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NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL DEIS PREPARATION

Project Title: Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Southwest Light Rail Transit Project (formerly referred to as the Southwest Transitway)

RGU: Metropolitan Council

Description: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Federal lead agency, and the Metropolitan Council (Council), the local lead agency, intend to publish a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for the Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) Project (formerly referred to as the Southwest Transitway), in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), its implementing regulations, provisions of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), and Minnesota Administrative Rules Chapter 4410, Environmental Review.

On September 8, 2008, the notice to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Southwest Transitway project was published in the *EQB Monitor*. Availability of the DEIS was published in the *EQB Monitor* and the document was distributed on October 15, 2012. Public Hearings were held in November, 2012 and the public comment period concluded on December 31, 2012.

The Project is a new 15.8-mile light rail alignment with 17 new light rail stations, several new park-and-ride lots, and one new light rail operations and maintenance facility (OMF). The project requires modification to existing freight rail alignments within the project vicinity. The SDEIS will evaluate environmental impacts associated with proposed adjustments to the Locally Preferred Alternative, freight rail alignments, and location of the OMF. The SDEIS will also incorporate pertinent issues raised during the DEIS comment period. FTA and the Council anticipate that the SDEIS scope will include, but not be limited to, the following areas: Eden Prairie LRT alignment and stations; LRT OMF site; freight rail alignments (i.e., Relocation and Co-location); and other areas where FTA and the Council determine that there is a need to be supplemented with additional information which was not included in the Project's October 2012 DEIS.

Written comments on the scope of the SDEIS as outlined above may be submitted to Ms. Nani Jacobson (see contact information below) by August 12, 2013, which is within 20 days of publication this notice. Comments received within this period, and responses to the comments, will be included in the SDEIS.

Contact Person:

Ms. Nani Jacobson, Project Manager
Southwest Light Rail Transit Project Office
6465 Wayzata Boulevard, Suite 500, St. Louis Park, MN 55426
Telephone: 612-373-3808
E-mail: nani.jacobson@metrotransit.org.

Notice regarding the intent to prepare the SDEIS will be sent to the appropriate federal, state, and local agencies that have expressed or are known to have an interest or legal role in this proposed action. Following publication and review of the SDEIS, a FEIS will be prepared and circulated.

Additional Information: The SWLRT Project (Green Line Extension) will operate from downtown Minneapolis through the southwestern suburban cities of St. Louis Park, Hopkins, Minnetonka, and Eden Prairie, passing in close proximity to the city of Edina. The proposed alignment is primarily at-grade and includes 17 new stations and approximately 15.8-miles of double track. The line will connect major activity centers in the region including downtown Minneapolis, the Opus/Golden Triangle employment area in Minnetonka and Eden Prairie, Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park, the Eden Prairie Center Mall, and the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes. Ridership in 2030 is projected at 29,660 weekday passengers. The project will interline with Central Corridor LRT (Green Line) which will provide a one-seat ride to destinations such as the University of Minnesota, state Capitol, and downtown St. Paul. It will be part of an integrated system of

transitways, including connections to the METRO Blue Line, the Northstar Commuter Rail line, a variety of major bus routes along the alignment, and proposed future transitway and rail lines. The Metropolitan Council will be the grantee of federal funds. The regional government agency is charged with building the line in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Transportation. The Southwest Corridor Management Committee, which includes commissioners from Hennepin County and the mayors of Minneapolis, St. Louis Park, Edina, Hopkins, Minnetonka, and Eden Prairie, provides advice and oversight. Funding is provided by the FTA, Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB), state of Minnesota, and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA). Additional information on the SWLRT project can be found at www.swlrt.org.

ALTERNATIVE URBAN AREAWIDE REVIEW ADOPTED

Project Title: FMC Site Development

Project Description: The City Council of the city of Fridley approved Resolution #2013-33 on July 8, 2013, approving and certifying the adequacy of the Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) document for the FMC Site Redevelopment. Copies of the draft AUAR were available for public and agency review and noticed in the EQB Monitor on April 1, 2013. The Final AUAR with responses to the comments received during the draft AUAR review period was available for public and agency review on June 10, 2013.

Please direct any questions to Scott J. Hickok, AICP, Community Development Director, at 763-572-3590.

