



Brooklyn Park Community Conversation: July 22, 2021



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Today's Topics

- Introductions
- Project Status and Overview
- Brooklyn Park Station Locations
- Potential Station Locations in Other Corridor Communities
- Stay Connected



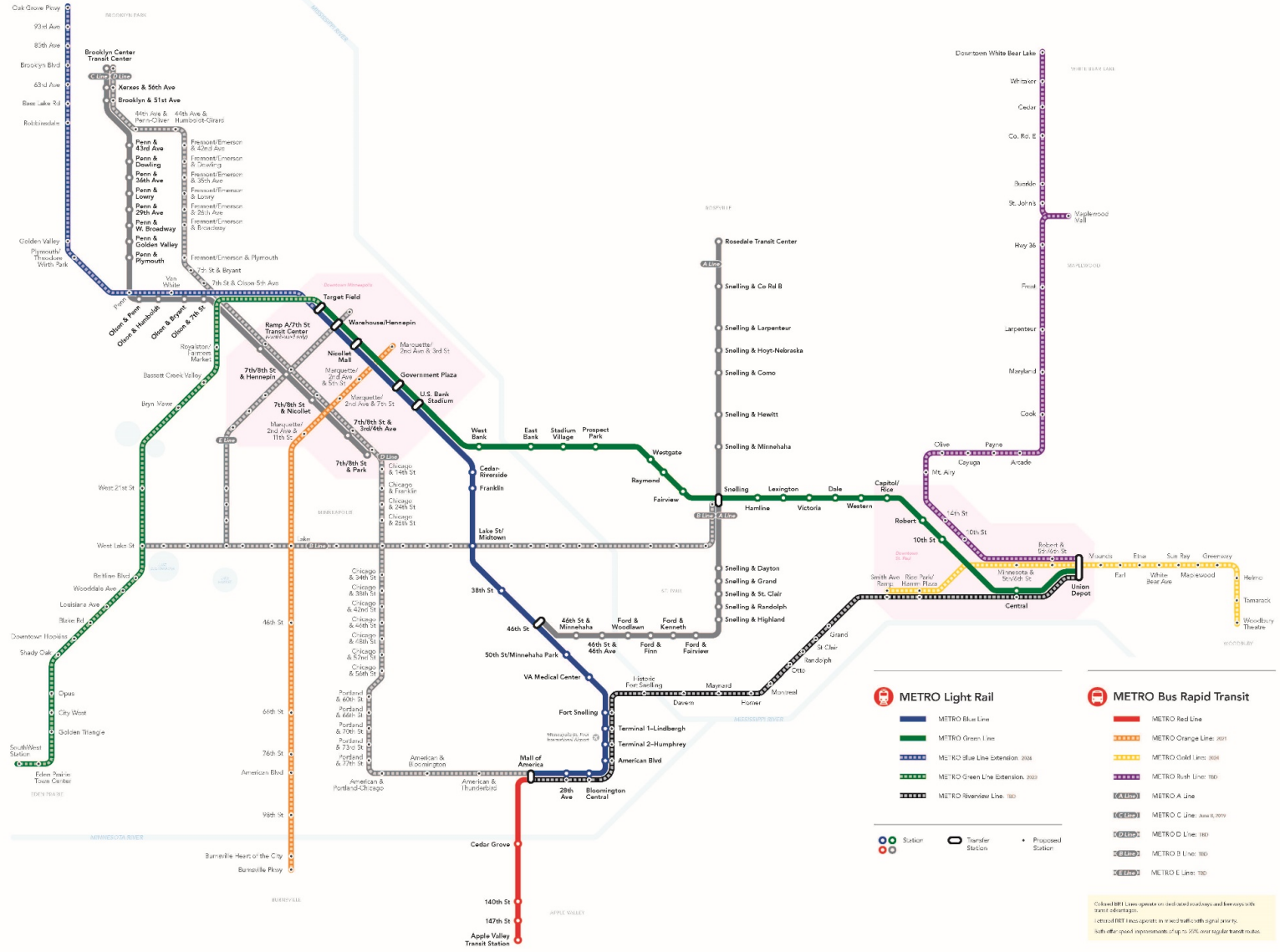
Blue Line Extension

- Connecting communities to fast, frequent, reliable transportation
- Will provide single seat trips to downtown Minneapolis, Minneapolis – St. Paul International Airport, and Mall of America



Fast. Frequent. All day. All yours.

