WELCOME

Welcome to the

METRO Blue Line Extension

Community Meeting

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Lowry Station Visualizations

At Grade, *Looking South*

Station Platform, *Looking Northwest*

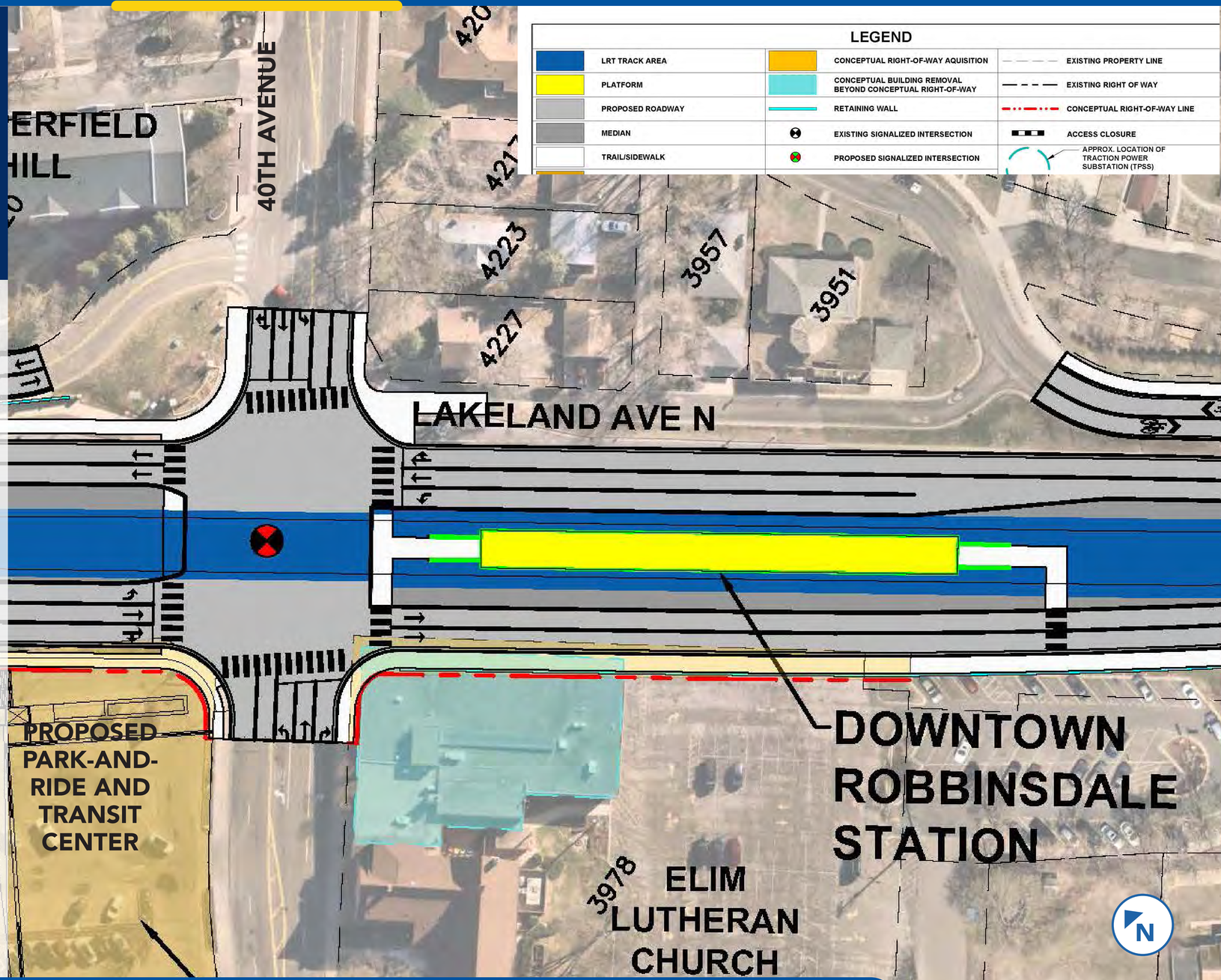
Intersection of Theodore Wirth Pkwy and Lowry Ave, *Looking West*

Oakdale Avenue, *Looking North*

DOWNTOWN ROBBINSDALE STATION

The station in downtown Robbinsdale is proposed to be located south of 40th Ave for several reasons:

- To provide better bike/ pedestrian connectivity
- Serves nearby residential area and downtown Robbinsdale
- Close to proposed park and ride at US Bank site
- This station placement does include demolition of a portion of the Elim Church gym to fit proposed station



SAFETY AND SECURITY

Our region is making a significant investment in our transit network, and therefore expects a high-quality service that is clean, safe, and reliable. We are doing everything we can to meet that expectation and have made public safety on transit our highest priority.