RGU: City of Fridley

NOTICES

Notification of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
13-NO-074	M.S. Technologies, LLC	soybean	Herbicide Tolerant	Renville

For more information contact Dr. Steve Malone, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-66531, stephen.malone@state.mn.us

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Transit Administration****Intent To Prepare a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Southwest Light Rail Transit Extension Project (Formerly Referred to as the Southwest Transitway)**

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement

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For commenting purposes under NEPA, written comments on the scope of the SDEIS should be directed to Ms. Nani Jacobson, Project Manager, Southwest Light Rail Transit Project Office, 6465 Wayzata Boulevard, Suite 500, St. Louis Park, MN 55426, Telephone: 612-373-3808; Email: nani.jacobson@metrotransit.org. Comments on the scope may be submitted within 20 days of publication of the preparation notice in the state publication, the EQB Monitor. Notice in the EQB Monitor is anticipated to be published on July 22, 2013, with the 20 day period for submitting written

comments ending on August 12, 2013. In accordance with MEPA, comments received within this period, and responses to the comments, will be included in the SDEIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information on FTA's NEPA review, please contact Maya Sarna, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., East Building, Washington DC 20590, Telephone: (202) 366-5811.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SWLRT Project will operate from downtown Minneapolis through the southwestern suburban cities of St. Louis Park, Hopkins, Minnetonka, and Eden Prairie, passing in close proximity to the city of Edina. The proposed alignment is primarily at-grade and will include 17 new stations and approximately 15.8-miles of double track. The line will connect major activity centers in the region including downtown Minneapolis, Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park, the Opus/Golden Triangle employment area in Minnetonka and Eden Prairie, and the Eden Prairie Center Mall. Ridership in 2030 is projected at 29,660 weekday passengers. The project will connect with the Green Line (Central Corridor LRT), which will provide a one-seat ride to destinations such as the University of Minnesota, the State Capitol, and downtown St. Paul. The proposed SWLRT will be part of an integrated system of transitways, including connections to the METRO Blue Line, the Northstar Commuter Rail line, a variety of major bus routes along the alignment, and proposed future transitway and rail lines.

The SDEIS will supplement the evaluation of impacts included in the Project's DEIS where there have been adjustments to the design of proposed LRT and freight rail alignments, stations, park-and-ride lots, and an OMF site that would likely result in impacts not documented in the Project's DEIS. FTA and the Council anticipate that the SDEIS scope will include, but not be limited to, the following areas: Eden Prairie LRT alignment and stations; LRT OMF site; freight rail alignments (i.e., Relocation and Co-location); and other areas where FTA and the Council determine that there is a need to be supplemented with additional information which was not included in the Project's October 2012 DEIS.

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The Paperwork Reduction Act seeks, in part, to minimize the cost to the taxpayer of the creation, collection, maintenance, use, dissemination, and disposition of information. Consistent with this goal and with principles of economy and efficiency in government, it is FTA policy to limit insofar as possible distribution of complete printed sets of NEPA documents. Accordingly, unless a specific request for a complete printed set of the NEPA document is received before the document is printed, FTA and its grant applicants will distribute only electronic copies of the NEPA document. A complete printed set of the environmental document will be available for review at the Metropolitan Council's offices and elsewhere as will be noted in the Notice of Availability; and electronic copy of the complete environmental document will be available on the Metropolitan Council's Southwest Light Rail Transit Project Web site (<http://www.swlrt.org>).

Issued on: July 11, 2013.

Marisol Simon,

Regional Administrator, FTA Region V.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

[Docket No. NHTSA-2012-0075; Notice 2]

BMW of North America, LLC, a Subsidiary of BMW AG, Grant of Petition for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Grant of petition.

SUMMARY: BMW of North America, LLC¹ a subsidiary of BMW AG,² has determined that certain model year (MY) 2012 BMW X6MSAV multipurpose passenger vehicles (MPV) manufactured between April 1, 2011 and March 23, 2012, do not fully comply with paragraph S4.3 (b) of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 110, *Tire selection and rims and motor home/recreation vehicle trailer load carrying capacity information for motor vehicles with a GVWR of 4,536 kilograms (10,000 pounds) or less*. BMW has filed an appropriate report dated April 4, 2012,

¹ BMW of North America, LLC is a U.S. company that manufactures and imports motor vehicles.

² BMW AG is a German company that manufactures motor vehicles.



PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES

Operation and Maintenance Facility Site Selection

The Southwest LRT (Green Line Extension) Project will host three public open houses in May to hear public feedback on a short list of potential locations for the Project's Operation and Maintenance Facility (OMF).

LOCATIONS & TIMES:

May 13 5:00–7:00 P.M.*

Eden Prairie City Center, Heritage Rooms
8080 Mitchell Road, Eden Prairie

* This open house is being held concurrently with Hennepin County's Transitional Station Area Action Plan meeting at the same location. Visit www.southwesttransitway.org for details.

May 15 4:30–7:30 P.M.

Southwest LRT Project Office
Park Place West Building
6465 Wayzata Blvd, Suite 500, St. Louis Park

May 22 4:30–7:30 P.M.

Hopkins Center for the Arts, Jaycees Studio
1111 Mainstreet, Hopkins

Any individual who requires assistance to participate should contact Southwest LRT Community Outreach Coordinator Dan Pfeiffer, daniel.pfeiffer@metrotransit.org or 612-373-3897. Requests for special assistance should be made seven business days in advance of the scheduled open house.

