Municipal Consent Guide

In July 2015, the Metropolitan Council approved a revised scope and cost estimate for the Southwest LRT (METRO Green Line Extension) project. In light of this change, the Council is seeking municipal consent from Hennepin County and the five cities along the proposed LRT route. The public can also review the plans during the municipal consent process 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 Southwest LRT route (Minneapolis, St. Louis Park, Hopkins, Minnetonka and Eden Prairie) will hold public hearings and receive comments on design plans during the municipal consent process, as set out in Minnesota Statute 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 October 11, 2015.

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 Southwest LRT 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 August 27, 2015.

In August and September 2015, 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

Thursday, August 27, 2015
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 revised preliminary design plans for the Southwest Light Rail Transit (Green Line Extension) Project.

August and September 2015
Cities will hold separate public hearings in August and September 2015. For more information, contact your city government.

More information on public hearings will be posted on the Southwest LRT website at www.metrocouncil.org/swlrt/municipal.

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 Design Plans

The design plans divide the proposed Southwest LRT route into seven segments, each covering a different geographic area. There are three West segments and four East segments.

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, to give readers a before-and-after comparison.

Within each discipline, sequences of detailed drawings show the placement and design of light rail facilities. Each drawing in a sequence is numbered, starting with 1 at the western end of the sequence.

**Step 1:** Find the **SEGMENT** that interests you. A detailed map is provided at the beginning of each plan.

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**Step 2:** Determine which **DISCIPLINE** includes the information that interests you, and **TYPE** of plan you want to review.

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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:** Find the code for the **PAGE** that contains the information you want using the Discipline Code and Type Code (Step 2) and the Sequence Sheet Number (Step 3).

For example, to see information about the location of LRT track just east of Downtown Hopkins Station, you would want to find the following page:

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How to Submit Written Comments

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

**Hennepin County:**
Kristy Morter  
Public Works Transportation Department  
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Medina, MN 55340-5421  
kristy.morter@co.hennepin.mn.us

**City of Eden Prairie:**
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Assistant City Engineer  
8080 Mitchell Road  
Eden Prairie, MN 55344  
rnewton@edenprairie.org

**City of Minnetonka:**
Elise Durbin  
Minnetonka Community Development Supervisor  
14600 Minnetonka Blvd.  
Minnetonka, MN 55345  
swlrt@eminnetonka.com

**City of Hopkins:**
Kersten Elverum  
City of Hopkins Director of Planning & Development  
1010 First St. South  
Hopkins, MN 55343  
swlrt@hopkinsmn.com

**City of Saint Louis Park:**
Meg McMonigal  
5005 Minnetonka Blvd.  
St. Louis Park, MN 55416  
mmcmonigal@stlouispark.org

**City of Minneapolis:**
Paul Miller  
Project Manager, City of Minneapolis Public Works  
309 Second Ave. S #300  
Minneapolis, MN 55401  
paul.miller@minneapolismn.gov

**Metropolitan Council:**
Southwest LRT Project Office  
6465 Wayzata Blvd., Suite 500  
St. Louis Park, MN 55426  
ATTN: Nkongo Cigolo  
swlrt@metrotransit.org

Where to Obtain Copies of the Plans

All design plans can be downloaded from the Metropolitan Council’s Southwest LRT Project website:

http://www.metrocouncil.org/swlrt/municipal

Printed copies of the full preliminary design plans will be available for public review at the following locations starting July 28, 2015:

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

**MnDOT Transportation Library** 395 John Ireland Blvd., Saint Paul

**Southwest LRT Project Office** 6465 Wayzata Blvd., Suite 500, Saint Louis Park

**Metropolitan Council Library** 390 North Robert St., Saint Paul

**Edina City Hall** 4801 West 50th St., Edina

Printed copies of plan sets for individual cities along the proposed alignment will be available for public review starting July 28 at the following locations:

**Eden Prairie (plan sets W1, W2):**
Eden Prairie City Hall, 8080 Mitchell Road  
Eden Prairie Library, 565 Prairie Center Drive

**Minnetonka (plan sets W2, W3):**
Minnetonka City Hall, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd.  
Minnetonka Library, 17524 Excelsior Blvd.

**Hopkins (plan sets W3, E1):**
Hopkins City Hall, 1010 First Street South  
Hopkins Library, 22 11th Avenue North

**Saint Louis Park (plan sets E1, E2, E3):**
Saint Louis Park City Hall, 5005 Minnetonka Blvd.  
Saint Louis Park Library, 3240 Library Lane

**Minneapolis (plan sets E3, E4):**
Minneapolis City Engineer’s Office, City Hall Room 203, 350 South Fifth Street  
Franklin Library, 1314 East Franklin Avenue  
Linden Hills Library, 2900 West 43rd Street  
Sumner Library, 611 Van White Memorial Blvd.  
Walker Library, 2880 Hennepin Ave.