

Virtual Minneapolis Project Update Meeting

Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: 21

Format: 30-minute presentation followed by a Q & A session

Comment Summary/Themes:

- 10th Ave
 - Concern that 10th Ave alignment will make neighborhood inaccessible and increase traffic issues
 - Desire to have other alignments considered
- Ridership
 - Understanding more about the FTA Ridership Forecasting Model
- Station Location
 - Concern that proposed station locations will not connect to BRT routes

Q&A Session

- I live in the North Loop. I encourage you to think creatively about this 10th Ave development. I hope you guys continue to consider alternative options and don't turn 10th Ave into a transit mall. There are already existing traffic issues in the area
- I hope route options other than 10th are being considered. Everyone in the neighborhood uses 10th to reach the farmer's market. A route that gives people on the other side of 94 would be beneficial. Is there any opportunity for thinking of something different from the proposed route?
 - **Project Response:** *The route modification report from 2021 outlines the numerous alignment options that were considered in North Loop. Looking at all of the options was a robust process and ultimately, we narrowed down routes that would serve the most people and places. We are considering 10th to Washington route and the route closer to 94. Previously considered routes will also be included in the Supplement Draft Environmental Impact Statement.*
- Is there any concern that the stops along 21st will not connect with BRT lines like the D line? It is odd to me that we would not connect to the D line.
 - **Project Response:** *We did consider a station near Emerson/Dupont; however, the block was not wide enough for a station. Ultimately, the public would be best served, and ridership would be higher by having stations at Lyndale and James. A third station at 21st would be too many close together.*
- That's good to know what actual and forecasted ridership is because I just saw an article saying that ridership estimates dropped, but it's due to the new model

Chat Screenshot:

Jonathan Hansen (Guest) 5:43 PM

JH

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Ben Hansen (Guest) 6:08 PM

BH

Hello from Robbinsdale!



Yager, Kjerstin (Guest) 6:09 PM

KY

Wonderful! Thanks for being here, Ben Hansen (Guest).



Last read

Vang, Kaja (Guest) 6:24 PM

KV

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