The facility will house 180 permanent jobs for train operators, skilled mechanics, maintenance personnel and support staff.

At the OMF, light rail vehicles will be cleaned, stored and receive light maintenance.



Above: The Franklin Operation and Maintenance Facility, serving the Blue Line (Hiawatha LRT), features on-site parking for staff and fully enclosed storage areas for light rail vehicles.

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Public Open House: 4:30 – 7:30 P.M.

Hopkins Community Meeting: 6:00 – 7:00 P.M.

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PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES

Freight Rail Issues

The Southwest LRT (Green Line Extension) Project will host two public open houses June 13, 2013, on engineering concepts for resolving the location of freight rail in the design of the Southwest LRT (Green Line Extension) project.

LOCATION & TIMES:

June 13 8:00–9:30 A.M.
4:30–7:00 P.M.

Benilde-St. Margaret's School
Commons Cafeteria
2501 Highway 100 South, St. Louis Park
(www.bsmschool.org)

The concepts explore various possibilities for co-locating freight and LRT tracks in Minneapolis, as well as options to reroute freight rail traffic in St. Louis Park to make way for LRT tracks. The relocation concepts to be presented will be different than the one described in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

See map of concepts on reverse side.

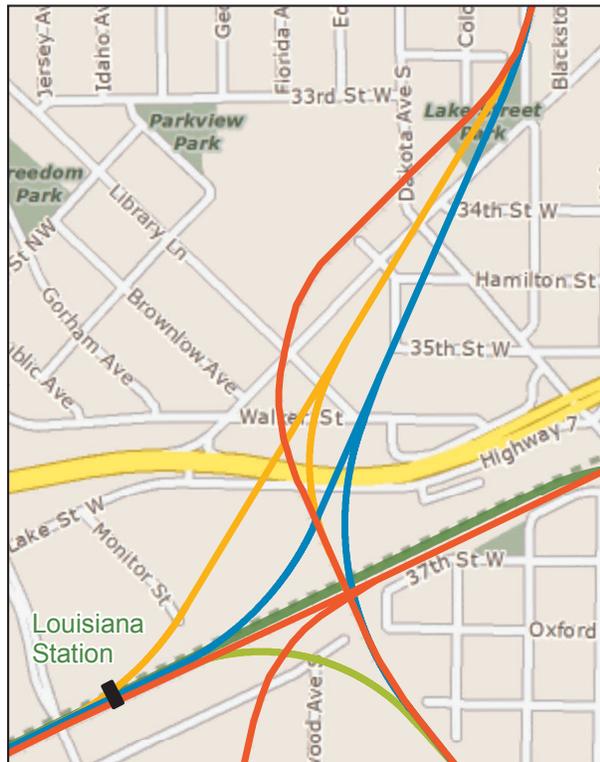
Any individual who requires assistance to participate should contact Southwest LRT Community Outreach Coordinator Sophia Ginis, Sophia.Ginis@metrotransit.org or 612-373-3895. Requests for special assistance should be made seven business days in advance of the scheduled open house.

Both co-location and relocation options would have impacts on residences and businesses, including the freight railroads. The goal is to choose one option and design it in a way that is safe and operationally efficient for both LRT and the freight railroads and cost effective.

Public input at open houses will be summarized and shared with project engineers as they advance the designs. The feedback also will be shared with members of the project's business and community advisory committees, the Corridor Management Committee and the Metropolitan Council to help them understand the issues around co-location and relocation as they provide input.

