

# 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
  - Sopportunity for the public to ask questions of project staff
- 6:00 PM Public Hearing
  - § Welcome and brief project overview
  - Opportunity for the public to comment on plans





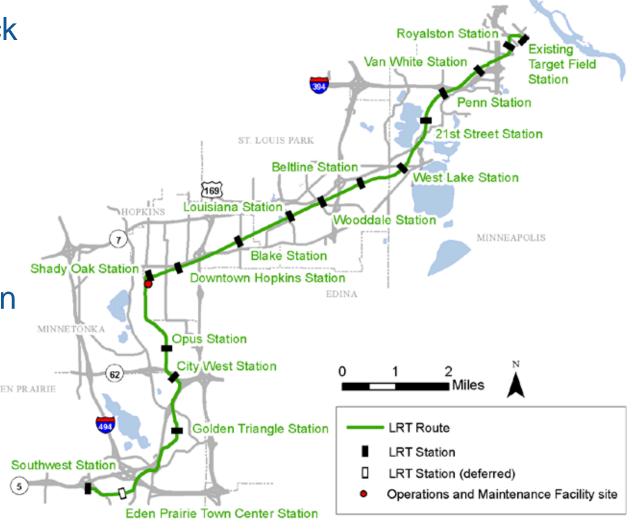
# Purpose of Today's Municipal Consent Public Hearing

 Provide stakeholders an opportunity to comment to the Metropolitan Council, 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**

Stations	Delete Mitchell, Defer Eden Prairie Town Center		
Park and Rides	Delete	Mitchell	
	Defer	Eden Prairie Town Center	
	Decrease Spaces and Convert to Surface Lots	Beltline, Blake	
	Decrease Spaces	Downtown Hopkins, Opus, Golden Triangle	
	Unchanged	Southwest	
	Increase Spaces	Louisiana, Shady Oak	
Total Park and Ride Spaces	2,487 (reduction of 1,317 spaces)		



# **Revise Scope Summary (cont.)**

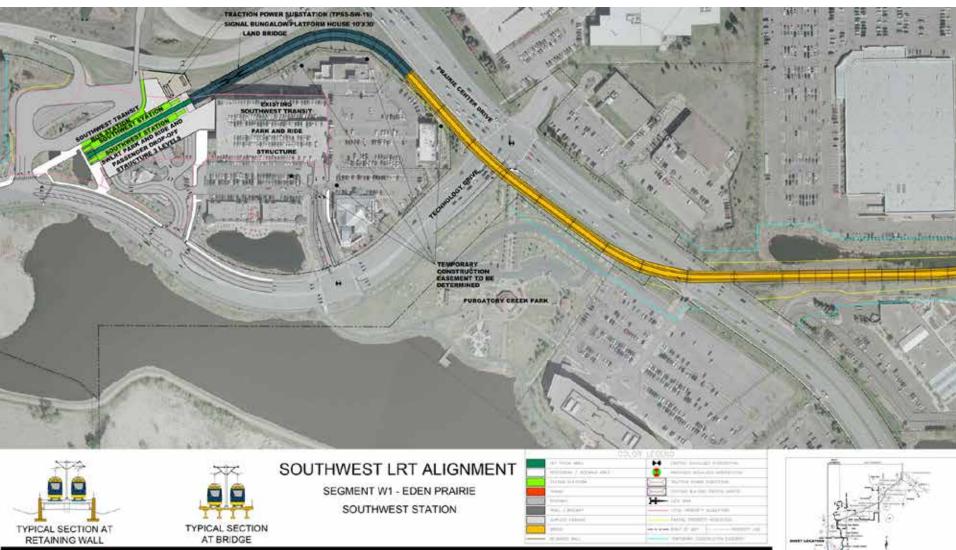
- Reduce OMF storage space to 30 LRVs
- Shady Oak Station platform and track modifications
- OMF and loop track modifications and value engineering