CRIME DOWN 25%

From Q1 to Q4 2023

OFFICER-INITIATED CALLS UP 24%

From Q1 to Q4 2023

113 FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICERS

171 authorized

14.7 MILLION LRT RIDES

+19% 2022 to 2023

43 ACTION ITEMS ADVANCING

through Safety & Security Action Plan

More people in more places

- *Community Service Officer Pathway Program* to help non-traditional candidates earn college credits at no cost and become a Community Service Officer.
- *Transit Rider Investment Program* (TRIP) Agents inspecting fares, issuing administrative citations, upholding the *Code of Conduct,* and offering other customer services on LRT.
- 10 community-based organizations addressing issues like mental health challenges, substance abuse disorders, and homelessness through the *Transit Safety Intervention Projects* (TSIP).
- Supplemental security officers at six locations, including the Lake/Midtown and Franklin Ave. LRT stations.
- Monthly efforts encourages all Metro Transit staff to spend time on transit meeting riders, frontline workers, and ridership requirements for senior leaders.

Improving Conditions

- Revised *Code of Conduct*, paid fare zone signage prominently posted at LRT stations.
- New signage & online portal to make reporting issues easier.
- Adopted cleaning and repair standards & hiring more maintenance staff to care for stations and vehicles, including cleaning trains & buses between trips.
- Using public art as bus shelters and other locations to deter vandalism.
- Expanded use of real-time, onboard monitors on buses to remind riders activity is recorded.
- Reviewing LRT station designs and preparing for a program of improvements that may or may not include fare gates.
- Improving LRT frequency as operator staffing allows (planned for summer 2024).

Putting People First

- Expanded de-escalation, *Red Kite* (resiliency) and mental health awareness training for frontline workers.
- Regularly updating employees and providing opportunities for feedback through town halls, safety committees.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:

https://www.metrotransit.org/public-safety

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ROBBINSDALE STATION AREA CONTEXT

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LOWRY STATION AREA CONTEXT

ANTI-DISPLACEMENT NEXT STEPS PROGRESS

1. Create a regional group to continue conversations about corridor-wide implementation of anti-displacement strategies

2. Create local government groups to receive recommendations and begin policy making processes

3. Create dedicated regional anti-displacement fund

in progress

4. Align anti-displacement research and recommendations with Blue Line Extension federal processes like supplemental environmental impact statement

5. Develop corridor-wide anti-displacement policy agenda for 2024 state legislative session

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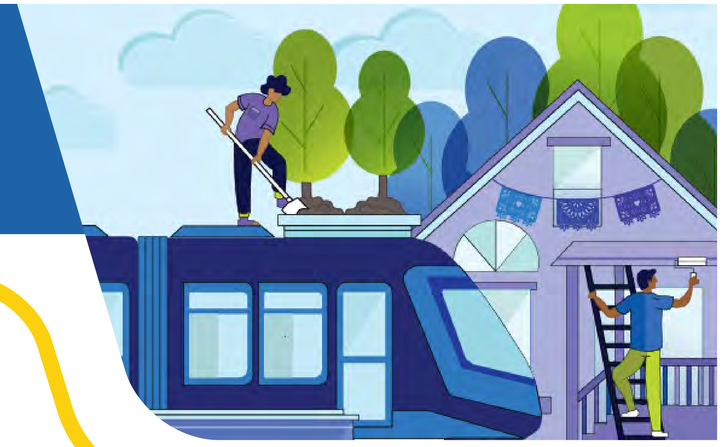
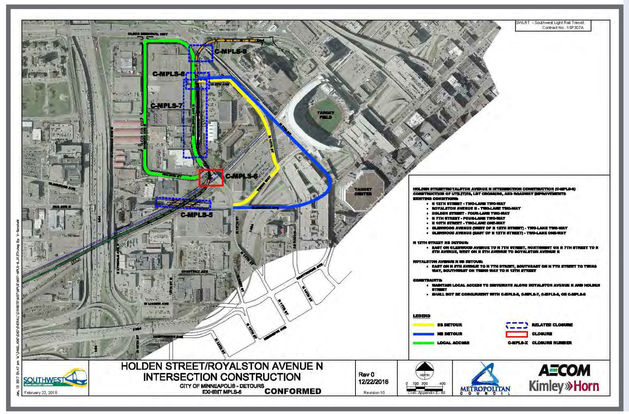
ACCESS TO PLACES



Maintenance of Access Planning:

