

SOUTHWEST

Green Line LRT Extension



Metropolitan Council, Hennepin County and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority

Joint Public Hearing on SWLRT Municipal Consent

August 13, 2014



Agenda

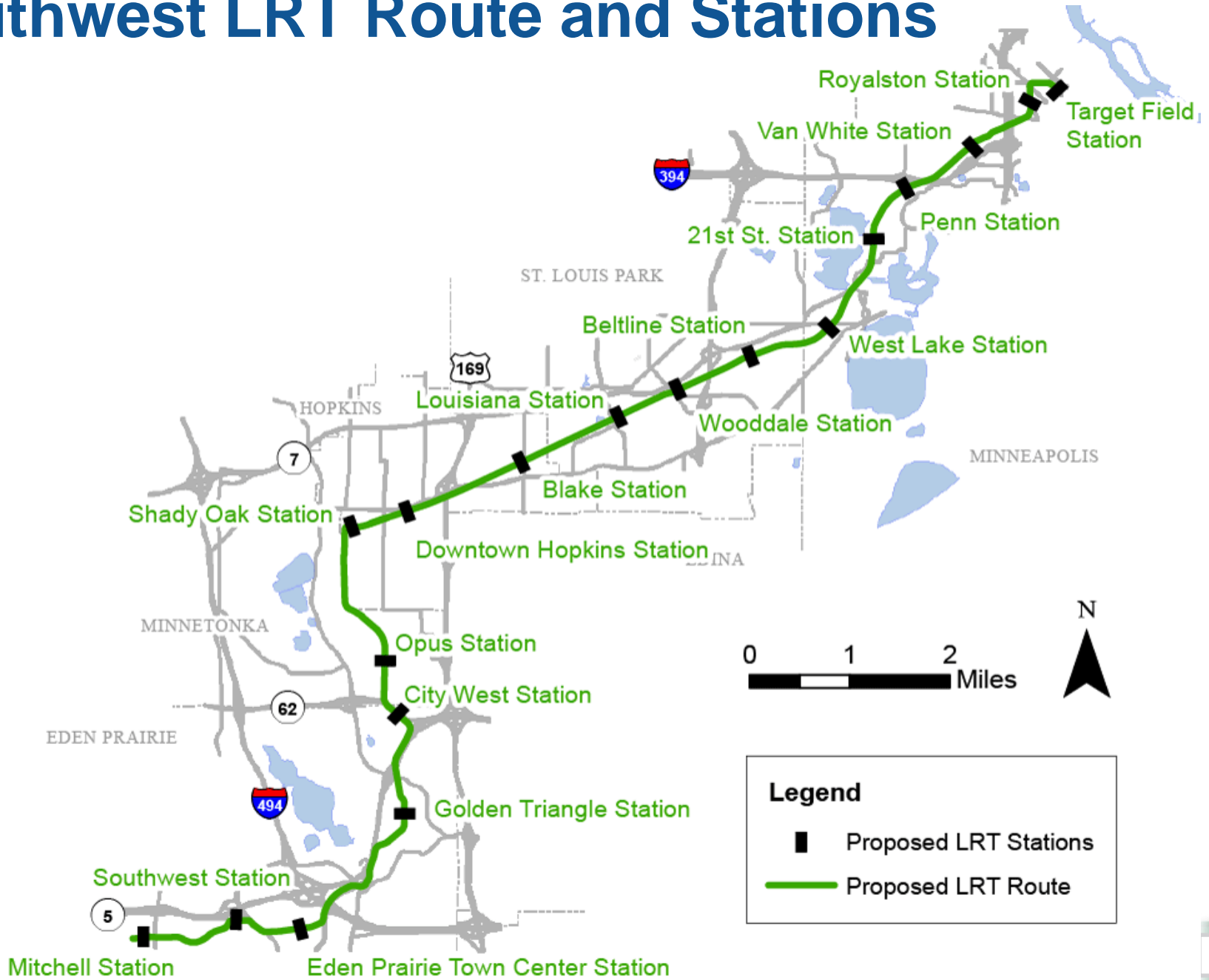
- 4:30 PM Open House
 - Opportunity for the public to ask questions of project staff
- 5:30 PM Public Hearing
 - Welcome and brief project overview
 - Opportunity for the public to comment on plans



