Metropolitan Council and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority Joint Public Hearing on SWLRT Municipal Consent Plans

May 29, 2014
Agenda

• 5:00 PM Open House
  ▪ Opportunity for the public to ask questions, get answers

• 6:00 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 and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority on preliminary design plans
SWLRT Route and Stations
Met Council Approved Project Scope and Budget

• SWLRT Scope:
  ▪ 16 stations
  ▪ 15.8 miles of new LRT double track
  ▪ LRT tunnels in Kenilworth Corridor with LRT bridge over channel
  ▪ Operations and Maintenance Facility located in Hopkins

• SWLRT Budget: $1.673B - $1.683B
Municipal Consent Process

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

- Met Council Submits Municipal Consent Plans to Cities and County
  - April 22, 2014

- Met Council/Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority Hold Joint Open House and Public Hearing
  - May 29, 2014

- Cities/County hold Public Hearings
  - May - July, 2014

- Cities/County Approve Plans within 45 Days of the Met Council/Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority Joint Open House and Public Hearing
  - Completed by July 14, 2014
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
Eden Prairie Project Highlights
Minnetonka Project
Highlights
Hopkins Project Highlights
St. Louis Park
Project Highlights
Minneapolis Project Highlights
Submitting Public Comments

- Public comments will be accepted until 4:30 p.m., Monday, June 9, 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 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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