# **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







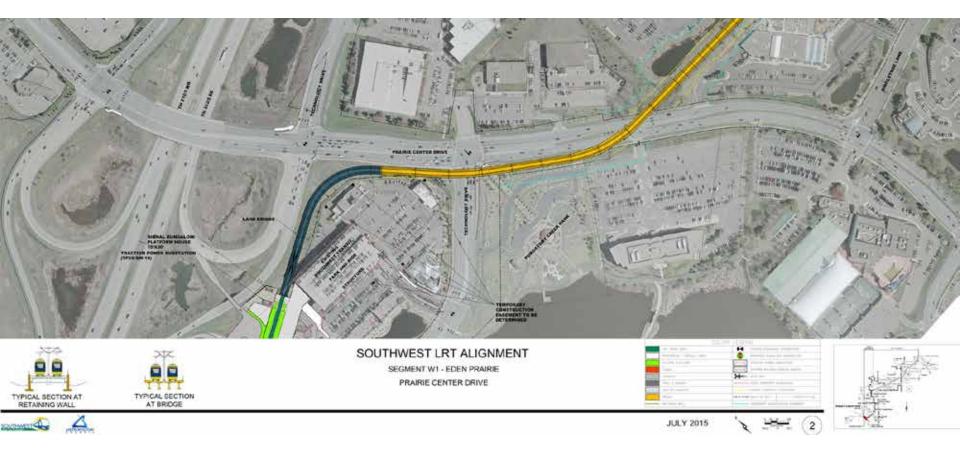


























### SOUTHWEST LRT ALIGNMENT

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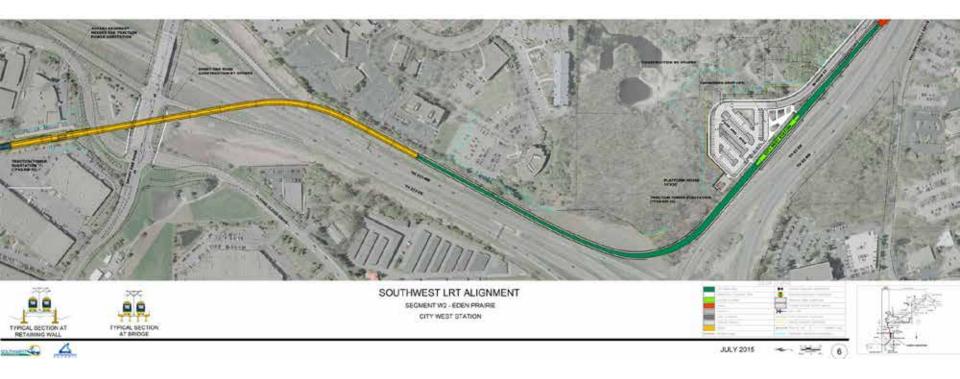
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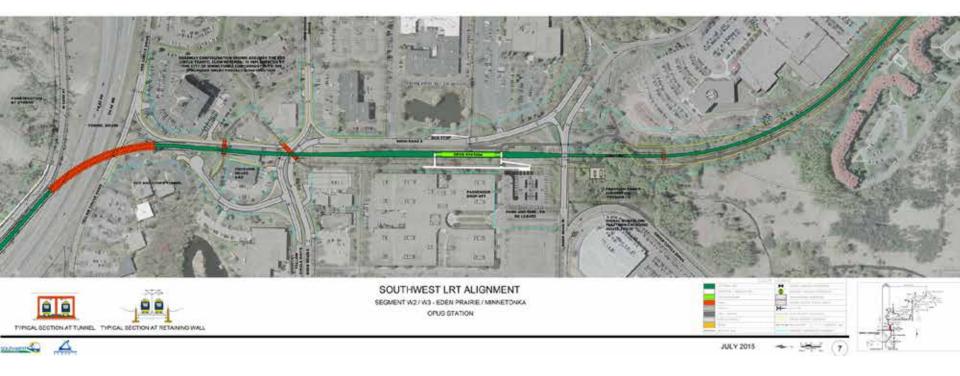


















### SOUTHWEST LRT ALIGNMENT

SEGMENT W3 - MINNETONKA / HOPKINS MINNETONKA / HOPKINS BRIDGE









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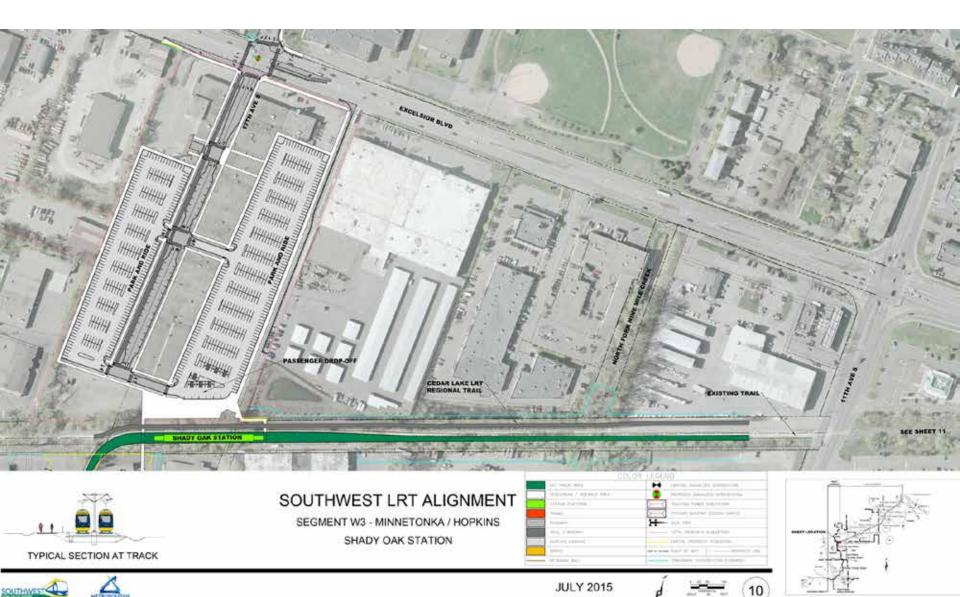