Purpose of Today's Municipal Consent Public Hearing

- Provide stakeholders an opportunity to comment to the Metropolitan Council, Hennepin County and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority on preliminary design plans

Southwest LRT Route and Stations



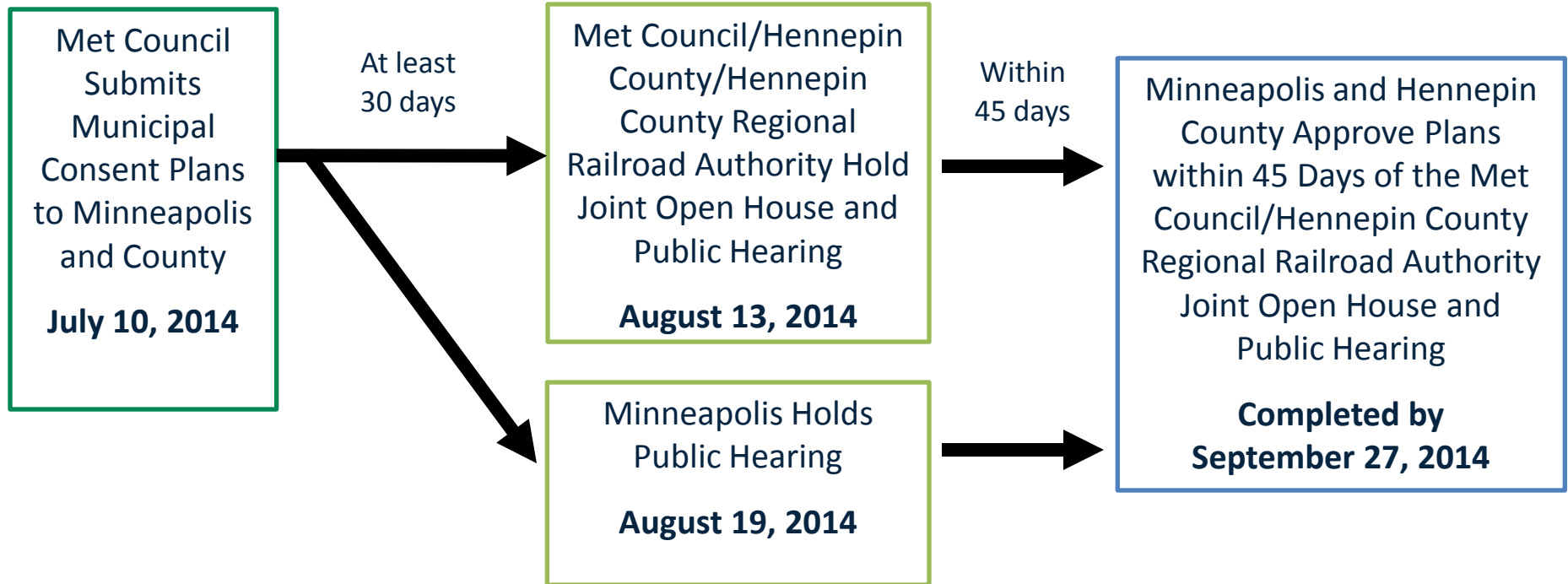
Met Council Approved Project Scope and Budget

- SWLRT Scope:
 - 17 stations, including a 21st Street station at-grade
 - 15.8 miles of new LRT double track
 - LRT shallow tunnel in Kenilworth Corridor south of channel with LRT bridge over channel and at-grade north of channel
 - Operations and Maintenance Facility located in Hopkins
- SWLRT Budget: \$1.623B - \$1.653B

