

Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Definition
2040 TPP	2040 Transportation Policy Plan
AA	Alternatives Analysis
АСНР	Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
ACS	American Community Survey
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADWG	Anti-Displacement Working Group
amsl	above mean sea level
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
APE	Area of Potential Effects
ΑΡΤΑ	American Public Transportation Association
ASHSB	Architects' Small House Service Bureau
ASP	Agency Safety Plan
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
BAC	Business Advisory Committee
BCW	Bottineau Community Works
BCWMC	Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission
BIPOC	Black, Indigenous, and People of Color
BLC	Blue Line Coalition
BLTS	Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress
BMP	best management practice
BNSF	BNSF Railway
BRT	bus rapid transit
BSA	Bank Service Area
Btu	British thermal unit(s)
BWSR	(Minnesota) Board of Water and Soil Resources
САА	Clean Air Act
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CAC	Community Advisory Committee
ССР	Construction Contingency Plan
CEJST	Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CIG	Capital Investment Grant
СМС	Corridor Management Committee
СО	carbon monoxide
CO ₂	carbon dioxide
CO ₂ e	carbon dioxide equivalent
Council	Metropolitan Council
CPED	Community Planning and Economic Development
СРКС	Canadian Pacific Kansas City
CR	County Road
CSA	Cross-Spectrum Acoustics Inc.
CSAH	County State Aid Highway



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LEDPA	Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative
Leq	equivalent sound level
LGU	local government unit
LOD	limits of disturbance [to construct the Project]
LRT	light rail transit
LRTP	Long-Range Transportation Plan
LRV	light-rail vehicle
LSTM	line source transfer mobility
Lv	vibration level
LWCF	Land and Water Conservation Fund
MAC	Metropolitan Airports Commission
MAP-21	Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act
MBTA	Migratory Bird Treaty Act
MCES	Metropolitan Council Environmental Services
MDA	Minnesota Department of Agriculture
MDH	Minnesota Department of Health
MEPA	Minnesota Environmental Policy Act
Minn. Stat.	Minnesota Statutes
MLCCS	Minnesota Land Cover Classification System
MMBtu	1 million British thermal units
MnDOT	Minnesota Department of Transportation
M&NW	Minneapolis & Northwestern Railroad Company
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOT	maintenance of traffic
MOVES	Motor Vehicle Emissions Simulator
M&P	Minneapolis & Pacific Railway Company
MPCA	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
mph	mile(s) per hour
MPRB	Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
MPS	Minneapolis Public Schools
MSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area
MSAT	mobile-source air toxic
MT	metric ton(s)
MVST	motor vehicle sales tax
MWMO	Mississippi Watershed Management Organization
N/A	not applicable
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
NCHRP	National Cooperative Highway Research Program
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NFIP	National Flood Insurance Program
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
NHIS	Natural Heritage Information System
NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act of 1966
NLEB	northern long-eared bat
NOAH	naturally occurring affordable housing
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NPL	National Priorities List
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TAP Minneapolis Transportation Action Plan	ТАР	Minneapolis Transportation Action Plan
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Abbreviation	Definition
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
TMDL	total maximum daily load
TOD	transit-oriented development
ТР	total phosphorus
ТРАС	Technical Project Advisory Committee
TPSS	traction power substation
TRPD	Three Rivers Park District
TSS	total suspended solids
UCC	Union Construction Company
Uniform Act	Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act
URC	Upper Robin Center
US 169	United States Highway 169
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
USC	United States Code
USDOT	United States Department of Transportation
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
UST	underground storage tank
VdB	vibration decibel(s)
VMT	vehicle miles traveled
vpd	vehicles per day
WCA	Wetland Conservation Act
WMO	watershed management organization
WMWMC	West Mississippi Watershed Management Commission
WOUS	Waters of the United States
YOE	year-of-expenditure

Glossary

Term	Definition
2016 Alignment	Identifies the route established in the 2016 Final Environmental Impact
	Statement (FEIS) that used BNSF right-of-way.
2016 Final EIS	Identifies the 2016 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) developed
	based on the 2016 Alignment.
alignment options	Route options in the City of Minneapolis prior to the single Project Alignment
	was identified for the Build Alternative. Often found in chapter appendices.
alignment(s)	Alignments used prior to fall 2023 when multiple alignment and design
	options were under consideration.
Black, Indigenous, and	Per FTA guidance in the Title VI Circular, Metro Transit's Title VI work refers to
people of color (BIPOC)	all non-White, non-Hispanic persons as BIPOC rather than breaking down the
	analysis any further to separate out communities of color by specific race.
METRO Blue Line Light Rail	Proposed light rail transit project, which would extend the existing Blue Line
Extension (BLE)	from Target Field Station northwest to the City of Brooklyn Park. The Project
	was referred to as the Blue Line Light Rail Transit or BLRT in previous studies.
Build Alternative/No-Build	Compares short-term (construction-phase) and long-term (operating-phase)
Alternative	impacts with the Project versus without the Project.
contributing cities	The cities of New Hope, Brooklyn Center, Golden Valley, Maple Grove, Osseo,
	Champlin, and Dayton.