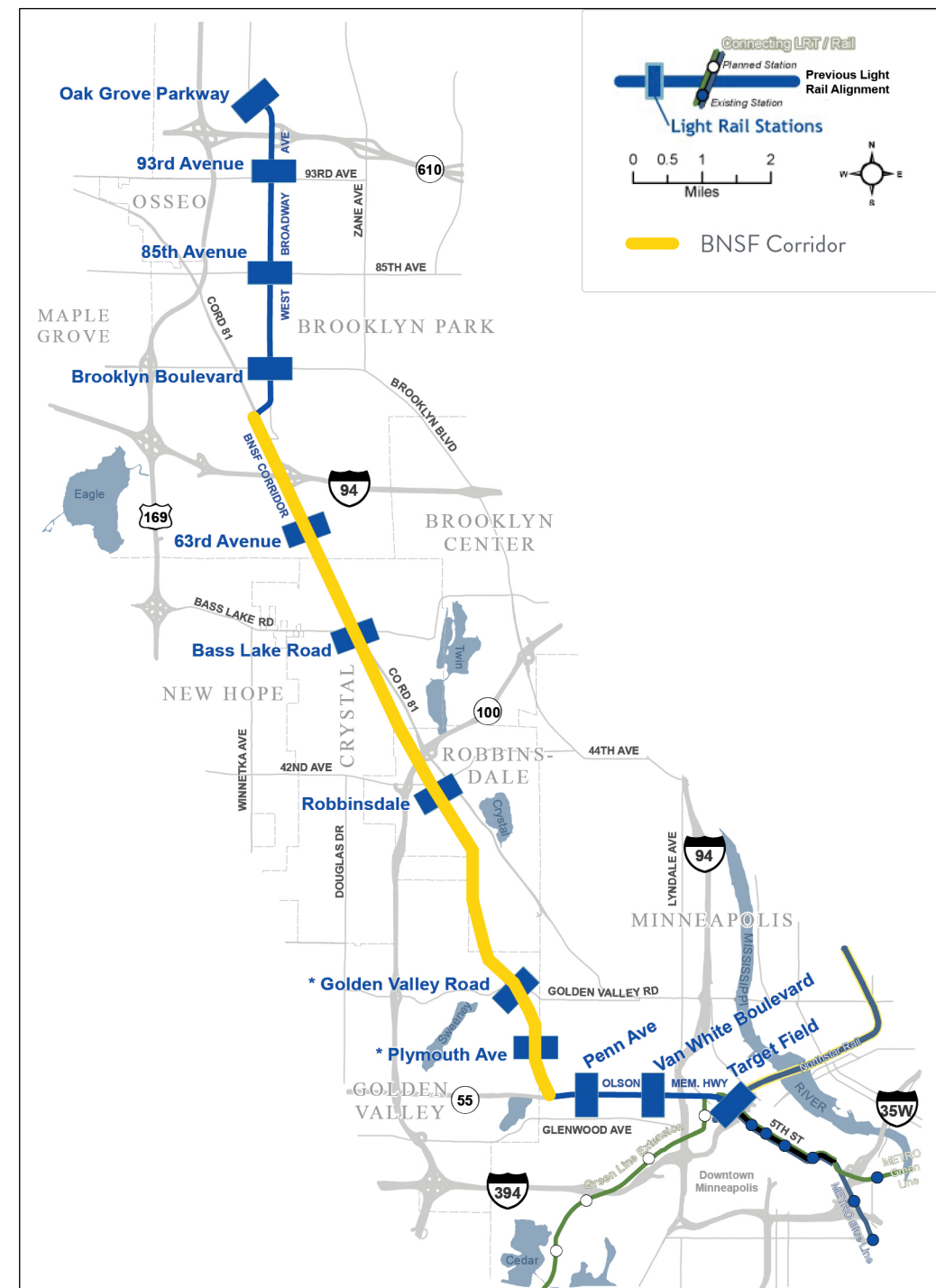
Future Rapid Transit Network




Colored BRT Lines operate on dedicated roadways and have the right-of-way priority over all other traffic. Grey BRT Lines operate on mixed traffic roadways and have the right-of-way priority over all other traffic. Grey BRT Lines have a maximum speed of 45 mph. METRO BRT Lines have a maximum speed of 30 mph.

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



Schedule/Next Steps

We're here 



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

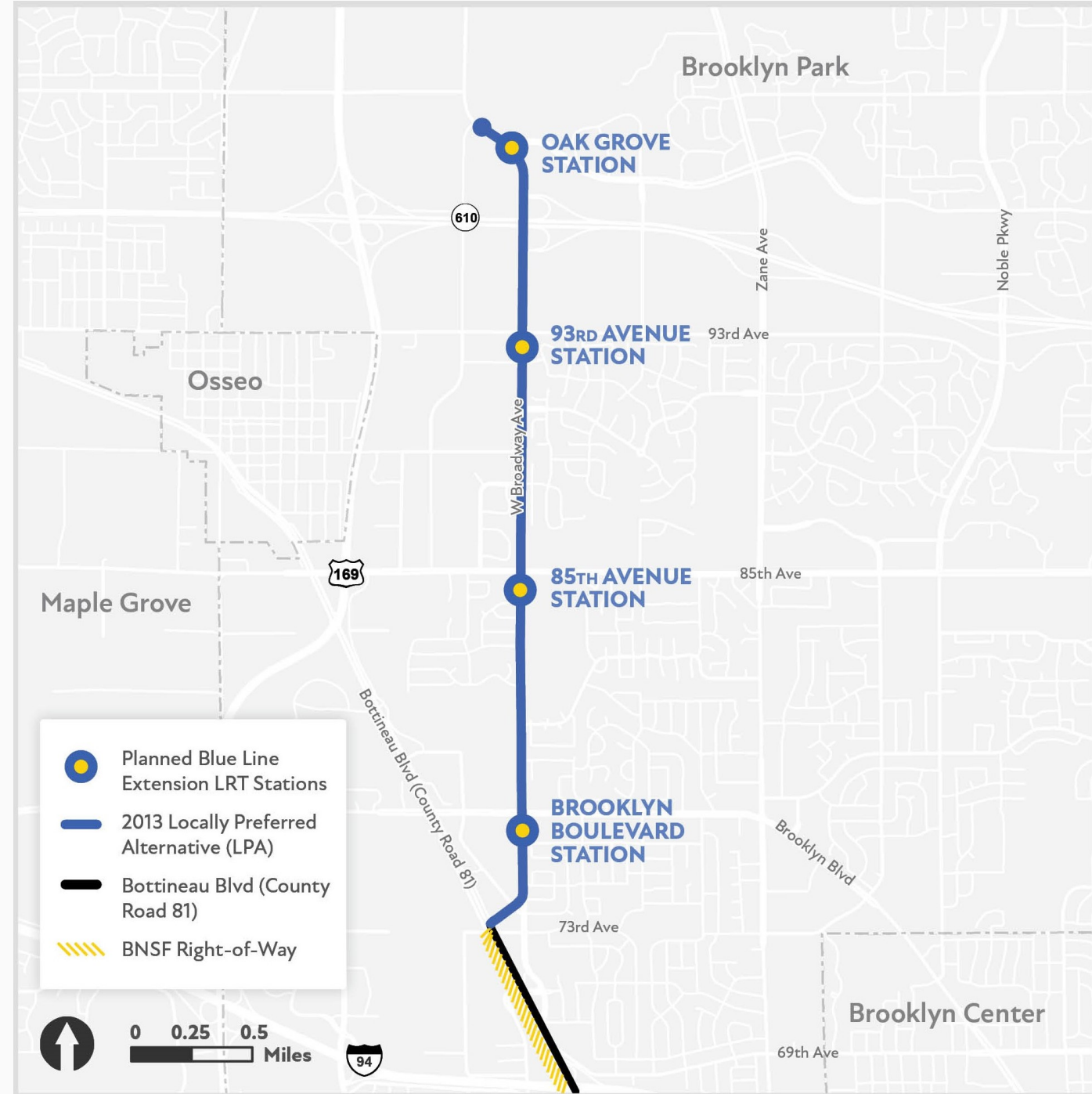
Engineering
Develop construction ready design plans

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.

