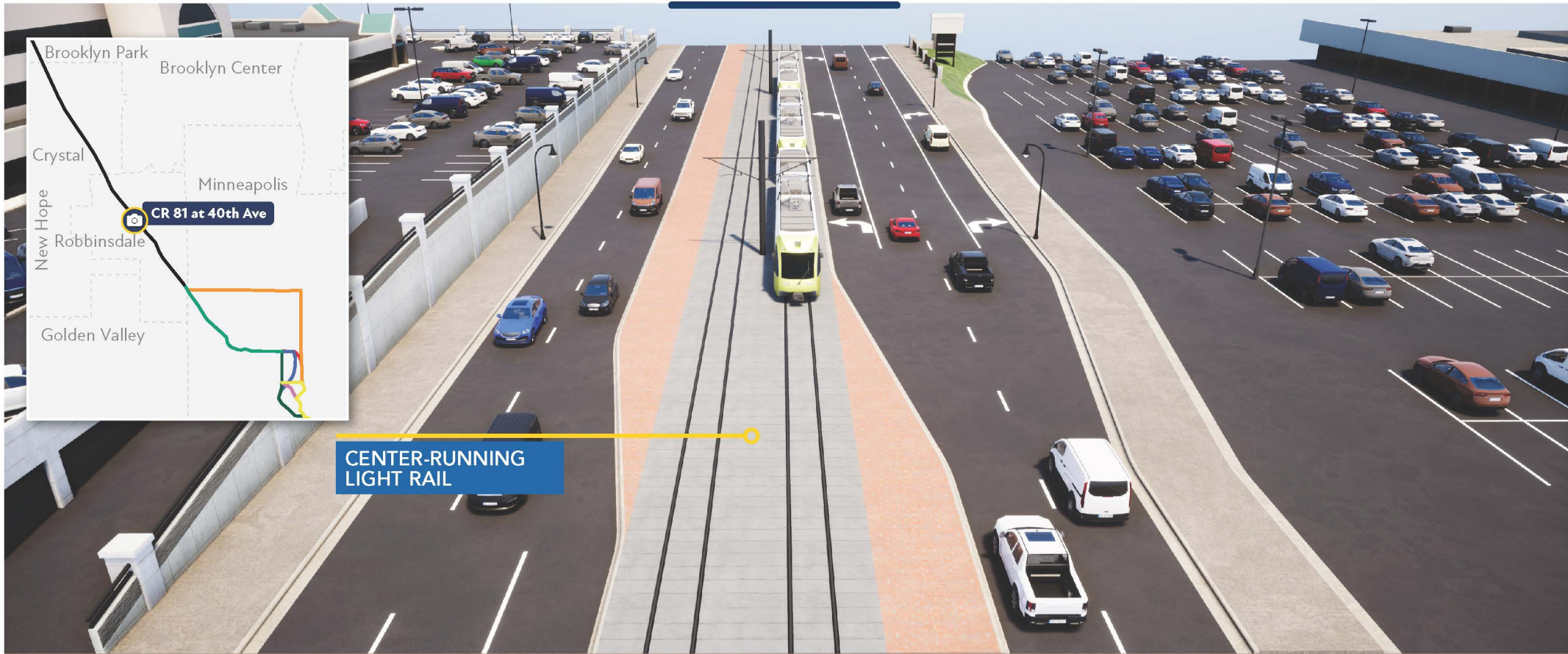
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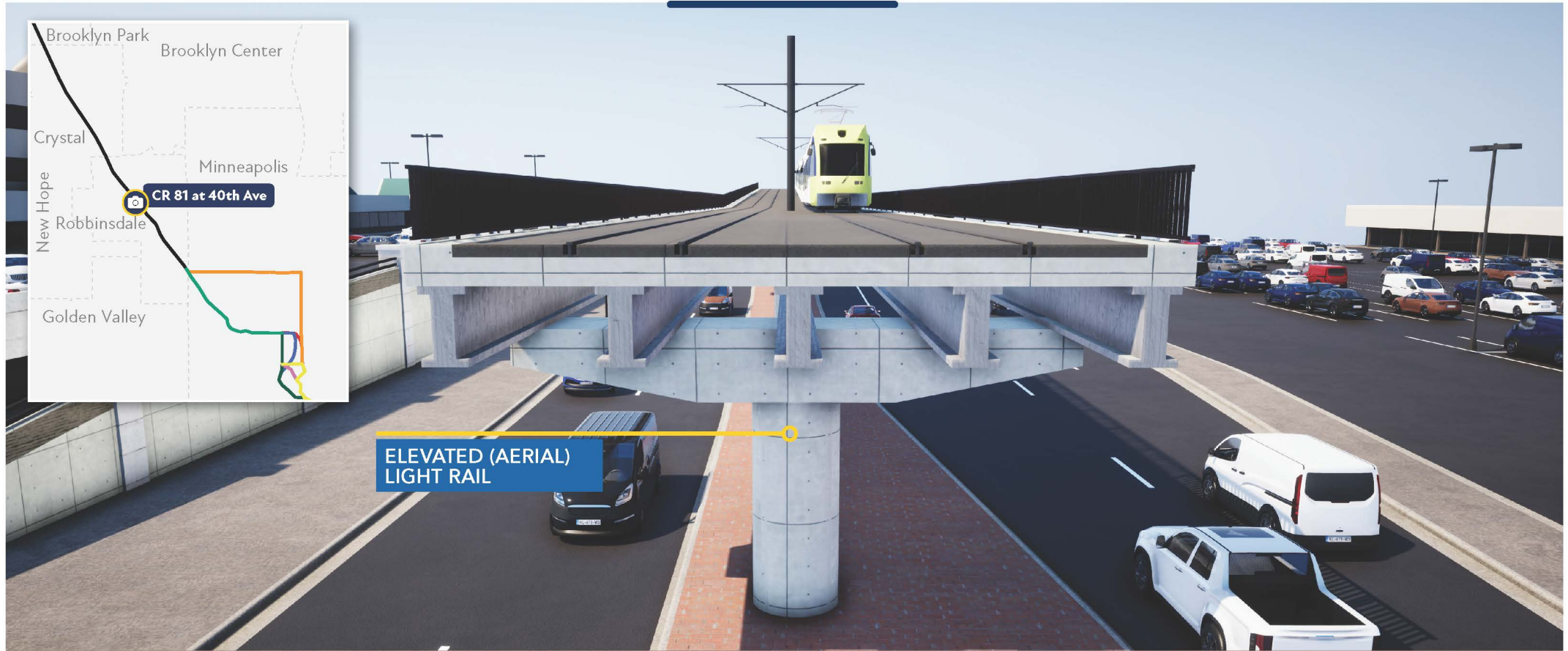
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# 📍 BOTTINEAU BLVD (COUNTY ROAD 81) AT 40TH AVE, ROBBINSDALE: **ELEVATED CONCEPT**