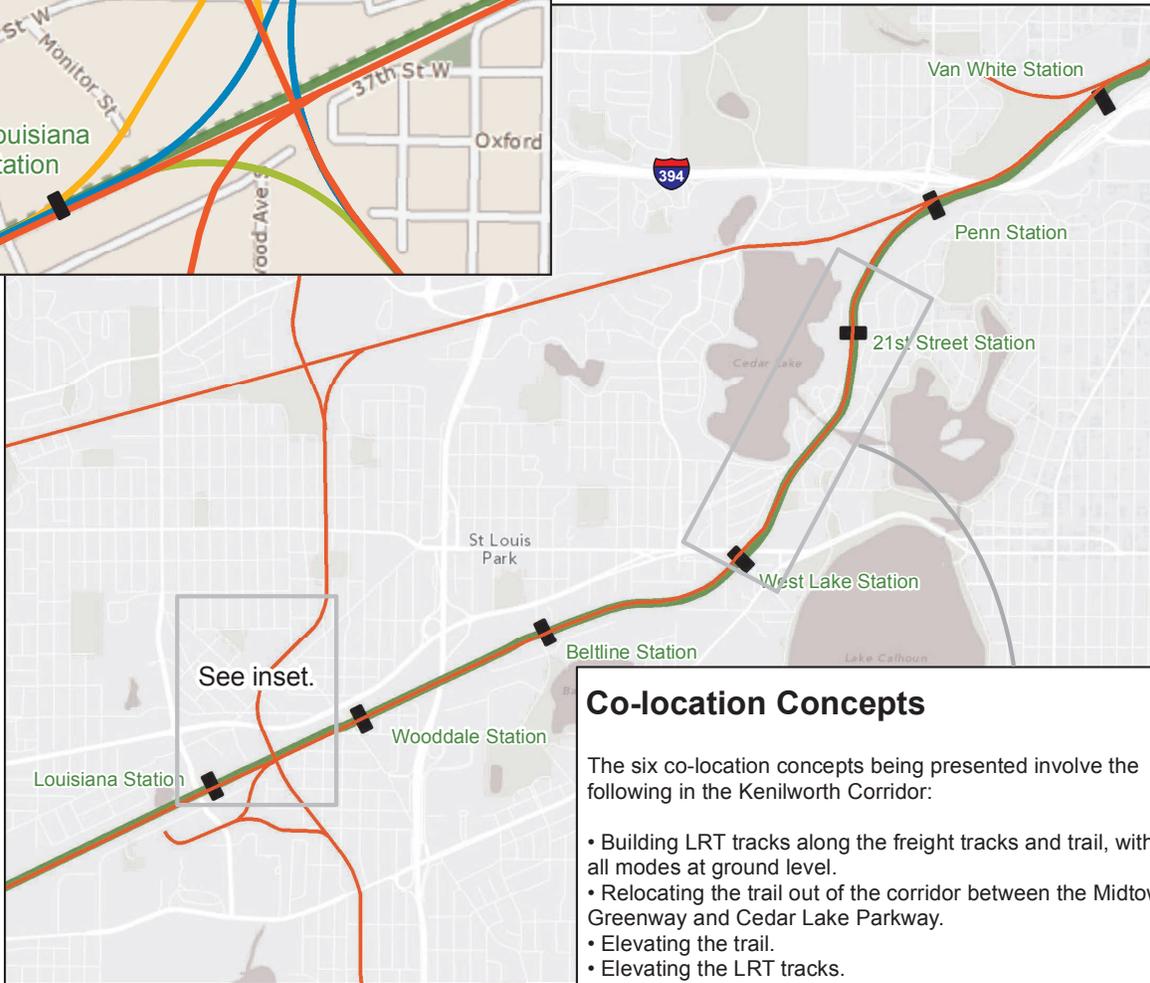
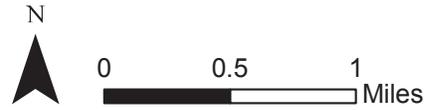
Additional open houses later in June will cover stations and other project elements. Cost impacts of the co-location and relocation concepts will be developed and presented in midsummer.

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- Building LRT tracks along the freight tracks and trail, with all modes at ground level.
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PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES

Light Rail Station Locations

The Southwest LRT (Green Line Extension) Project will host six open houses in June for the public to learn about, and provide feedback on, proposed locations for all 17 proposed stations.

LOCATIONS & TIMES:

The public is encouraged to attend the open houses held in the city where they live.

MINNEAPOLIS – All Stations

June 17 8–9:30 a.m.

Metro Transit’s Fred T. Heywood Office Building, 560 Sixth Ave N, Minneapolis (<http://goo.gl/maps/uDOZG>).

June 17 4:30–7 p.m.

Harrison Recreation Center, 503 Irving Ave. N, Minneapolis (<http://goo.gl/maps/UHtBP>).

June 24 4:30–7 p.m.

Kenwood Community Center, 2101 Franklin Ave. W, Minneapolis. (<http://goo.gl/maps/oguGh>).

ST. LOUIS PARK – All Stations

June 20 4:30–7 p.m.

Beth El Synagogue, 5224 W 26th St., St. Louis Park (<http://goo.gl/maps/aRVEP>).

MINNETONKA/HOPKINS – All Stations

June 18 4:30–7 p.m.

Hopkins Center for the Arts, 1111 Mainstreet, Hopkins (<http://goo.gl/maps/oG0SK>).