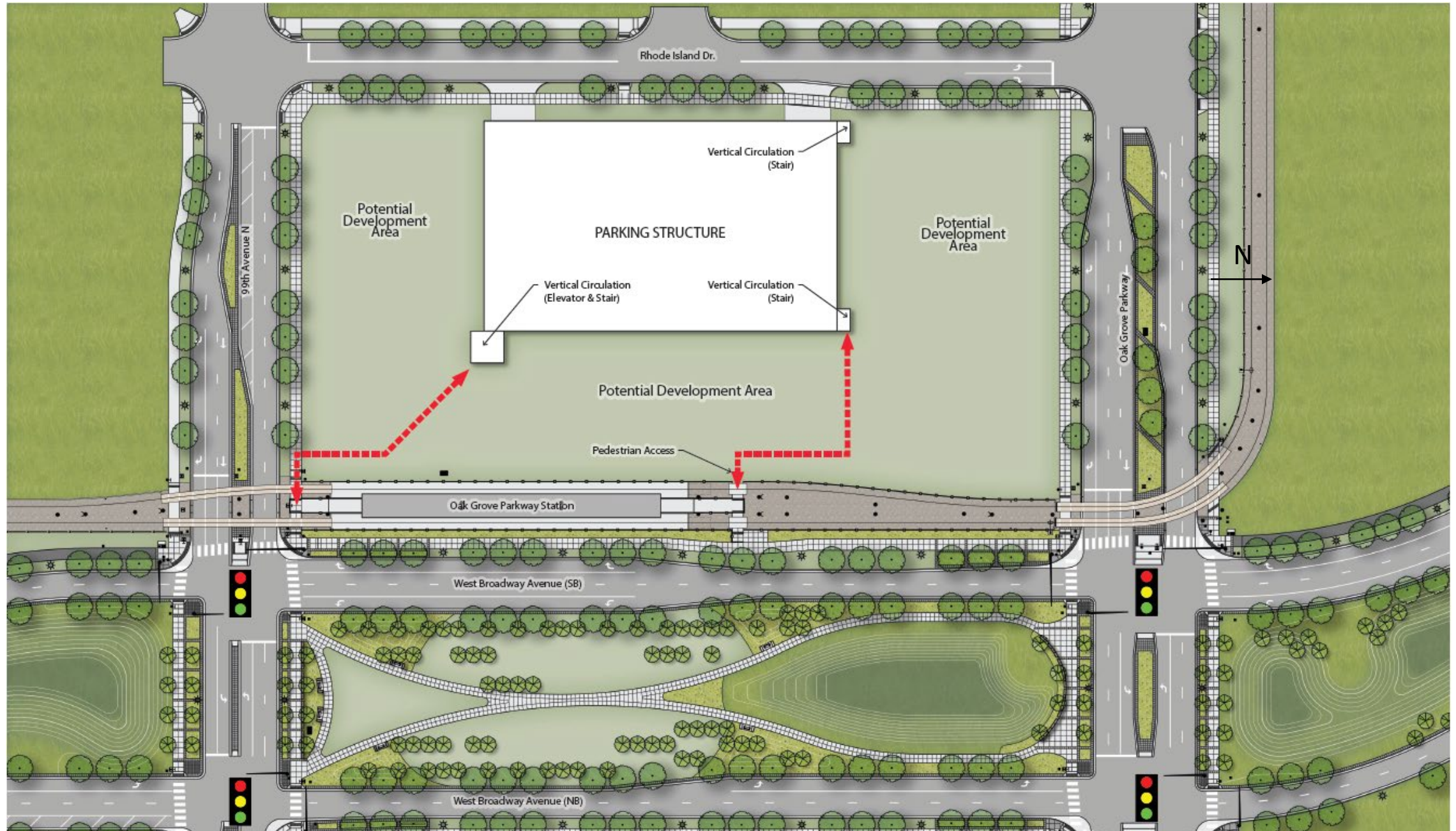
Brooklyn Park Planned Stations



Brooklyn Park Design Considerations

- Design is at 90% for four out of the five stations
- Analysis of the area around the 63rd Station area
- Continue to engage as the rest of the corridor is developed

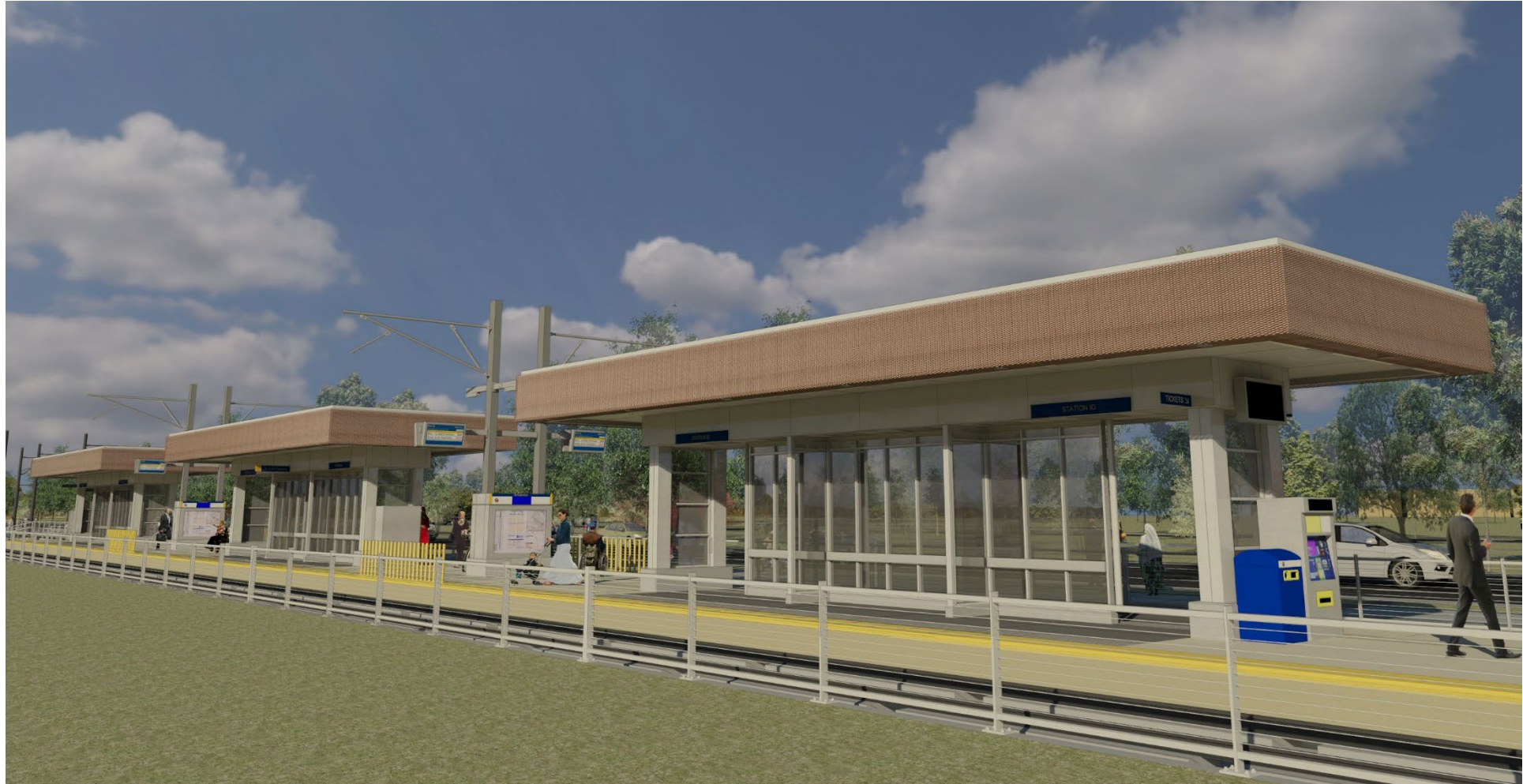
Oak Grove Parkway Park and Ride Site Plan