Municipal Consent Process

- Minnesota Statute 473.3994
- Local jurisdictional review and approval of physical design component of preliminary design plans

Minneapolis and Hennepin County Municipal Consent Schedule



Municipal Consent Hearings and Actions

Community	Public Hearing	Action	Passed
St. Louis Park	May 19	July 14	Yes
Eden Prairie	May 20	July 14	Yes
Joint Met Council & HCRRA	May 29	n/a	n/a
Minnetonka	June 2	June 23	Yes
Hopkins	June 3	June 17	Yes
Hennepin County	June 17	July 8	Yes*
Met Council/Hennepin County/HCRRA	August 13	n/a	n/a
Hennepin County	August 13	August 19	TBD**
Minneapolis	August 19	August 29	TBD

*Eden Prairie, Minnetonka, Hopkins & St. Louis Park

** Minneapolis Only

Minneapolis Physical Design Components

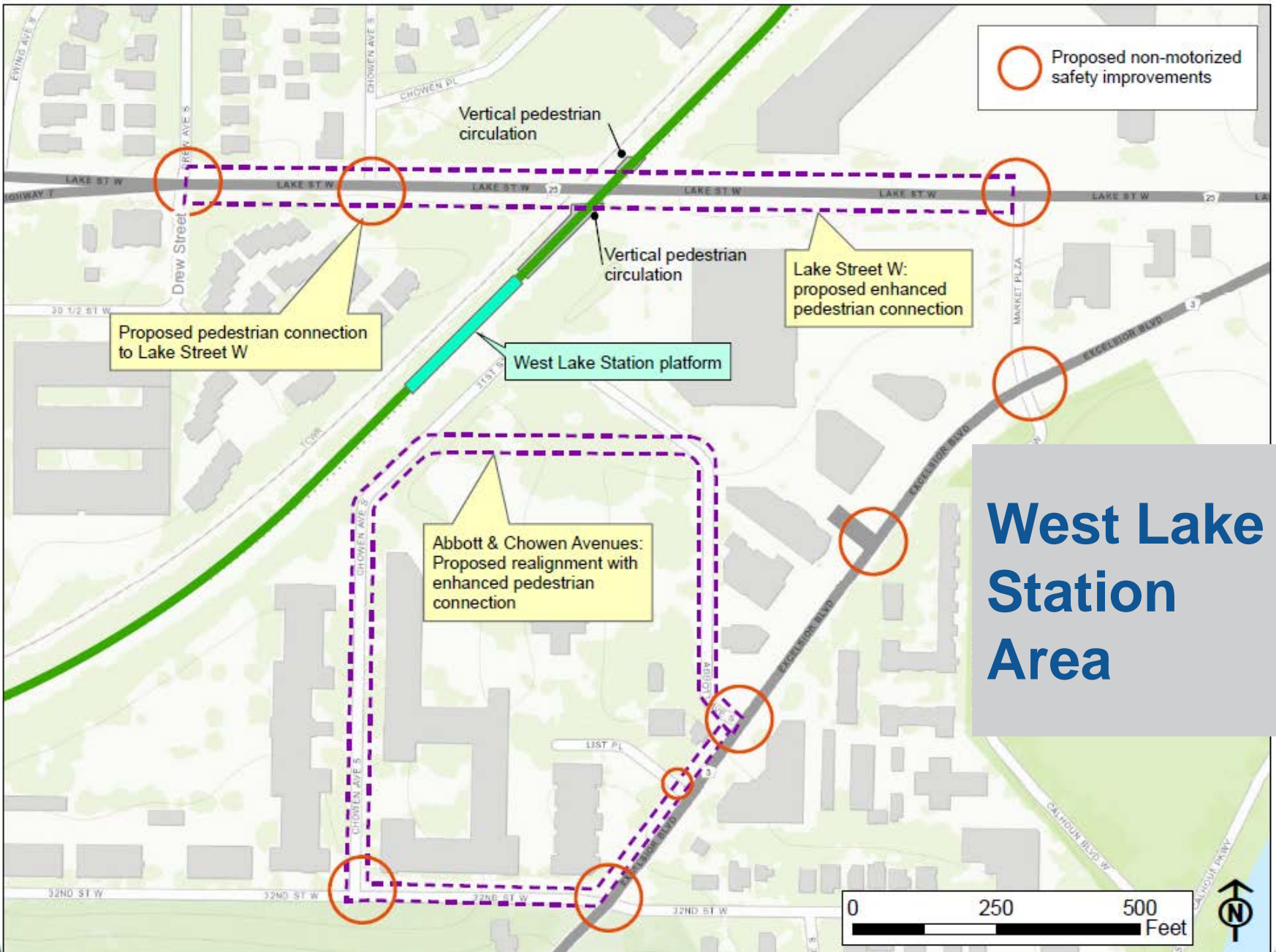
- May – June: Representatives of Minneapolis and Met Council met to discuss the April 22 Municipal Consent design plans:
 - Sessions facilitated by retired federal Judge Arthur Boylan
 - Outcome reflects an understanding between the two parties for the project to move forward