EDEN PRAIRIE – All Stations

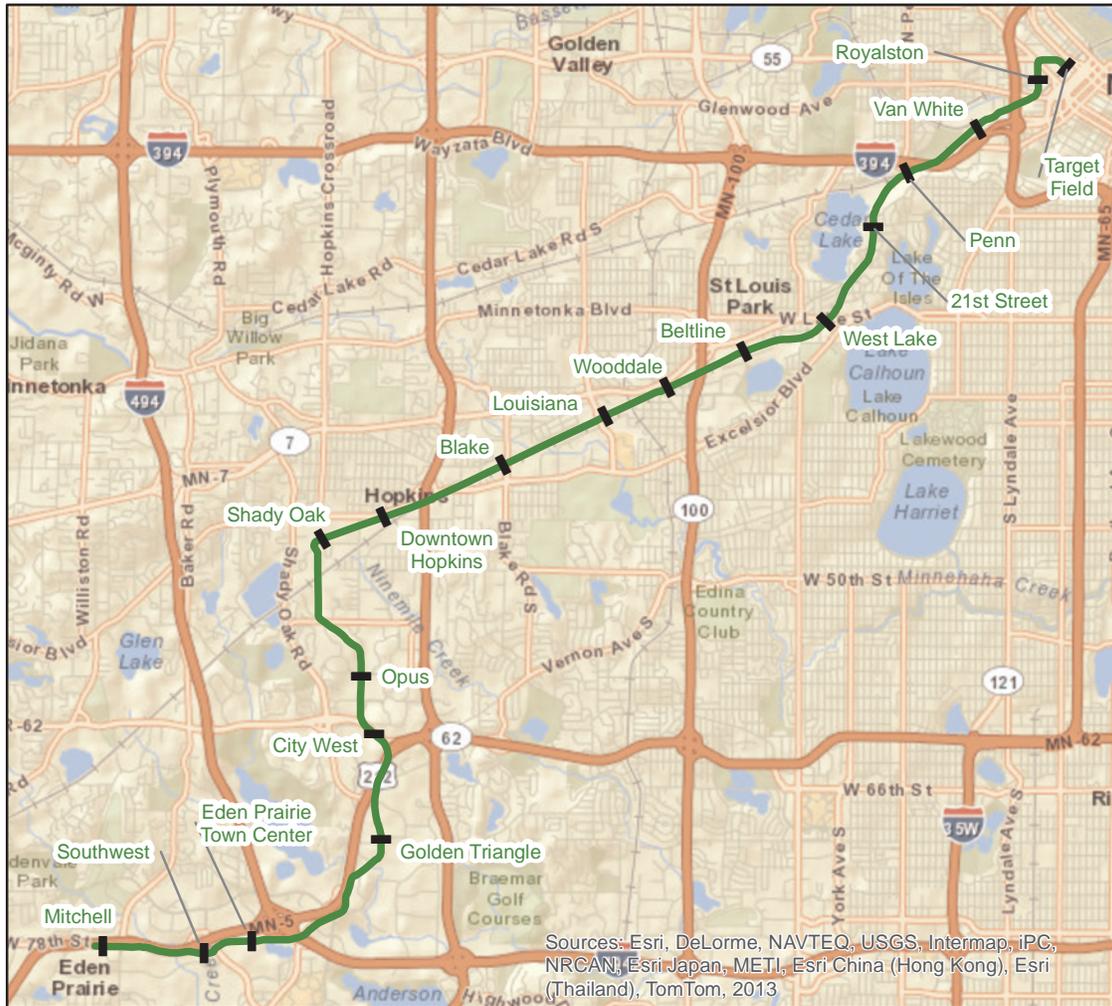
June 26 4:30–7 p.m.

Eden Prairie City Center, 8080 Mitchell Rd., Eden Prairie (<http://goo.gl/maps/zpK5l>).

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See map of proposed station locations on reverse side.

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Proposed Southwest LRT (Green Line Extension) station locations.

Proposed Station Locations - Nearest Cross Streets

Eden Prairie

Mitchell Road: Hwy 212 & Mitchell Rd.

Southwest:

Technology Dr. & Eden Prairie Center Dr.

Eden Prairie Town Center:

Technology Dr. & Flying Cloud Dr.

Golden Triangle:

70th St. W & Shady Oak Rd.

City West: 62nd St. W & Shady Oak Rd.

Minnetonka

Opus: Bren Rd. E & Bren Rd. W

Hopkins

Shady Oak Road: 5th St. S & 16th Ave S

Downtown Hopkins:

Excelsior Blvd. & Eighth Ave. S

Blake Road: Blake Rd. & Second St. NE

St. Louis Park

Louisiana Avenue: Louisiana Ave. & Oxford St.

Wooddale Avenue:

Wooddale Ave. & 36th St. W

Beltline Boulevard: Beltline Blvd. & Park Glen Rd.

Minneapolis

West Lake Street:

Lake St. W & Chowen/Abbott Ave. S

21st Street:

21st St. W & Thomas Ave. S

Penn Avenue: I-394 & Penn Ave. S

Van White Boulevard:

I-394 & Dunwoody Blvd./Van White Blvd.