Birdseye view of Oak Grove Pkwy Station

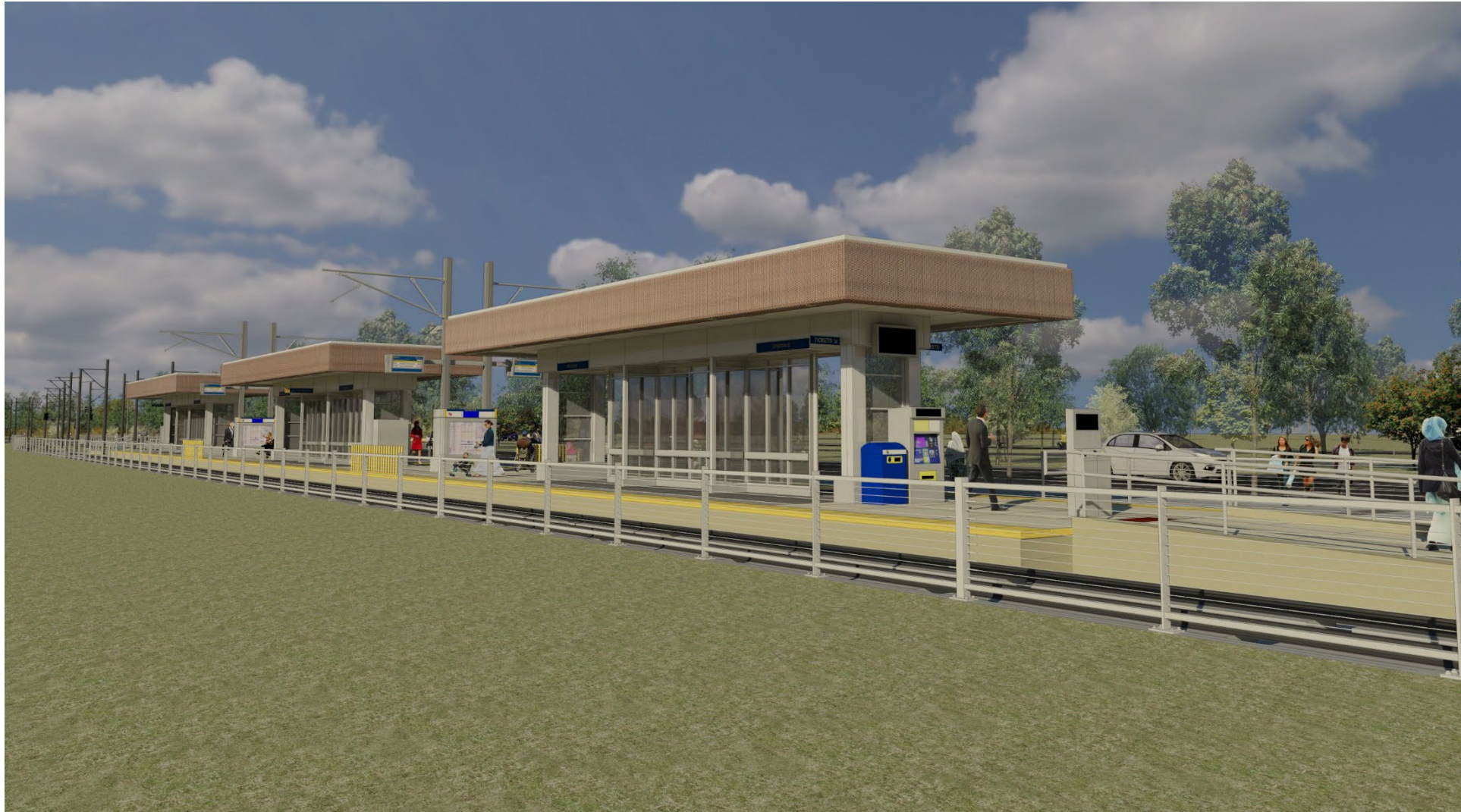


Oak Grove Parkway Station



View near 99th, looking northeast

Oak Grove Parkway Station

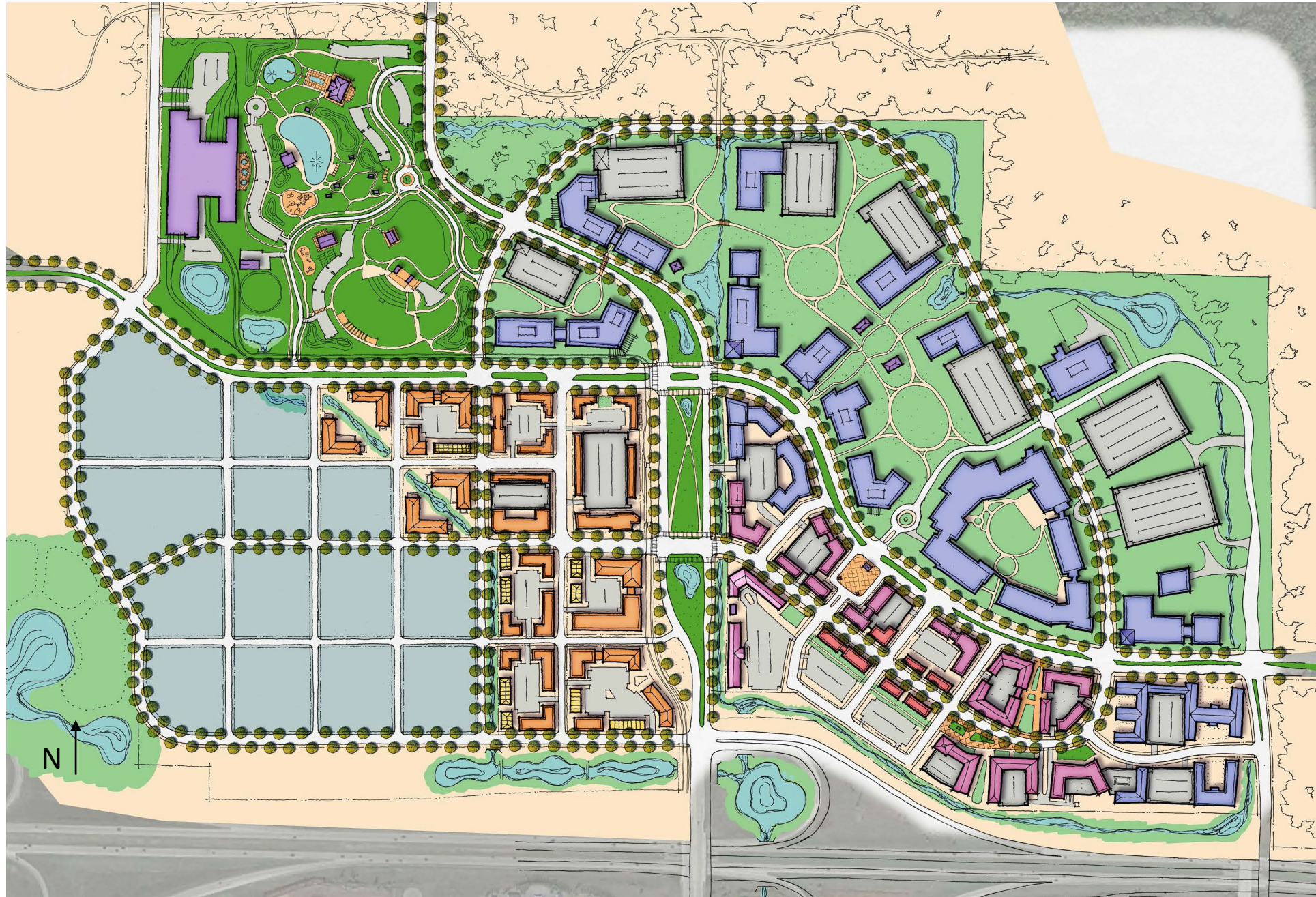


