Minneapolis Rail Safety Meeting

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Southwest LRT

- 14.5 miles double track
- 16 new stations
- One seat ride from Eden Prairie to Downtown St. Paul
- Direct service to Downtown Minneapolis, U of M, stadiums
- Connections Blue Line and Northstar
Historic Freight Rail Infrastructure

Cedar Lake Yard

Old Cedar Channel Freight Rail Bridge

1950 Aerial Photo
Minneapolis Freight Rail Construction Activities

Freight rail track to be repositioned to its original location once tunnel construction is complete.

SWLRT Freight Rail Progress – September 2020

- Freight rail track improvements completed
- Freight rail track improvements anticipated to be completed Fall 2020
- Freight rail track improvements anticipated to be completed by Summer 2021
- Freight rail track improvements to be completed after tunnel construction
SWLRT Freight Rail Improvements

Old Freight Rail Bridge

New Freight Rail Bridge
SWLRT Freight Rail Improvements

Old Freight Rail Track

New Freight Rail Track
Tunnel Portals
West Lake Street Station
Bryn Mawr Station
Royalston Ave/Farmers Market Station
Freight Rail Monitoring and Maintenance

- Freight rail track conditions are monitored multiple times per workday
- Monitoring conforms to contract specifications, which are more conservative than FRA’s track safety standards
- If a track is inspected and found to be out of compliance, work is halted; TC&W flagger is contacted immediately to coordinate train movement until track is brought into compliance
- Rail maintenance activities are on-going to maintain serviceability
Construction Safety

- Safety training is required for all construction staff
- Construction safety is under the jurisdiction of OSHA/MNOSHA and FRA
  - Federal and Minnesota Occupational Safety and Health Administration
  - Federal Railroad Administration
  - Both agencies can conduct unannounced and announced inspections during construction
  - Both agencies have jurisdiction to issue fines for safety/rule infractions
- Crane incident: LMJV to address at meeting
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