Minneapolis and Met Council Design Agreement

- Includes enhanced non-motorized connections around Minneapolis SWLRT stations
- Improves and enhances park-like setting in Kenilworth Corridor
- Reinstates the at-grade 21st Street Station
- Eliminates the north Kenilworth shallow LRT tunnel
- Captures \$30 M savings to overall project budget

Physical Design Components

- LRT track location
- Station location and layout
- Roadway features
 - Turn lanes
 - Lane widths
 - Traffic signals
- Sidewalks
- Pedestrian crossings
- Operations and Maintenance Facility (OMF) location
- Freight track location
- System elements



West Lake Station Area

Kenilworth Corridor/21st Street Station Area



- Southwest LRT alignment
- Proposed freight track safety improvements



21st Street Station Area

Proposed connection to East Cedar Beach

Proposed enhanced pedestrian connection

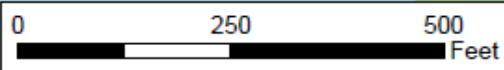
Proposed pedestrian wayfinding

At-grade 21st Street Station proposed to be restored

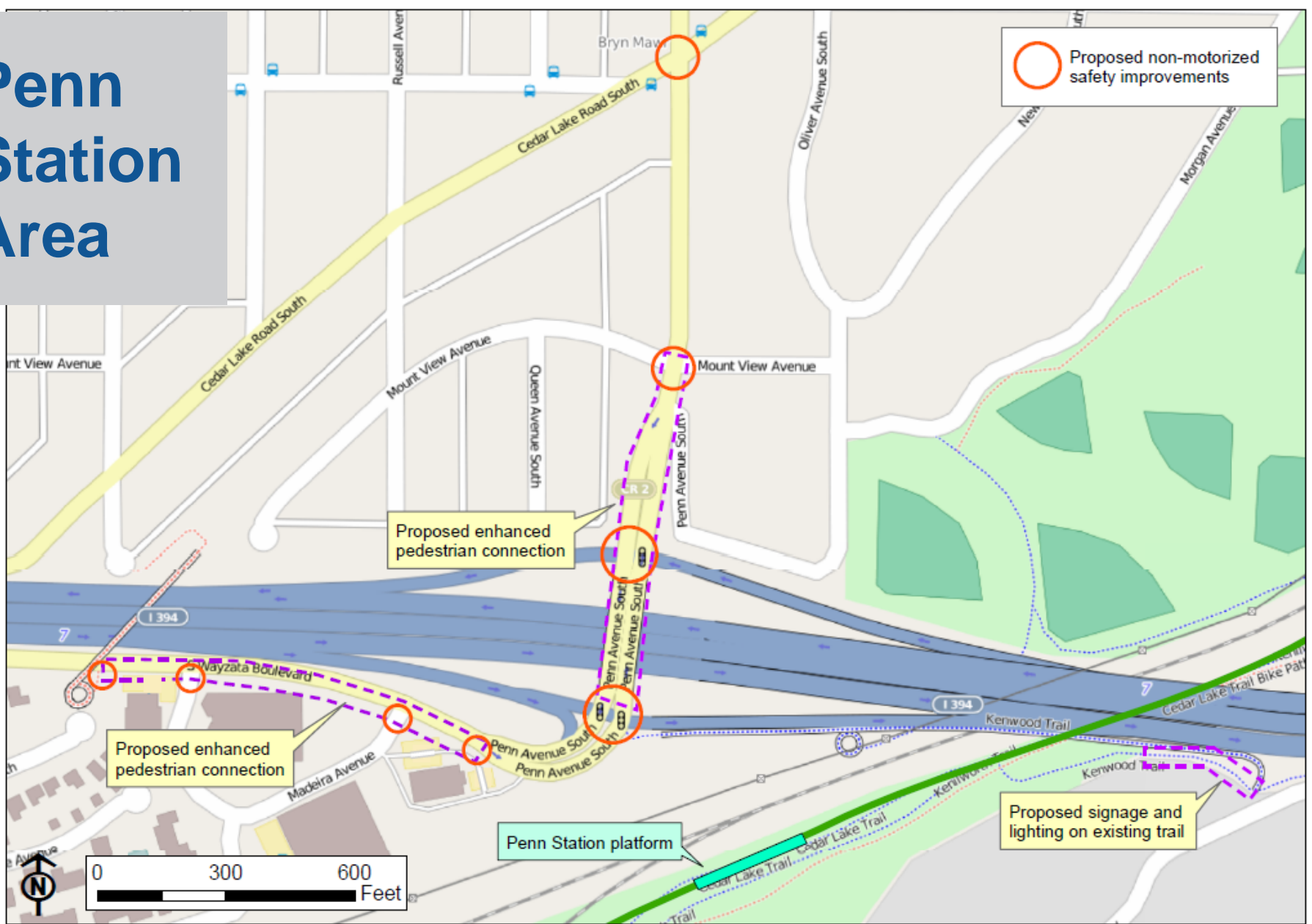
Proposed enhanced pedestrian connections