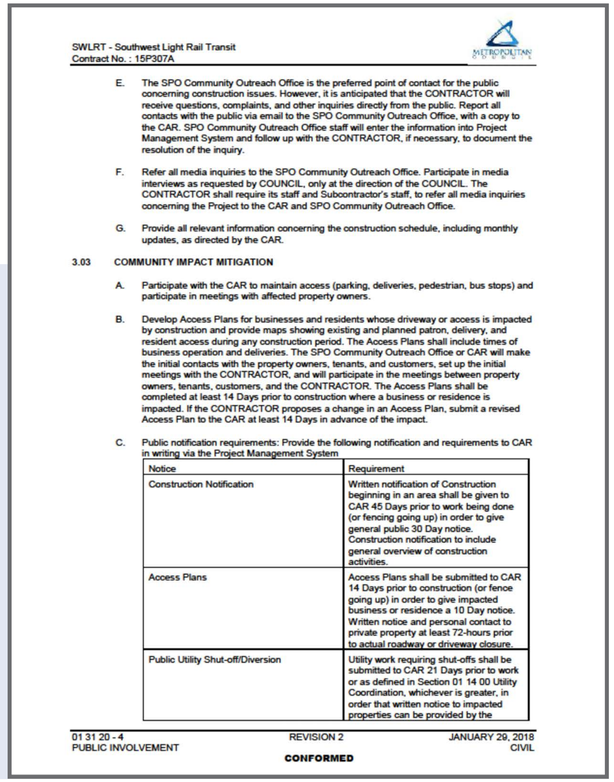
- Engage with the Community
  - Understand business operation needs
  - Business and access point inventory
- Engineering & Design Planning Efforts
  - Develop maintenance of traffic/access plans
  - Ongoing consultation with municipal partners
  - Develop access specifications for construction bidding



Sample Maintenance of Traffic Exhibit

Maintenance of Access Implementation

- Construction access meetings with stakeholders
- Apply notification requirements per specifications
- Signage
- 24-hour construction hotline
- Maintenance of access inspections
- Weekly construction update notifications
- Emergency response



SWLRT - Southwest Light Rail Transit
Contract No. : 15P307A

E. The SPO Community Outreach Office is the preferred point of contact for the public concerning construction issues. However, it is anticipated that the CONTRACTOR will receive questions, complaints, and other inquiries directly from the public. Report all contacts with the public via email to the SPO Community Outreach Office, with a copy to the CAR. SPO Community Outreach Office staff will enter the information into Project Management System and follow up with the CONTRACTOR, if necessary, to document the resolution of the inquiry.

F. Refer all media inquiries to the SPO Community Outreach Office. Participate in media interviews as requested by COUNCIL, only at the direction of the COUNCIL. The CONTRACTOR shall require its staff and Subcontractor's staff, to refer all media inquiries concerning the Project to the CAR and SPO Community Outreach Office.

G. Provide all relevant information concerning the construction schedule, including monthly updates, as directed by the CAR.

3.03 **COMMUNITY IMPACT MITIGATION**

A. Participate with the CAR to maintain access (parking, deliveries, pedestrian, bus stops) and participate in meetings with affected property owners.

B. Develop Access Plans for businesses and residents whose driveway or access is impacted by construction and provide maps showing existing and planned patron, delivery, and resident access during any construction period. The Access Plans shall include times of business operation and deliveries. The SPO Community Outreach Office or CAR will make the initial contacts with the property owners, tenants, and customers, set up the initial meetings with the CONTRACTOR, and will participate in the meetings between property owners, tenants, customers, and the CONTRACTOR. The Access Plans shall be completed at least 14 Days prior to construction where a business or residence is impacted. If the CONTRACTOR proposes a change in an Access Plan, submit a revised Access Plan to the CAR at least 14 Days in advance of the impact.

C. Public notification requirements: Provide the following notification and requirements to CAR in writing via the Project Management System.

Notice	Requirement
Construction Notification	Written notification of Construction beginning in an area shall be given to CAR 45 Days prior to work being done (or fencing going up) in order to give general public 30 Day notice. Construction notification to include general overview of construction activities.
Access Plans	Access Plans shall be submitted to CAR 14 Days prior to construction (or fence going up) in order to give impacted business or residence a 10 Day notice. Written notice and personal contact to private property at least 72-hours prior to actual roadway or driveway closure.
Public Utility Shut-off/Diversion	Utility work requiring shut-offs shall be submitted to CAR 21 Days prior to work or as defined in Section 01 14 00 Utility Coordination, whichever is greater, in order that written notice to impacted properties can be provided by the

CONFORMED

Sample Public Involvement Specifications

SCHEDULE

Early 2024
30% Preliminary Design
Summer 2024
Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement Released
2024-2025
Final Design
2030
Anticipated Opening
Spring 2024
Updated Preliminary Cost and Ridership Ranges
Summer 2024
Municipal consent process begins to confirm final route
2026-2027
Construction Starts

STAY CONNECTED!

Visit BlueLineExt.org to sign-up for the project newsletter, and share your comments, questions and concerns on our interactive feedback map.

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