

Crystal - Metro Blue Line Extension STATION AREA PLAN UPDATE



OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, June 22nd, 2023

5-7 p.m.

Crystal Community Center

Crystal Room

4800 Douglas Drive North

Crystal, MN 55429



Please join us for an informational session on the Crystal - METRO Blue Line Extension Station Area Plan Update.

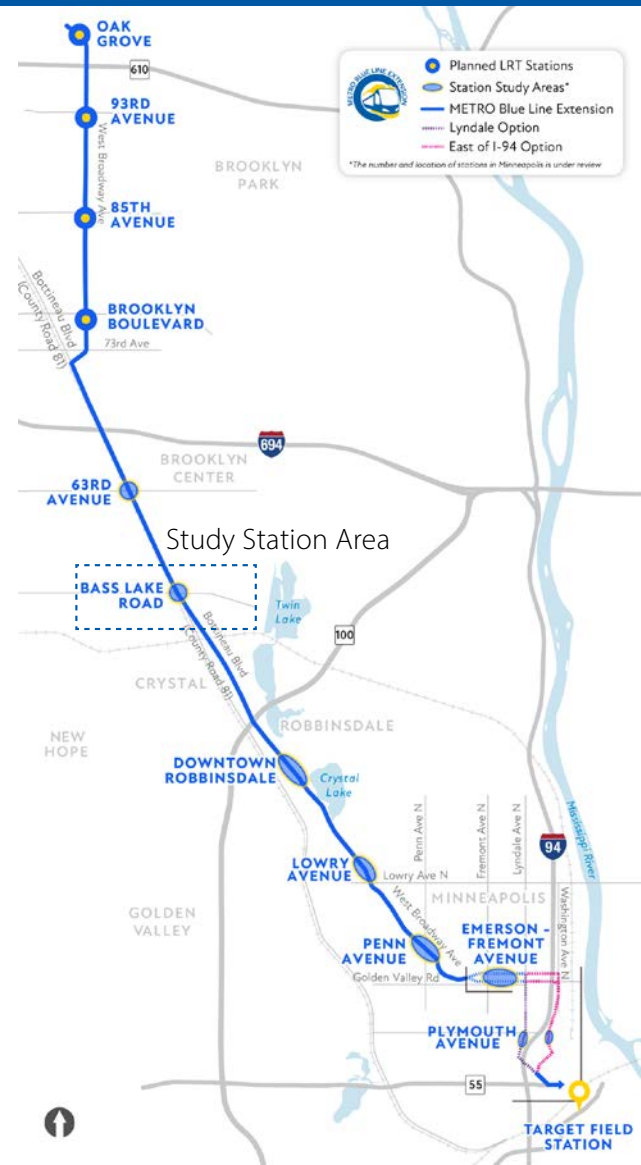
Staff working on the Station Area Plan Update, as well as staff from the METRO Blue Line Extension project, would like to meet with community members in Crystal to share project updates and strategies for improved connections and placemaking opportunities in the Bass Lake Road Station Area.

If you have questions or require assistance to participate in this meeting, contact: Kjerstin Yager, at Kjerstin.Yager@metrotransit.org.



To find project materials and ways to share feedback, visit the project website:

BlueLineExt.org



What is a Station Area?

The area within a half-mile radius or a ten-minute walk of planned light rail transit stations is commonly referred to as the “station area.” Typically, this is where investments in transit infrastructure are expected to generate the greatest community opportunities and impacts.

Why is the Bass Lake Road Station Area Plan (2016) being updated?

Beginning in 2015, Hennepin County and the City of Crystal collaborated on a station area plan for the Bass Lake Road Light Rail (LRT) Station to envision new land uses within a half-mile of the proposed station. The final report was completed in July 2016. This plan evaluated a station along the route using freight rail property as previously planned for the METRO Blue Line Extension.

Since August 2020, the Metropolitan Council and Hennepin County have partnered to evaluate revised route options that do not use freight rail property. In June 2022, the Metropolitan Council and Hennepin

County Board adopted the route recommendation for the METRO Blue Line Extension. The new route for the Blue Line Extension will extend the existing Blue Line light rail transit from Target Field Station along West Broadway Avenue in Minneapolis to County Road 81 in Crystal and Robbinsdale, and along West Broadway Avenue in Brooklyn Park. In Crystal, the proposed route closely parallels the original route along Bottineau Boulevard. This Station Area Plan Update examines the revised route for the Bass Lake Road Station in the City of Crystal, evaluating existing conditions and making recommendations within a half-mile of the proposed station.



Bass Lake Road Station Area Plan (2016)

High level goals of the Station Area Plan Update:

- Re-envision the Bottineau Corridor as a multi-modal transit corridor that supports LRT, bus, pedestrian, and bicycle connections.
- Maximize and strategically align public and private investments in the corridor to support transit-oriented development (TOD) through housing, commercial development, and public infrastructure investments.
- Promote economic opportunity by improving access to jobs and supporting business recruitment and expansion along the corridor.
- Promote opportunities for local business owners.
- Enhance livability in the corridor by improving public spaces, supporting the creation of healthy communities, and connecting people to key destinations, including employment centers, educational institutions, and regional amenities.