

WHAT IS ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE?

Environmental Justice (EJ) is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income to:

- avoid, minimize, or mitigate disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental effects, including social and economic effects, on minority populations and low-income populations.
- ensure the full and fair participation by all potentially affected communities in the transportation decision-making process.
- prevent the denial of, reduction in, or significant delay in the receipt of benefits by minority and low-income populations.

EJ is required by 1994's Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations.

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

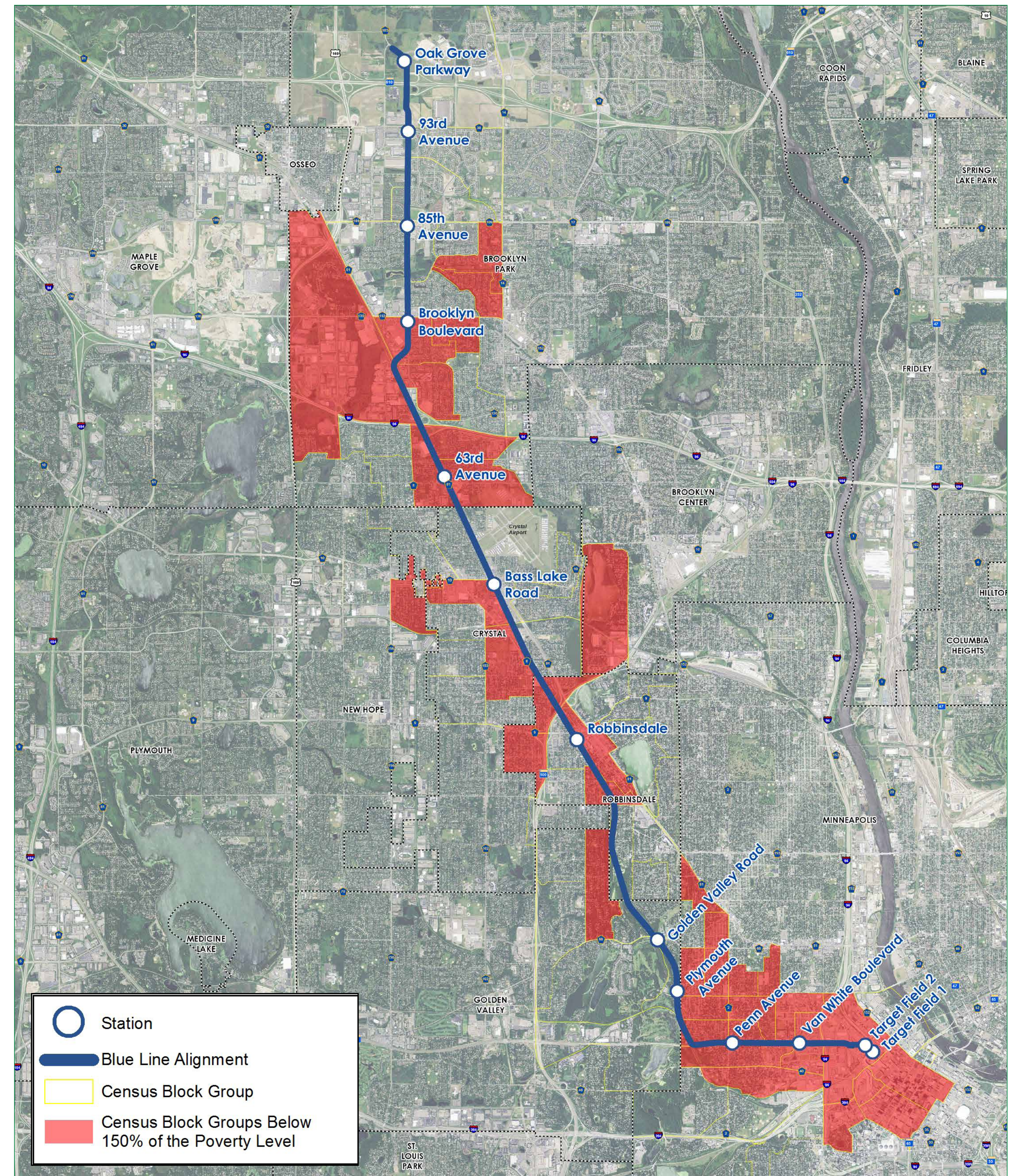
To ensure we are fully integrating these principles into the process, we are taking a number of steps, including:

- Identifying potentially affected communities
- Engaging affected communities through project-sponsored events, attending community events, and building relationships with local organizations and faith-based groups
- Incorporating the ideas and feedback of communities into project planning and implementation

Environmental Justice is an ongoing process, and community involvement is key to project success.

Are you a member of any local organizations, clubs, or faith-based groups you believe would be interested in hearing from or working with us?

What issues are important to your community related to the BLRT project?



Low-Income Concentrations within ½ Mile of the Project Corridor

Below 150% of the Poverty Level

Hennepin County Percentage: 20.0%

Source: U.S. Census 2009 – 2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table C17002.