Royalston Avenue:

Royalston Ave. & Holden St. N



PUBLIC COMMUNITY MEETINGS

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LOCATIONS & TIMES:

JULY 17 MINNEAPOLIS

Jones-Harrison Residence
3700 Cedar Lake Avenue, Minneapolis
Open House: 4:30–5:30 P.M.
Presentation: 5:30–6:15 P.M.
Facilitated Q & A Session: 6:15–7:00 P.M.
MAP: <http://goo.gl/maps/UhXfh>

JULY 18 ST. LOUIS PARK

St. Louis Park High School
6425 W 33rd Street, St. Louis Park
Open House: 4:30–5:30 P.M.
Presentation: 5:30–6:15 P.M.
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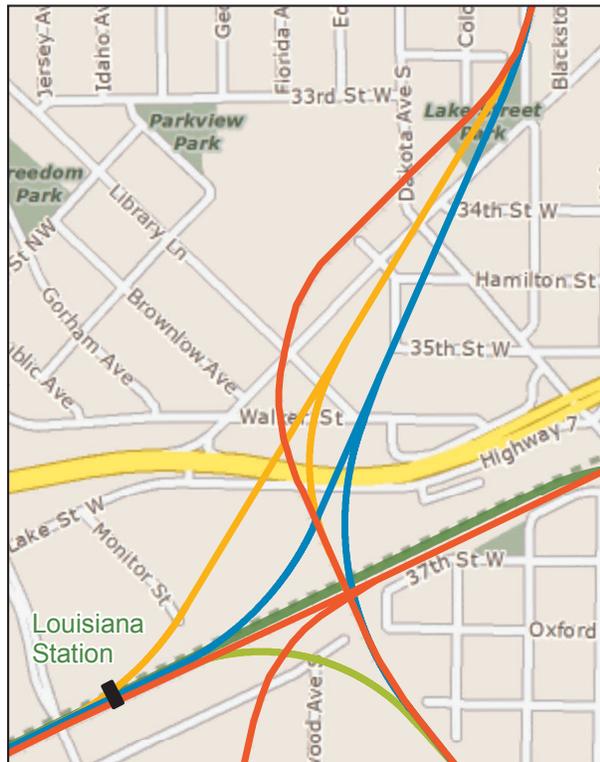
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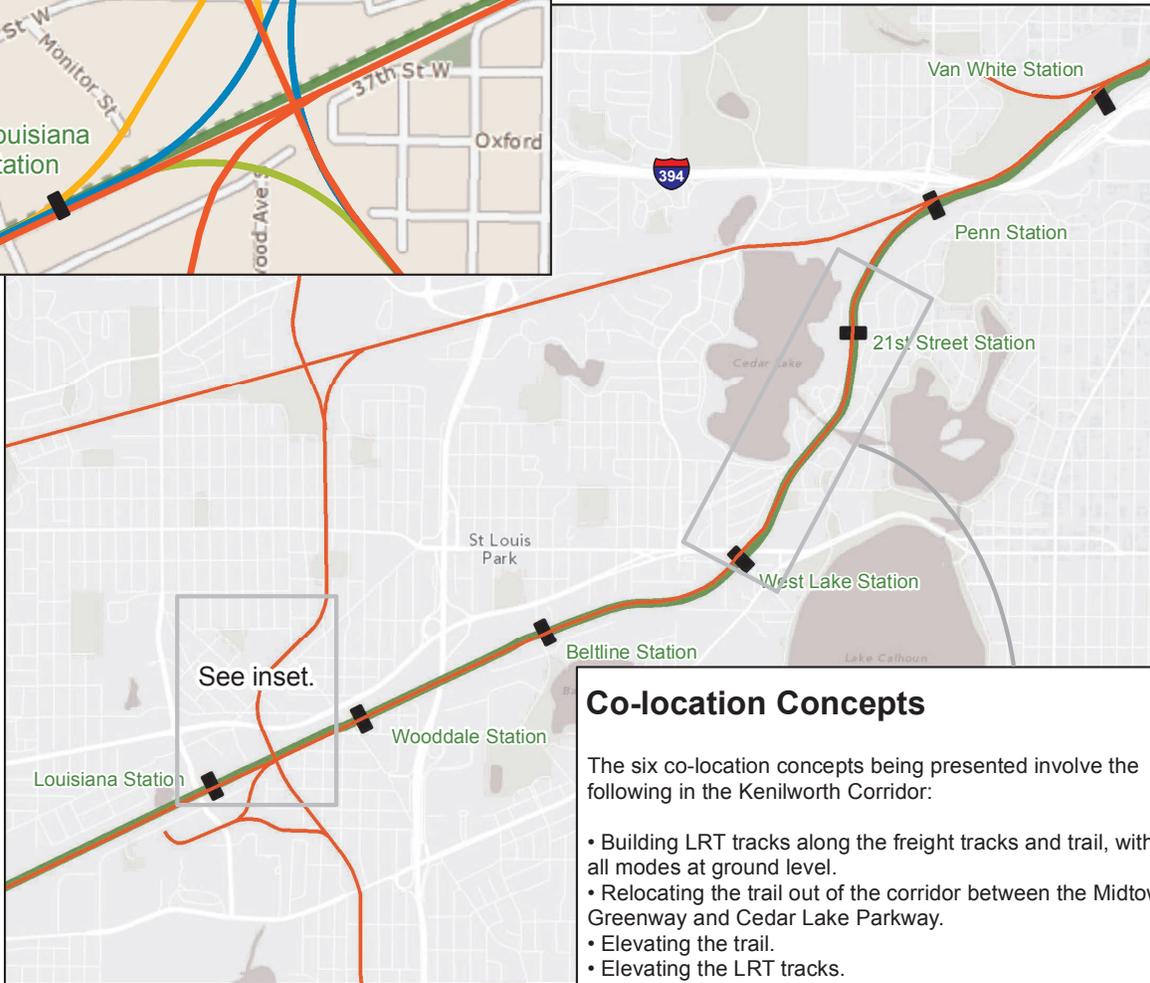
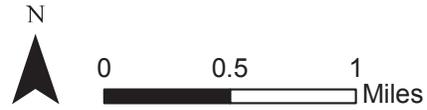
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PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