View looking southwest

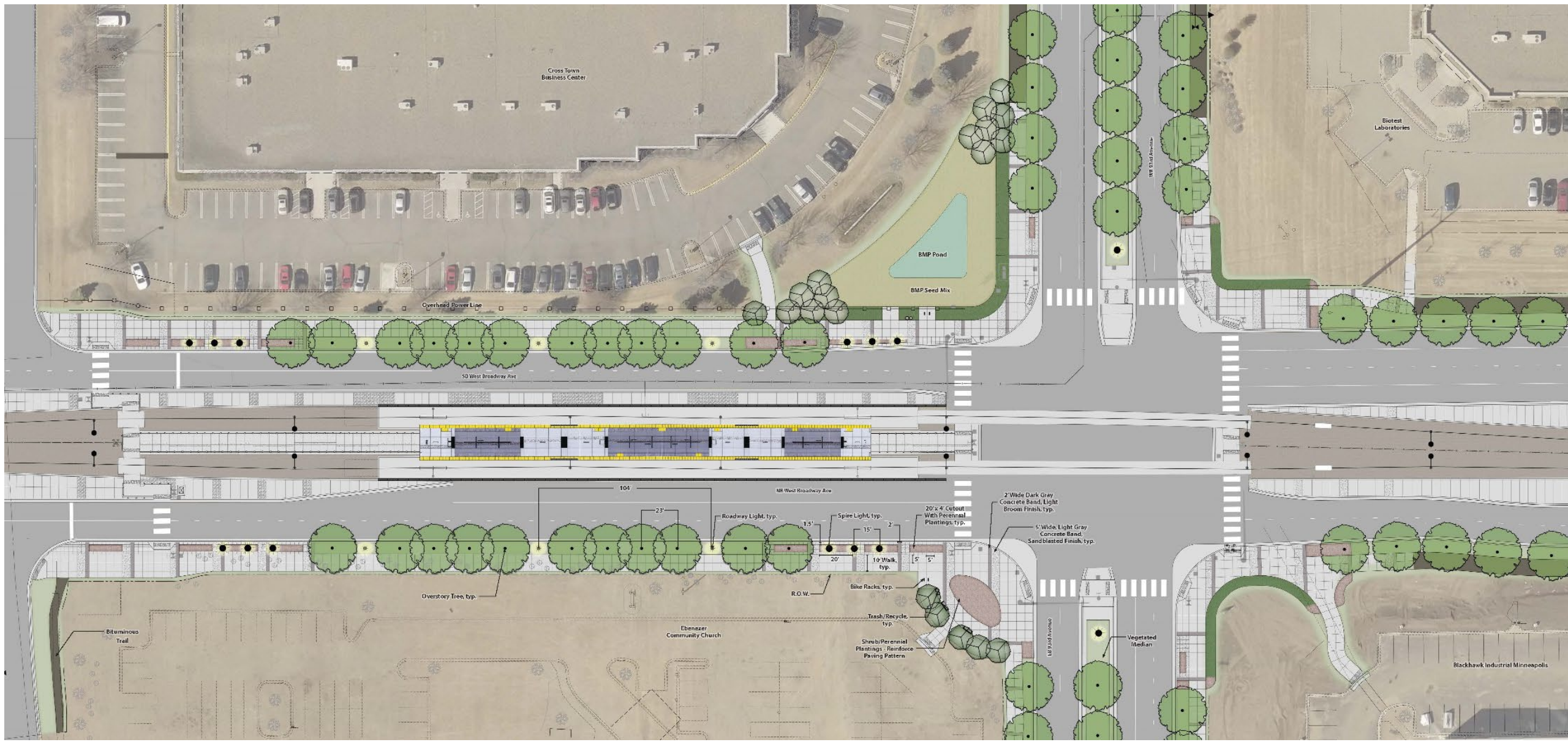
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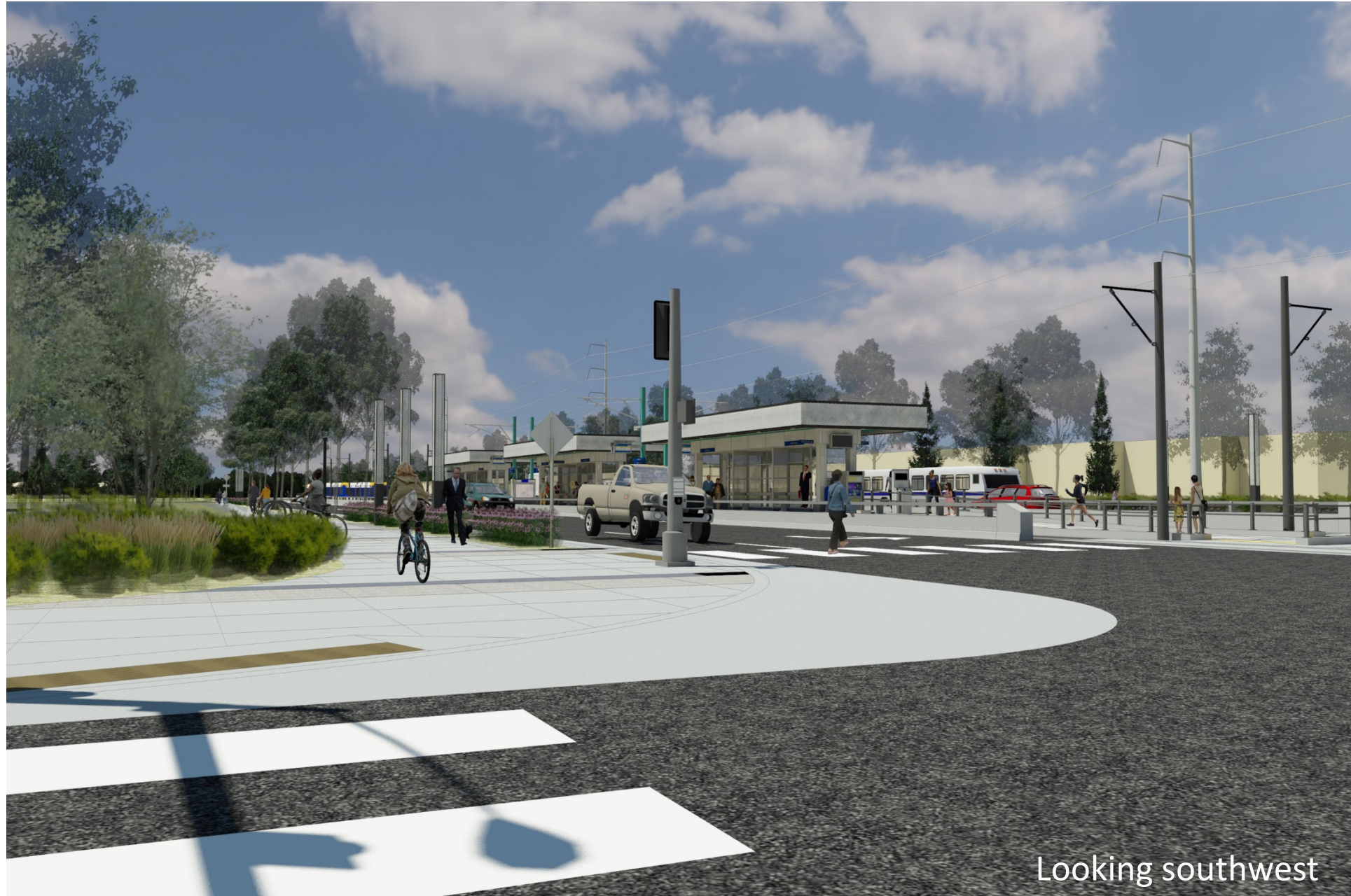
Oak Grove Parkway Area Development Plan