Proposed connection to Kenilworth Trail

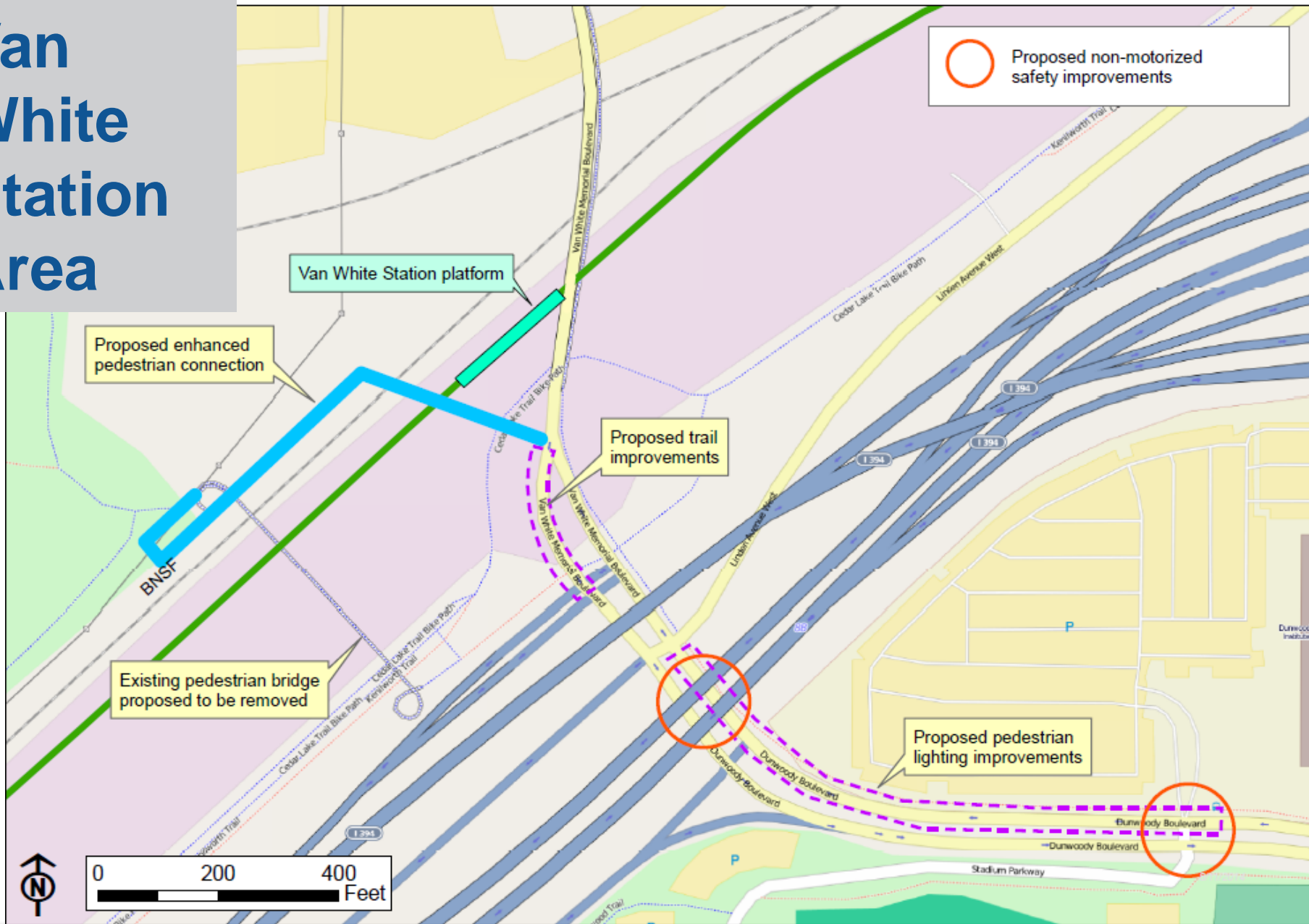
Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park



