Metropolitan Council, Hennepin County and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority
Joint Public Hearing on SWLRT Municipal Consent
August 27, 2015
Agenda

• 5:00 PM Open House
  â Opportunity for the public to ask questions of project staff

• 6:00 PM Public Hearing
  â Welcome and brief project overview
  â 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 revised preliminary design plans
Southwest LRT

- 14.5 miles new track
- 32 bridges
- 2 LRT tunnels
- Over 7 lineal miles of retaining walls
- 15 new stations
  - 1 deferred station
- 34,000 average weekday rides in 2040
## Revised Project Scope Summary

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<td>Total Park and Ride Spaces</td>
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Revise Scope Summary (cont.)

- Reduce OMF storage space to 30 LRVs
- Shady Oak Station platform and track modifications
- OMF and loop track modifications and value engineering
Revised Scope Summary

• Reduces cost by $250 million

• Retains
  15 of 17 of stations constructed with intent to build Eden Prairie Town Center Station in the future
  94% of ridership
  90% of corridor length
  96% of jobs in the corridor served

• Connects LRT to existing SouthWest Station transit hub
Municipal Consent Process

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

- **Met Council Submits Municipal Consent Plans to Cities and County**
  - **July 23, 2015**

- **Met Council/Hennepin County/Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority Hold Joint Open House and Public Hearing**
  - **August 27, 2015**
  - **Within 45 days**

- **Cities Hold Public Hearing**

- **Cities/County Approve Plans within 45 Days of the Met Council/Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority Joint Open House and Public Hearing**
  - **Completed by October 11, 2015**

- **At least 30 days**
## Municipal Consent Process*

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*All Dates Tentative Until Confirmed By Official Notice*
Submitting Public Comments

• Public comments will be accepted until 4:00 p.m., September 11, 2015

• Submit public comments via:
  ☑ Verbal testimony and written comments at today’s hearing
  ☑ Project’s website: swlrlt.org
  ☑ U.S. Mail: Southwest LRT Project Office, 6465 Wayzata Boulevard, Suite 500, St. Louis Park, MN 55426 - ATTN: Nkongo Cigolo
  ☑ TTY: 651.291.0904
  ☑ E-mail: swlrlt@metrotransit.org
  ☑ Fax: 612.373.3899
Next Steps After Municipal Consent

• Station design
• 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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