93rd Avenue Station Site Plan



93rd Avenue Station



Looking southwest

93rd Avenue Station



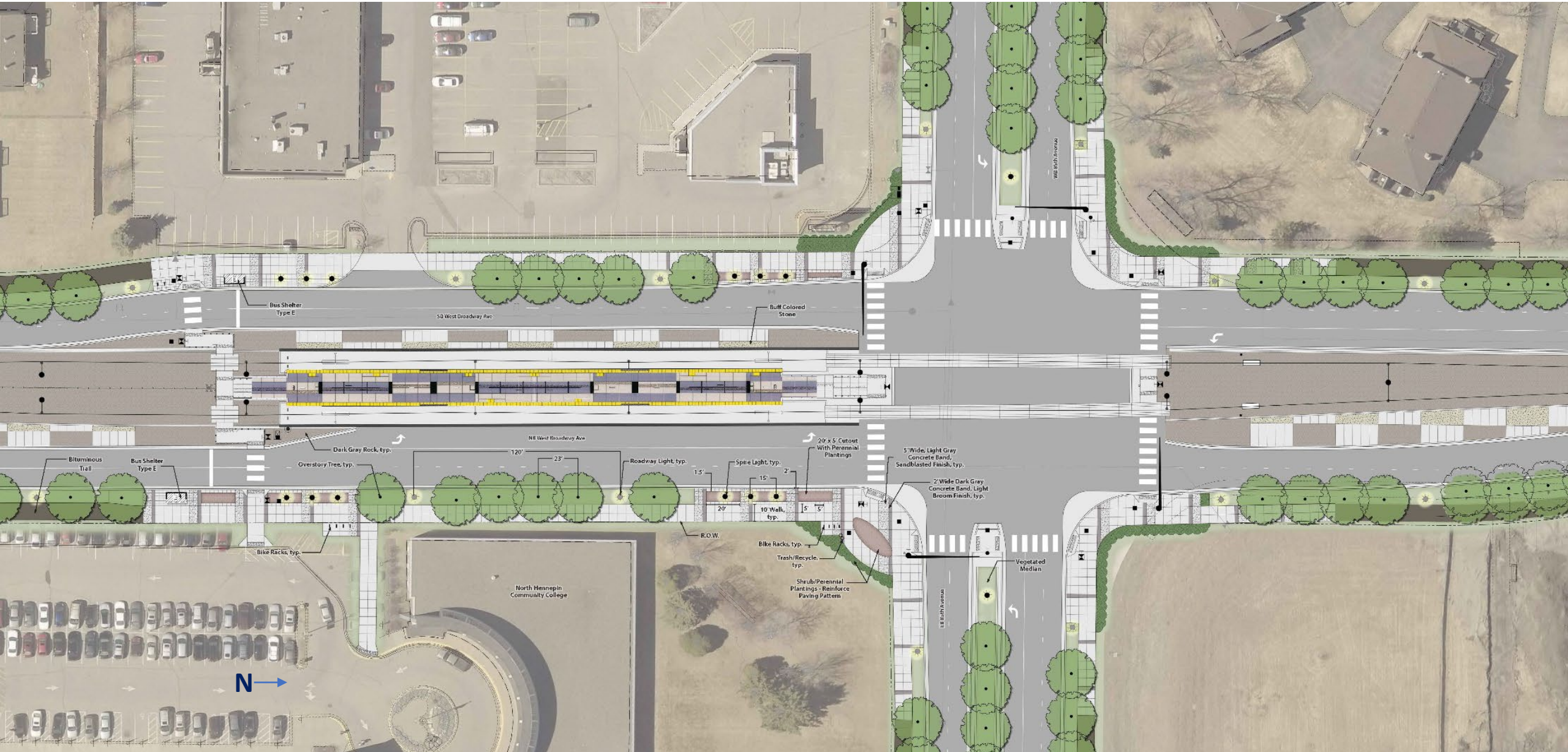
Looking northwest

93rd Avenue Station



Looking north

85th Avenue Station Site Plan



85th Avenue Station



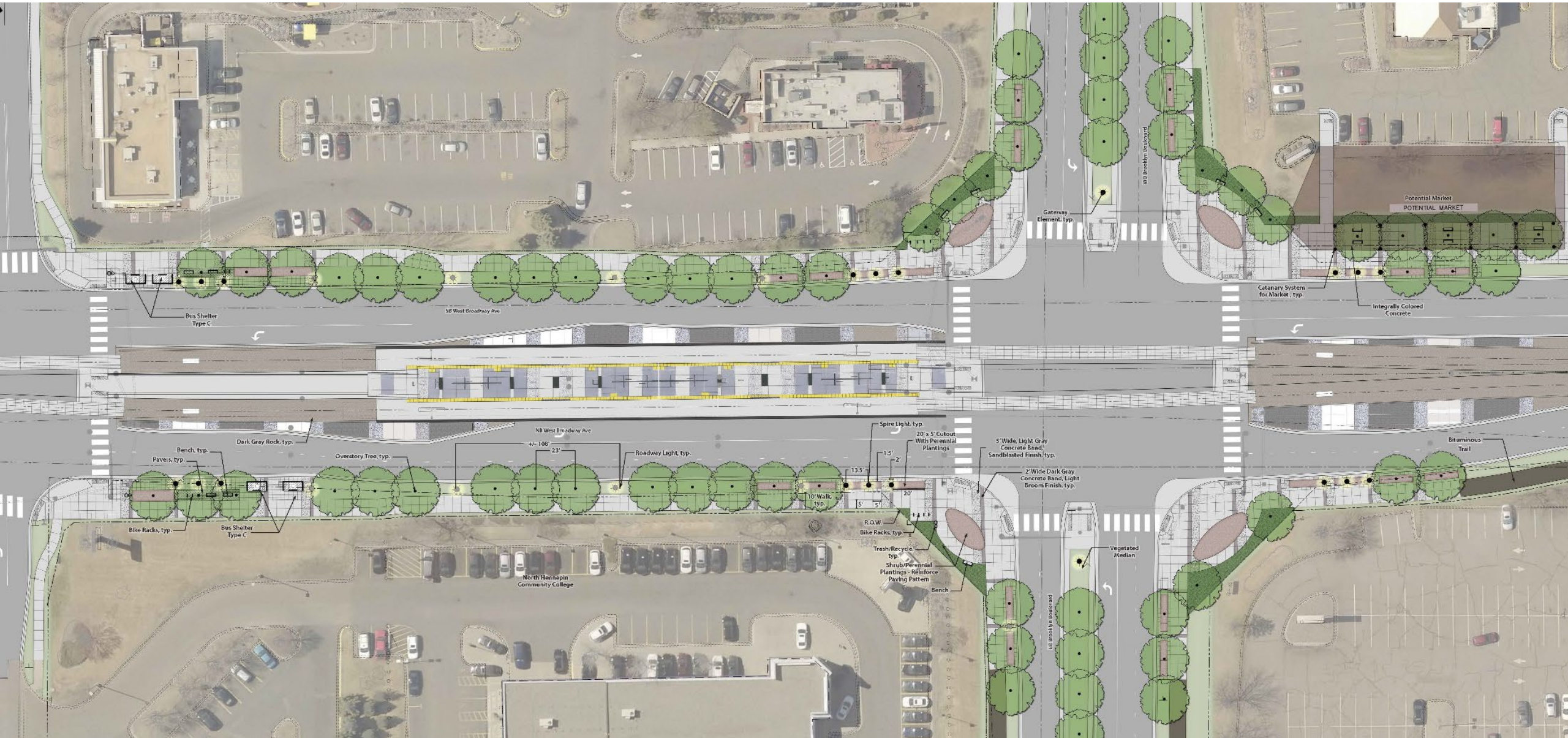
Looking northwest

85th Avenue Station



Looking north

Brooklyn Boulevard Station Site Plan



Brooklyn Boulevard Station



Looking southwest

Brooklyn Boulevard Station



Looking northwest

Brooklyn Boulevard Station



Looking north

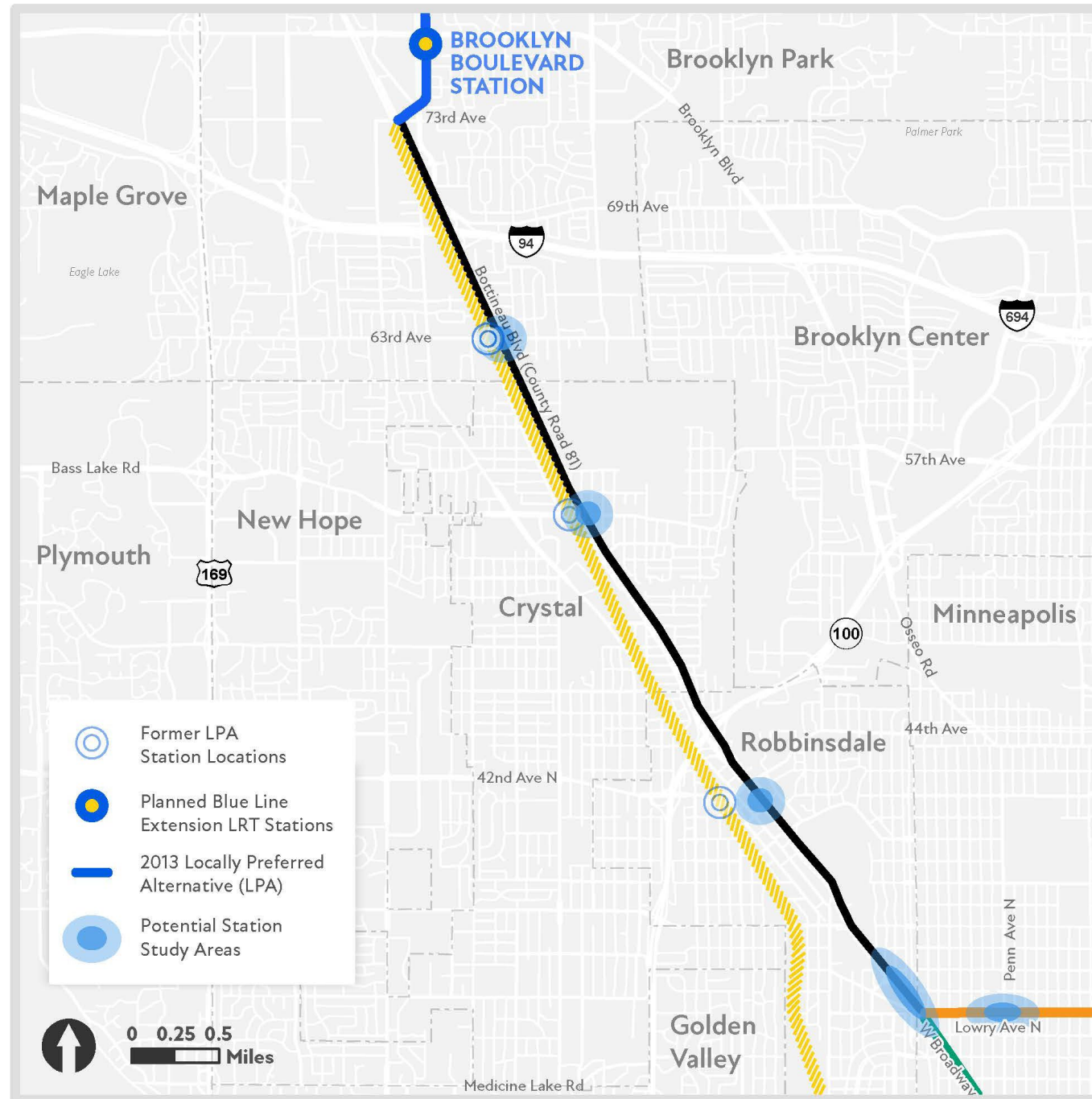
Potential Station Locations

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.