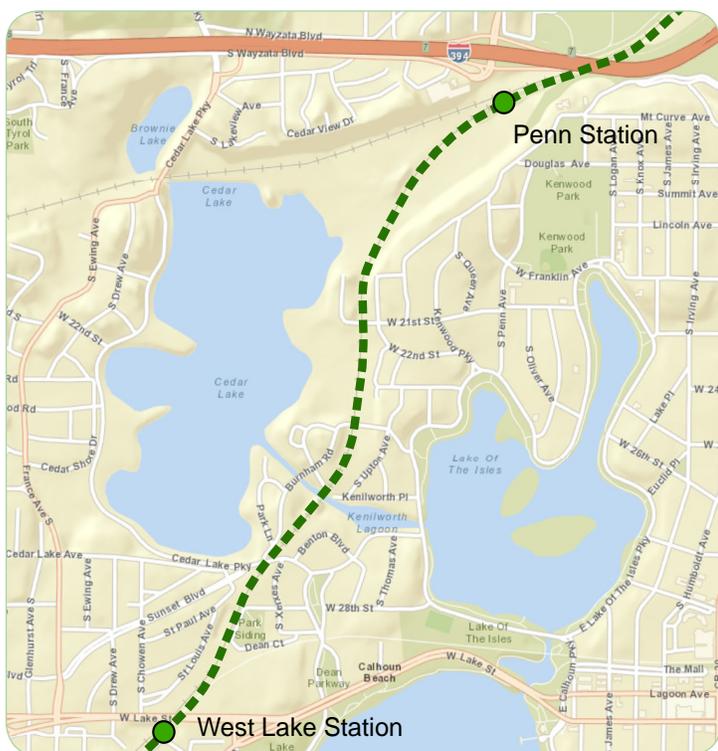
Southwest LRT Recommendation for the Minneapolis Segment

The Metropolitan Council will host a public open house on Thursday, October 10, 2013 to receive public input on the project office's draft recommendation for the scope and basic design of the Southwest LRT (Green Line Extension) project in Minneapolis.

The Southwest LRT Project Office presented a draft recommendation for the scope and basic design of the light rail line to the project's Corridor Management Committee on October 2.

The draft recommendation includes building shallow tunnels for LRT trains through the Kenilworth Corridor in Minneapolis, eliminating the proposed LRT station at 21st Street and keeping existing freight rail service in the area.

Proposed route between Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles.



LOCATION & TIME

Thursday, October 10, 2013

5:30 – 7:30 P.M.

Kenwood Community Center

2101 West Franklin Avenue, Minneapolis

MAP: <http://goo.gl/maps/Tkq84>

This open house will provide an opportunity for community members to ask questions and give feedback on the draft recommendation before the Metropolitan Council considers it.

At this open house, the public will be able to talk with Council members and project staff one-to-one and view engineering drawings of the shallow tunnels. No testimony or formal presentations are planned. Comment cards will be provided.

Any individual who requires assistance to participate should contact Southwest LRT Community Outreach Coordinator Sophia Ginis, 612-373-3895 or Sophia.Ginis@metrotransit.org. Requests for special assistance should be made at least 24 hours in advance.

Learn more about Southwest LRT at www.swlrt.org



TOWN HALL/COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Southwest LRT Studies in the Kenilworth Corridor

The Metropolitan Council will host facilitated public community meetings on January 7 & 9, 2014 focused on studies that are currently underway of freight rail, water resources and landscaping/greenscaping in the Kenilworth area of Minneapolis.

