Municipal Consent Guide

Minnesota law requires the Metropolitan Council to seek local review and approval for the METRO Blue Line Extension (Bottineau Transitway) project. This process is known as municipal consent. During municipal consent, the public can also review the plans and provide comments directly to local governments or to the Metropolitan Council.

The Metropolitan Council, the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA), Hennepin County and the cities along the METRO Blue Line Extension route (Brooklyn Park, Crystal, Robbinsdale, Golden Valley, and Minneapolis) will hold public hearings and receive comments on design plans during the municipal consent process, as set out in Minnesota Statutes Sec. 473.3994.

After reviewing the plans and receiving comments, Hennepin County and the city governments will vote to approve or disapprove the revised plans by March 4, 2016.

These revised preliminary design plans show the general dimensions and location of the light rail tracks, stations and other components.

The revised plans are available in printed form or as electronic documents on the Blue Line Extension Project website (see page 4 for a list of locations).

The Metropolitan Council, Hennepin County Board of Commissioners and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority will hold a joint public hearing on January 19, 2016.

Between January 19 and March 4, 2016, the cities will hold separate public hearings before their city councils vote on the plans. These meetings will deal only with the content of the revised preliminary design plans.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Tuesday, January 19, 2016
Minneapolis Central Library, Pohlad Hall
300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis

Open House: 5:00 p.m.
Public Hearing: 6:00 p.m.

Joint public hearing by the Metropolitan Council, Hennepin County Board of Commissioners and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA) on the physical design component of the preliminary design plans for the METRO Blue Line Extension (Bottineau Transitway) Project.

January, February, March 2016
Cities will hold separate public hearings before March 4, 2016. For more information, contact your city government.

More information on public hearings will be posted on the Blue Line Extension website at www.BlueLineExt.org.

See following pages to find out:
✓ How to read the municipal consent plans
✓ Where to obtain copies of the plans
✓ How to submit written comments
How to Read the Design Plans

The design plans are divided into **segments** by city. There is a plan set for each city along the proposed LRT route. The first few pages of each plan include a guide that shows the entire corridor, the segment's position on the corridor and a key to the symbols and abbreviations used in the plan.

The plans for each segment are separated into **disciplines**, including: tracks, station locations, roads and turn lanes, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, crosswalks, traffic signals, parking facilities, bus stops and trails. Existing conditions are also shown.

Within each discipline, sequences of detailed drawings show the placement and design of light rail facilities. Each drawing in a sequence is numbered.

**Step 1:** Find the **SEGMENT** that interests you in the table below.

A detailed map is provided at the beginning of each plan.

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<td>In freight rail corridor from Olson Memorial Highway to North of Golden Valley Road</td>
<td>Plymouth Avenue Golden Valley Road</td>
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<td>In freight rail corridor from North of Golden Valley Road to 46th Ave N</td>
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<td>In freight rail corridor from 46th Ave N to 62nd Ave</td>
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<td>Brooklyn Park</td>
<td>In freight rail corridor from 62nd Ave to 73rd Ave; in West Broadway Ave from 73rd Ave to Rush Creek Regional Trail</td>
<td>63rd Avenue Brooklyn Boulevard 85th Avenue, 93rd Avenue Oak Grove Parkway</td>
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**Step 2:** Determine which **DISCIPLINE** includes the information that interests you, and **TYPE** of plan you want to review, using the table below.

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Step 3: Use the INDEX at the beginning of each Discipline to find the Sheet Number of the page covering the location you want to review.

Step 4: Go to the PAGE that contains the information you want to review.

For example, to see information about the proposed Van White Boulevard Station, you would want to find the following page:

Segment (Step 1)..............M
Discipline (Step 2)..............TRK
Type (Step 2)..............PPFL
Sheet Number (Step 3)........006

The information you want to review is found on the page marked:

M-TRK-PPFL-006
Printed copies of the full preliminary design plans will be available for public review at the following locations starting December 16, 2015:

Complete Plan Sets (all cities)

Minneapolis Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall (second floor), Minneapolis

MnDOT Transportation Library, 395 John Ireland Blvd., St. Paul

Blue Line Extension Project Office, 5514 West Broadway, Suite 200, Crystal

Metropolitan Council Library, 390 N Robert St., St. Paul

Minnesota Legislative Library, 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul

North Regional Library, 1315 Lowry Avenue N, Minneapolis

Brookdale Library, 6125 Shingle Creek Parkway, Brooklyn Center

Brooklyn Park Plans

Brooklyn Park City Hall, 5200 85th Ave. N
Brooklyn Park Library, 8600 Zane Ave. N

Crystal Plans

Crystal City Hall, 4141 Douglas Dr. N
Rockford Road Library, 6401 42nd Ave. N

Robbinsdale Plans

Robbinsdale City Hall, 4100 Lakeview Ave. N
Rockford Road Library, 6401 42nd Ave. N, Crystal
Golden Valley City Hall, 7800 Golden Valley Rd.
Golden Valley Library, 830 Winnetka Ave. N (Closed until Jan. 23, 2016)

Golden Valley Plans

Golden Valley City Hall, 7800 Golden Valley Rd.
Golden Valley Library, 830 Winnetka Ave. N (Closed until Jan. 23, 2016)
Brookview Community Center, 200 Brookview Parkway, Golden Valley
Minneapolis City Hall, City Engineer’s Office, Room 203, 350 S 5th St.
Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, 2117 West River Rd.

Minneapolis Plans

Minneapolis City Hall, City Engineer’s Office, Room 203, 350 S 5th St.
Sumner Library, 611 Van White Memorial Boulevard
Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, 2117 West River Rd.

All design plans can be downloaded from the Metropolitan Council’s METRO Blue Line Extension Project website:

www.BlueLineExt.org

Submit written comments focused on the technical details of the design plans to your city, county and Metropolitan Council contacts listed below:

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John Sutter, Community Development Director
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john.sutter@crystalmn.gov

City of Robbinsdale:
Marcia Glick, City Manager
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City of Golden Valley:
Jason Zimmerman, Planning Manager
7800 Golden Valley Rd., Golden Valley, MN 55427
jzimmerman@goldenvalleymn.gov

City of Minneapolis:
Don Pflaum, Transportation Planner
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donald.pflaum@minneapolismn.gov

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David Davies, Community Outreach Coordinator
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