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

Key Community Feedback

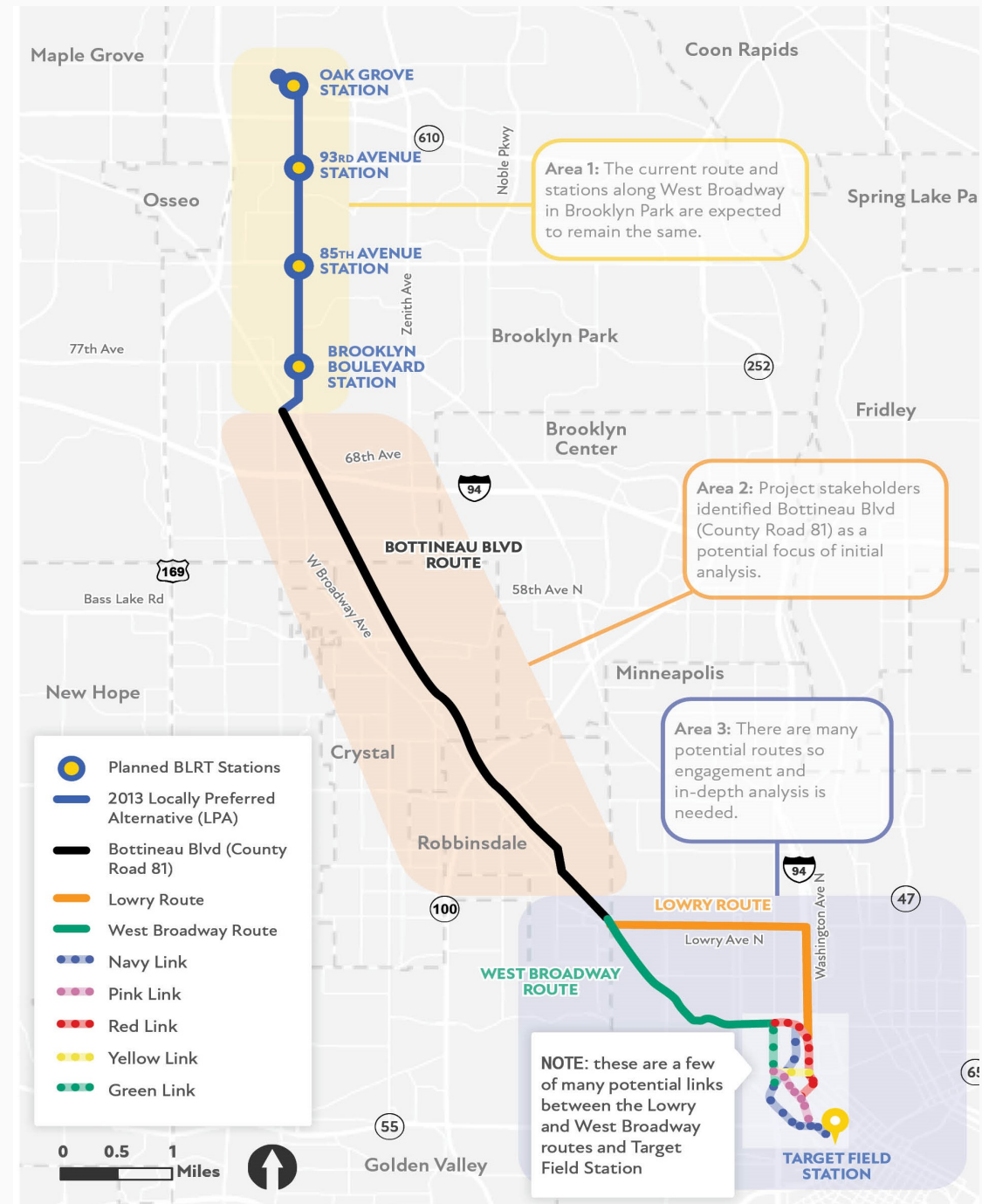
- Improve access and mobility: for people of color, lower income, limited mobility
- Improve transit experience: safety of pedestrians etc., security along corridor, faster travel times, increase ridership
- Avoid negative impacts: business/resident displacement, construction, pollution, traffic operations, gentrification

Community Wealth Building Through Investment

- Forming an Anti-Displacement Working Group
 - To develop and implement a comprehensive, innovative set of strategies:
 - To ensure this investment builds on, supports, and protects existing community assets
 - Benefit existing corridor residents
 - Provide more opportunities for equitable housing, employment, business development, cultural experiences, and other activities of daily life
 - Request for Proposals Due: July 27

Discussion

- What does this project mean to you?
- What are we missing?
- How can we stay connected?



Stay Connected!

- Project website: bluelineext.org
 - Project news, maps, surveys, what we're hearing
 - Sign-up for GovDelivery project updates
 - Connect with staff for your questions or schedule a presentation
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