



METRO Blue Line Extension Project Public Open House



DESIGN UPDATE & EARLY CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

The METRO Blue Line Extension Project will host a public open house to provide information about the current status of the light rail project and preview early construction activities in Minneapolis, beginning in Fall 2017.

TIME AND LOCATION:
Tuesday, October 10, 2017
5:00–7:00 p.m.
Harrison Recreation Center
503 Irving Ave. N, Minneapolis

OPEN HOUSE TOPICS:

BASSETT CREEK STORMWATER TUNNEL

The 130-year-old stormwater tunnel under Olson Memorial Highway is structurally deficient. It will be rebuilt in a new location to accommodate the Blue Line Extension. This work will require closing a section of Olson Memorial Highway between Van White Memorial Blvd. and West Lyndale Ave. for approximately two weeks in late October or early November 2017. Project staff will provide information about detour routes, neighborhood access, and other construction details.

STATION DESIGN AND STATION AREA PLANNING

Project staff will present architectural designs for passenger stations along Olson Memorial Highway and at Plymouth Avenue, and will discuss visibility of Plymouth Avenue Station from the Homewood Historic District. Minneapolis staff will have information on land use planning for the area around Van White Boulevard Station.

OVERHEAD CATENARY SYSTEM (OCS) POLES

The OCS system supplies electrical power to light rail trains through overhead wires. With input from the community, the Blue Line Extension has developed several concepts for enhancing the appearance of OCS support poles along Olson Memorial Highway. Community members are invited to review the design concepts and give feedback at this open house.

For more information about these topics or the METRO Blue Line Extension project, visit **www.BlueLineExt.org** or contact Blue Line Extension Community Outreach Coordinator Sophia Ginis by phone at 612-373-3895 or email Sophia.Ginis@metrotransit.org.

If you require assistance to participate, please contact Sophia at least seven business days before the meeting.

If you can't attend this meeting, a comment form and meeting materials will be posted on www.BlueLineExt.org.