LOCATIONS & TIMES

Tuesday, January 7, 2014

5:00 – 7:30 P.M.

Kenwood Community Center

2101 Franklin Avenue West, Minneapolis

MAP: <http://goo.gl/maps/oguGh>

Thursday, January 9, 2014

5:00 – 7:30 P.M.

St. Louis Park Recreation Center

3700 Monterey Drive, St. Louis Park

MAP: <http://goo.gl/maps/waC5T>

In December 2013, the Southwest LRT (Green Line Extension) Project began three studies to clarify important issues that affect the proposed light rail line between Eden Prairie and downtown Minneapolis:

- The location of freight rail service in the Kenilworth Corridor
- Potential impacts of LRT construction on Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles
- Landscaping and greenscaping in the Kenilworth area

Results of the studies are expected in early 2014.

These meetings will provide opportunities to learn about these studies, talk to project staff and participate in discussions.

MEETING AGENDA

5:00 – 5:30 Open house (project staff on hand to answer questions)

5:30 – 7:30 Welcome and review of meeting purpose

Overview of scopes of work for three studies

Facilitator-led discussion

Wrap-Up/Next Steps

Any individual who requires assistance to participate should contact Southwest LRT Community Outreach Coordinator Daren Nyquist, Daren.Nyquist@metrotransit.org or 612-373-3894 at least seven business days in advance of the scheduled meeting.

Learn more about Southwest LRT at www.swlrt.org

DESIGNING A LINE THAT STANDS THE TEST OF TIME



The Southwest Light Rail Transit (Green Line Extension) Project is moving forward with additional studies of technical issues that matter to Twin Cities residents.

To learn more and stay involved, visit www.swlrt.org.



In December, the Southwest LRT (Green Line Extension) Project began three studies on important issues that affect the proposed light rail line between Eden Prairie and downtown Minneapolis. Results of the studies are expected in early 2014.

Freight Rail: An independent consultant will review options for the relocation of freight rail service that now runs near the proposed LRT route through Kenilworth.

Water Quality Impacts: A second independent consultant will review potential impacts of LRT construction and operation on the quality of lake water and groundwater in the Kenilworth Corridor area.

Accelerated Landscaping & Greenscaping: The project is creating an inventory of trees and vegetation in the Kenilworth area to identify landscaping and greenscaping opportunities.

In January, the Metropolitan Council will host community meetings focused on the three additional studies. For details on these and other upcoming meetings and events, go to www.swlrt.org.

January 7, 5:00–7:30 p.m., Kenwood Community Center,
2101 Franklin Ave. W, Minneapolis

January 9, 5:00–7:30 p.m., St. Louis Park Recreation Center,
3700 Monterey Drive, St. Louis Park

Southwest LRT Project
6465 Wayzata Blvd., Suite 500
St. Louis Park, MN 55426



To learn more about Southwest LRT and stay connected:

Visit www.swlrt.org, email swlrt@metrotransit.org or
call **612-373-3888** to be connected to a
Community Outreach Coordinator.



TOWN HALL/COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Draft Results of Southwest LRT Studies in the Kenilworth Corridor

Independent consultants will present draft reports on freight rail location alternatives and water resources impacts. The public is invited to ask questions and share comments with Metropolitan Council members and Southwest LRT project staff.

Monday, February 10, 2014

6:00 – 9:30 P.M.

Dunwoody College of Technology
Decker Auditorium
818 Dunwoody Blvd., Minneapolis

Park in west lot; enter via west entrance.

Map: <http://goo.gl/maps/wf1uO>

Wednesday, February 12, 2014

6:00 – 9:30 P.M.

St. Louis Park Senior High School
Carl A. Holmstrom Auditorium
6425 West 33rd Street, St. Louis Park

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In December 2013, the Southwest LRT (Green Line Extension) Project began studies of freight rail location alternatives and water resources impacts that could affect the proposed light rail line in the Kenilworth Corridor.

Draft reports from these studies were released on January 30 and are available on the Southwest LRT website at www.swlrt.org. Comments may be submitted online at www.swlrt.org or via email to swlrt@metrotransit.org.

Any individual who requires assistance to participate should contact Southwest LRT Community Outreach Coordinator Daren Nyquist, Daren.Nyquist@metrotransit.org or 612-373-3894 at least seven business days before the scheduled meeting.

MEETING AGENDAS

Agendas will differ at each meeting to reflect the concerns expressed by the communities.

	Minneapolis	St. Louis Park
Welcome & meeting purpose	6:00	6:00
Water Resources presentation, Q&A, Comments	6:15	6:15
Freight Rail presentation, Q&A, Comments	7:05	6:50
General Q&A; Comments	8:10	8:10
Close and Evaluation	9:10	9:10

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