Golden Valley Road and Plymouth Avenue Station Locations

February 26, 2015
Today’s Topics

• Project Overview
• What we Have Heard
• Station Overview and Next Steps
Project Overview
Project Description

• 10 or 11 new LRT stations
• 13 miles of double track
• 27,000 est. rides by 2030
• Serving Brooklyn Park, Crystal, Robbinsdale, Golden Valley & Minneapolis
• Provides one seat Blue Line ride to MSP Airport and Mall of America
• Connections to METRO Green Line, Northstar and bus services
Project Timeline

2014-2016
- Project Development

2016
- Environmental/Municipal Consent

2017
- Engineering

2018
- Full Funding Grant Agreement

2018-20
- Heavy Construction

2021
- Passenger Operations
What We Have Heard
Public Input Received During Project Milestones

• March 2010: Final Alternatives Analysis Study report published

• May 2013: Locally Preferred Alternative for the Bottineau Transitway adopted in the Regional 2030 Transportation Policy Plan

• March 2014: Bottineau Transitway Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) published
Public Input Received at Recent Meetings

- Hennepin County: Policy Advisory Committee
- Hennepin County: Bottineau LRT Community Works community meetings
- City of Golden Valley community meeting
What We Have Heard: Light Rail

• Address parking and provide drop-off space
• Provide connections to the LRT station including bike, pedestrian and bus
• Consider safety features, lighting and policing
• Concerns about construction and LRT operations
• Concerns about environmental impacts, including flood plains
• Consider bus and car traffic
What We Have Heard: Station Area

• Concern about redevelopment, rezoning or property acquisition

• Concern about impacts to property values of residential neighborhood

• Concern about impacts to Theodore Wirth Park

• Desire for redevelopment and additional employment opportunities near stations

• Desire for connections to park amenities, trails and bike facilities
Station Overview
Golden Valley Road and Plymouth Avenue: Technical Issue #4
Technical Issue #4

- Both stations analyzed in Draft Environmental Impact Statement
- Only one station currently in project budget
Golden Valley Road Station

[Map of Golden Valley Road Station area with various landmarks and features marked, including Church of St. Margaret Mary, Lovework Academy, Kiss and Ride, Platform Access (Elevator / Stairs), Potential Secondary Access, Existing Transmission Tower (Several may need to be relocated), Mary Hills Nature Area, City of Golden Valley, Glenview Terrace Park, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, Theodore Wirth Regional Park, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, Bomme Lane, Fire Station #3, City of Golden Valley, and More.

Legend:
- --- ROW / Property Line
- LRT
- Freight Rail
- Bus Route (14)
- Walk / Trail
- Existing Bus Stop
- Relocated Bus Stop

DRAFT WORK IN PROGRESS]
Golden Valley Road Station

DRAFT-WORK IN PROCESS
Plymouth Avenue Station – North Option
Plymouth Avenue Station

NORTH PLATFORM OPTION

SOUTH PLATFORM OPTION

DRAFT-WORK IN PROCESS
Technical Issue #4

• Technical analysis underway for both stations

• Analysis reviewing quantitative factors
  ▪ Population & employment, cost impacts, ridership

• Analysis reviewing qualitative factors
  ▪ Access for underserved populations, connections to key destinations, accessibility, access to regional parks
Issue Resolution Process

1. Issue Resolution Teams (IRT)
2. Technical Project Advisory Committee (TPAC)
3. Business and Community Advisory Committees (BAC/CAC)
4. Corridor Management Committee (CMC)
5. Met Council
Next Steps

• Review community comments from February 26
• Report to Corridor Management Committee in March/April on comments received and next steps
• Return to Corridor Management Committee in fall 2015 for a scope/budget refresh
Small Group Discussion
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• 6:30 – 7:10 PM  Discuss the four questions on the worksheet
  Summarize discussion on posters
  Take turns sharing ideas

• 7:10 – 7:30 PM  Report on small group discussions
Questions – 10 minutes each

• Do you think the project should include one or both stations? Why?
  ▪ If one, which station? Why?

• What do you see as the benefits of each station?

• What do you see as the impacts of each station?

• If the Plymouth Avenue Station moves forward, do you prefer the north or south station placement?
Ground Rules

• Allow everyone to share their ideas
• Show respect for others’ viewpoints
• Use “indoor voices”
• Signs are permitted; remove handles for safety
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