Penn Station Area



Van White Station Area



Royalston Station Area



○ Proposed non-motorized safety improvements

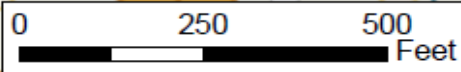
Proposed enhanced pedestrian connection

Royalston Station platform

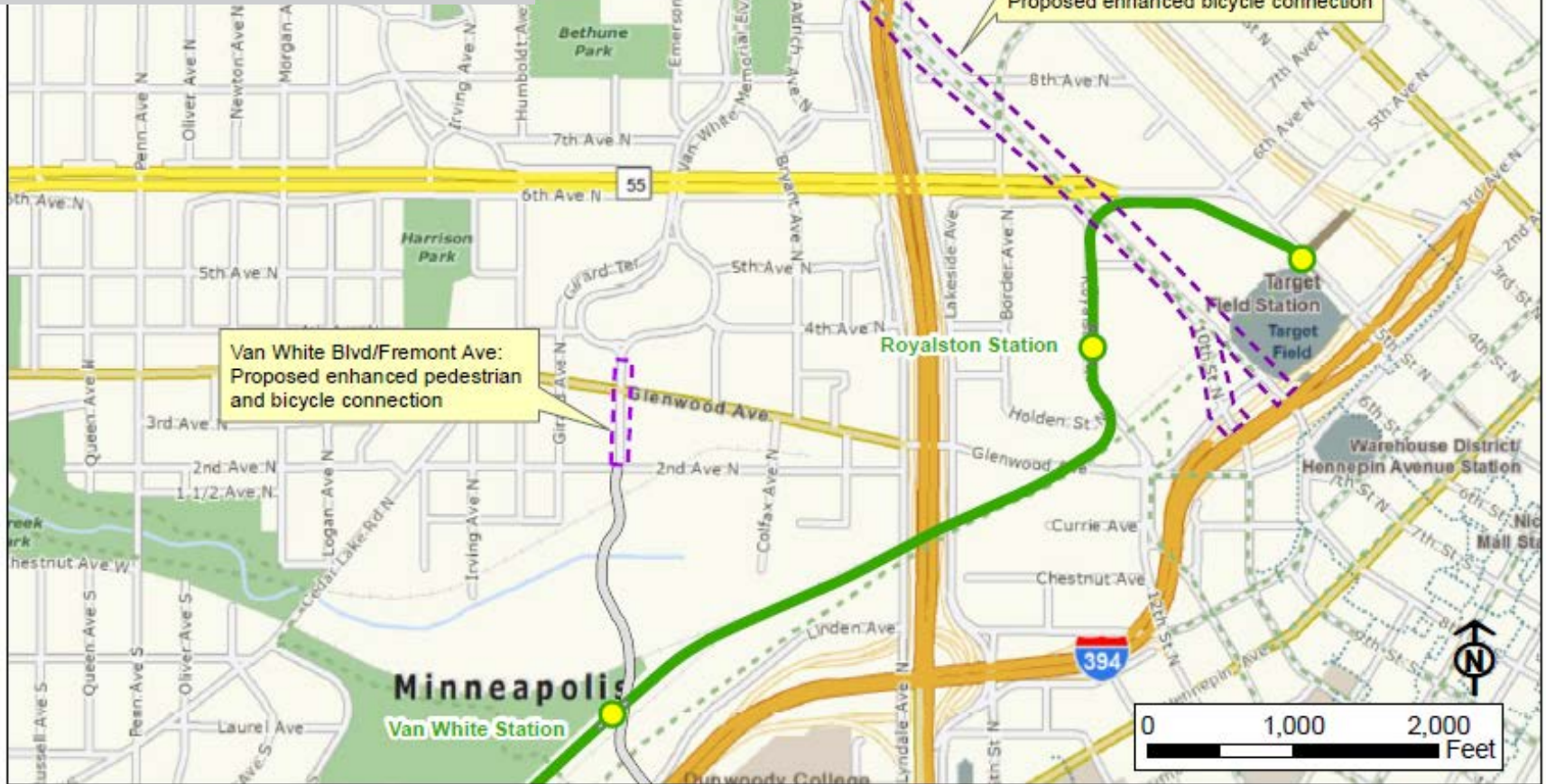
Proposed Royalston Station improvements:
 Painted tubular overhead catenary system poles
 Embedded track



Example of painted tubular overhead catenary system poles and embedded track



Van White/ Royalston/Target Field Station Area Non-Motorized Safety Improvements



Submitting Public Comments

- Public comments will be accepted until 4:30 p.m., August 25, 2014. Submit public comments via:
 - Verbal testimony and written comments at today's hearing
 - Project's website: swlrt.org
 - U.S. Mail: Southwest LRT Project Office, 6465 Wayzata Boulevard, Suite 500, St. Louis Park, MN 55426 - ATTN: Daren Nyquist
 - TTY: 651.291.0904
 - E-mail: swlrt@metrotransit.org
 - Fax : 612.373.3899

Next Steps

Key Municipal Consent Dates

- August 19: Hennepin County Board Action
- August 19: Minneapolis Public Hearing
- August 29: Minneapolis City Council Action

Next Steps After Municipal Consent

- Station design and public art
- Streetscape design
- Utility relocation design
- Design advancement:
 - LRT track features
 - Roadway details
 - OMF features
 - Bridges and tunnels
 - System elements
 - Freight rail features

More Information

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