Term	Definition
County Road (CR)	Roads locally maintained by county highway departments in Minnesota.
	Examples in the Project area include CR 81 and CR 103.
design options	Station and park-and-ride options in the Cities of Crystal, Robbinsdale, and
C .	Minneapolis prior to the single Project Alignment identified for the Build
	Alternative. Often used in appendices.
Downtown Minneapolis	City of Minneapolis downtown area, which is the endpoint for the Project and
•	where the Target Field Station is located.
Downtown Robbinsdale	City of Robbinsdale downtown area.
Environmental Impact	Federal agencies prepare an EIS if a proposed major federal action is
Statement (EIS)	determined to significantly affect the quality of the human environment. The
	EIS process includes the publication of a Notice of Intent (NOI), which informs
	the public of the upcoming environmental analysis and starts the scoping
	process and identification of issues and alternatives to be addressed in the
	EIS. Following publication of the NOI, a draft EIS is published for comment.
	Public and agency comments are then incorporated into the development of
	a Final EIS. The EIS process ends with the issuance of the Record of Decision
	(ROD), which explains the agency's decision, describes alternatives under
	agency consideration, and discusses plans for mitigation and monitoring.
environmental justice (EJ)	The United States Department of Transportation defines environmental
	justice as "the just treatment and meaningful involvement of all people,
	regardless of income, race, color, national origin, Tribal affiliation, or
	disability, in agency decision-making and other Federal activities that affect
	human health and the environment so that people: (i) are fully protected
	from disproportionate and adverse human health and environmental effects
	(including risks) and hazards, including those related to climate change, the
	cumulative impacts of environmental and other burdens, and the legacy of
	racism or other structural or systemic barriers; and (ii) have equitable access
	to a healthy, sustainable, and resilient environment in which to live, play,
	work, learn, grow, worship, and engage in cultural and subsistence practices."
Existing METRO Blue Line	The existing Blue Line light rail that travels south from Target Field Station.
Light Rail Transit (LRT)	
light rail vehicle (LRV)	Vehicle that operates on energy transferred from overhead power lines and is
	stored at operations and maintenance facilities.
light rail stations (LRT	Stations evaluated in the Supplemental Draft EIS/Final EIS or stations located
stations)	along the existing METRO Blue Line LRT.
METRO	The name for the regional network of light rail and bus rapid transit lines.
	Differentiated from "Metro," which refers to a specific organization (for
	example, Metro Transit), and from "metro," which refers to the whole or
	portions of the general Twin Cities metropolitan region (for example,
	northwest metro).
Metropolitan Council	Metro Transit's governing body.
(Council)	
North Minneapolis	Neighborhood located northwest of the City of Minneapolis' central business
·	district and west of Interstate 94 (I-94).
park-and-ride	Free facilities where transit riders can park for extended periods of time and
	easily access and use transit routes to travel the Metro area. The Project
	would include park-and-ride facilities in the Cities of Brooklyn Park, Crystal,
	and Robbinsdale.



Term	Definition
Project Alignment	The track alignment for the Build Alternative in the Supplemental Draft EIS.
	The information is presented in Chapters 1–11 of the Supplemental Draft EIS.
Project alignment and	All route, station, and park-and-ride options considered prior to a single
design options	Project Alignment identified for the Build Alternative (often found in chapter
	appendices). The Project alignment and design options are described in
	Chapter 2 of the Supplemental Draft EIS and presented in the Appendix
	Chapters of the Supplemental Draft EIS.
Project area	The area surrounding the Project Alignment or the Project alignment and
	design options. In previous phases, the term "route" or "corridor" has been
	used, but for consistency, this document uses the term "Project area." If
	"corridor" is used, it describes other linear infrastructure such as the W
	Broadway Ave corridor, transit service corridors, highway corridors, streetcar
	corridors, etc.
Project Cities	Cities of Brooklyn Park, Crystal, Robbinsdale, and Minneapolis.
Project limits of disturbance	Project boundary within which all construction and operational activities
	would be located.
proposed METRO Blue Line	The Project proposed in this Supplemental Draft EIS. The Project provides a
Light Rail Extension Project	one-seat ride to the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, the Mall of
(Project)	America, and other key destinations. While integrating with other existing
	and planned transitways, the Project and its 12 new stations would connect
	people to jobs, education, health care, culture, and recreation in the Cities of
	Brooklyn Park, Crystal, Robbinsdale, and Minneapolis. The Project would
	include light rail transit (LRT) tracks, stations, bridges, pedestrian bridges, bike
studu area	facilities, and park-and-rides.
study area	Quantifiable boundary for individual resources to conduct analysis and
	quantifiable or measurable outcomes. Impacts are calculated by the number of "x" within the study area as defined by the resource under analysis.
Trunk Highway (TH)	Statewide network of interstates and state highways primarily funded by
Hunk fighway (Th)	transportation-related taxes and federal aid.
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