This visualization represents how elevated (aerial) light rail could fit in Robbinsdale along Bottineau Blvd (County Road 81). This picture uses the typical width of the roadway at this location.



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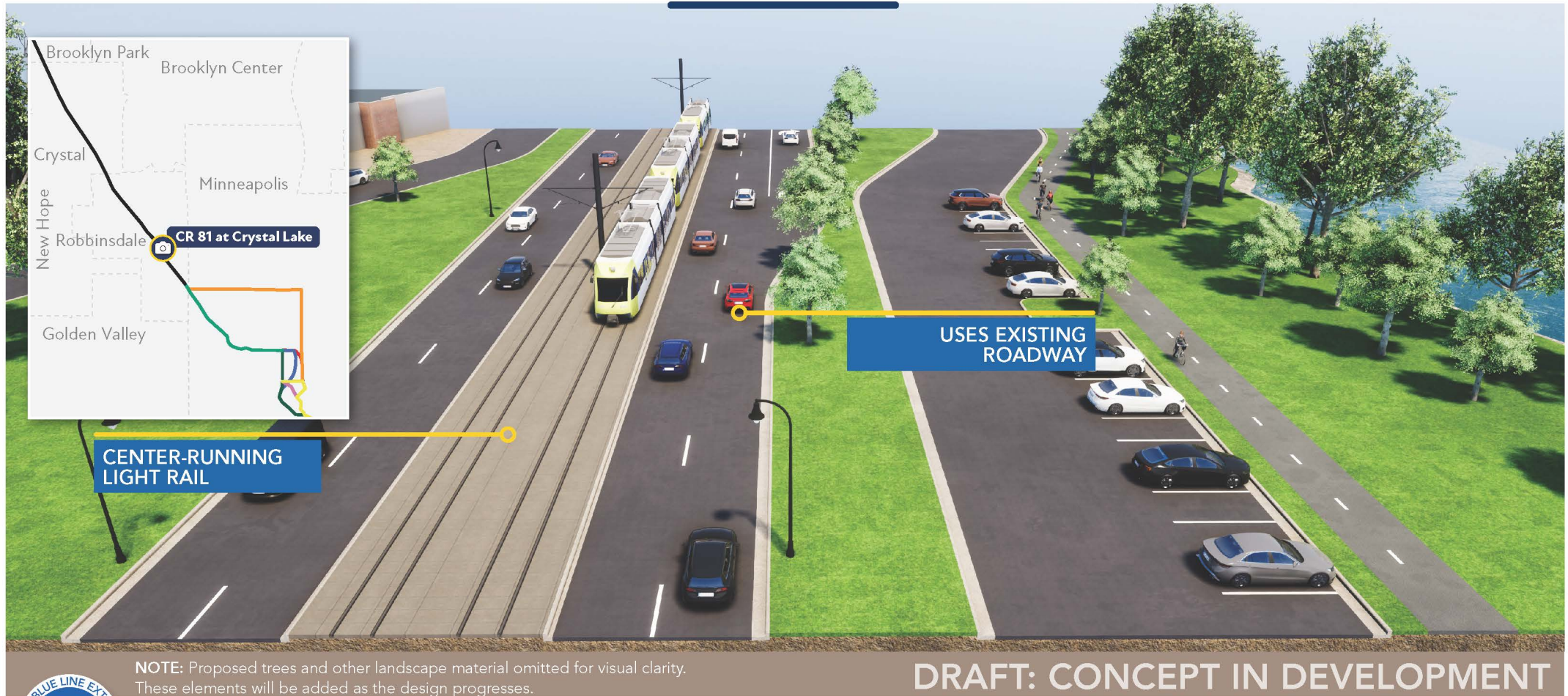
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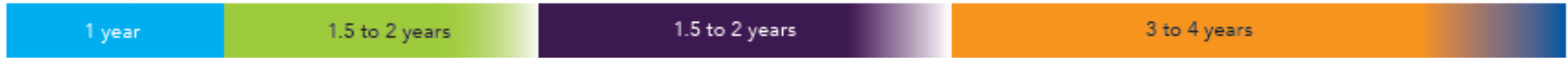
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# Schedule/Next Steps

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 Identify community supported route

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

 Environmental review  
*Document benefits and impacts of the project*

Municipal Consent

*Seek city support of the LRT design*

 Engineering  
*Develop construction ready design plans*

 Construction and Full Funding Grant Agreement  
*Federal funding*

 Goal— Line opens in 2028

*Light Rail Transit projects are complex and unforeseen challenges arise. Schedules and timelines are subject to change.*



# Stay Connected!

- Project website: [bluelineext.org](http://bluelineext.org)
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