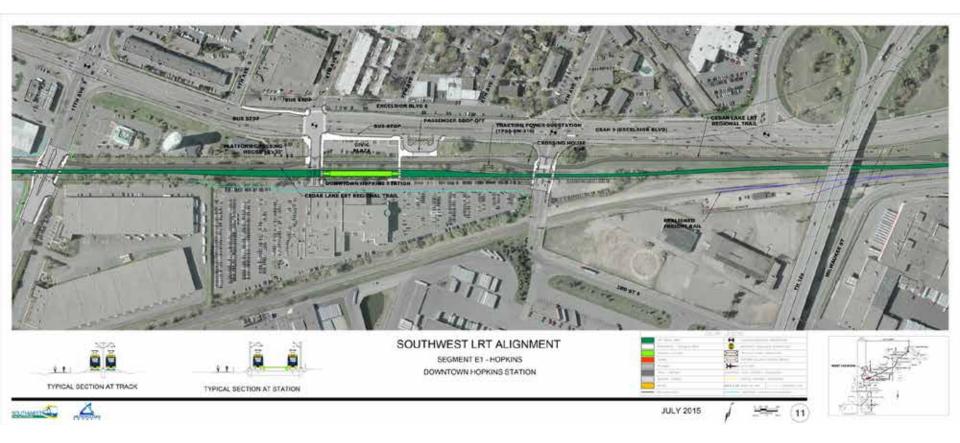




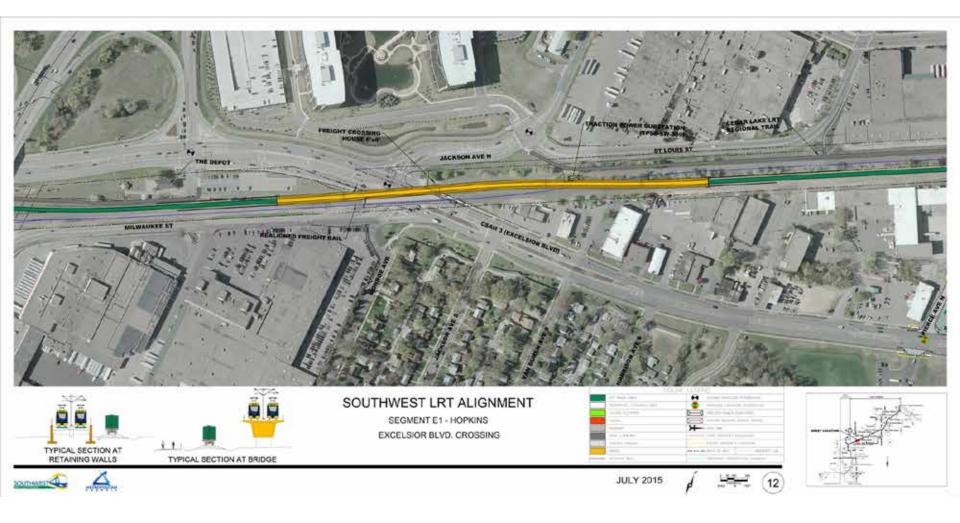




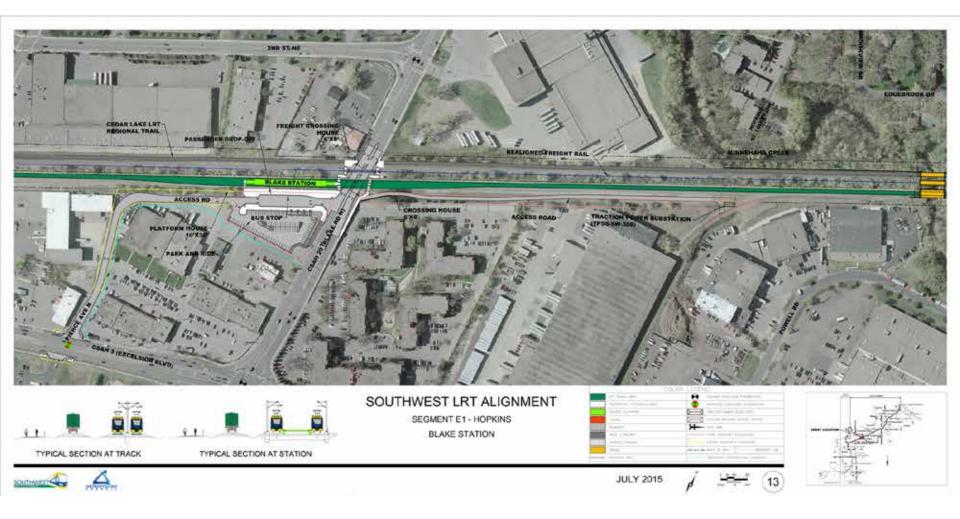




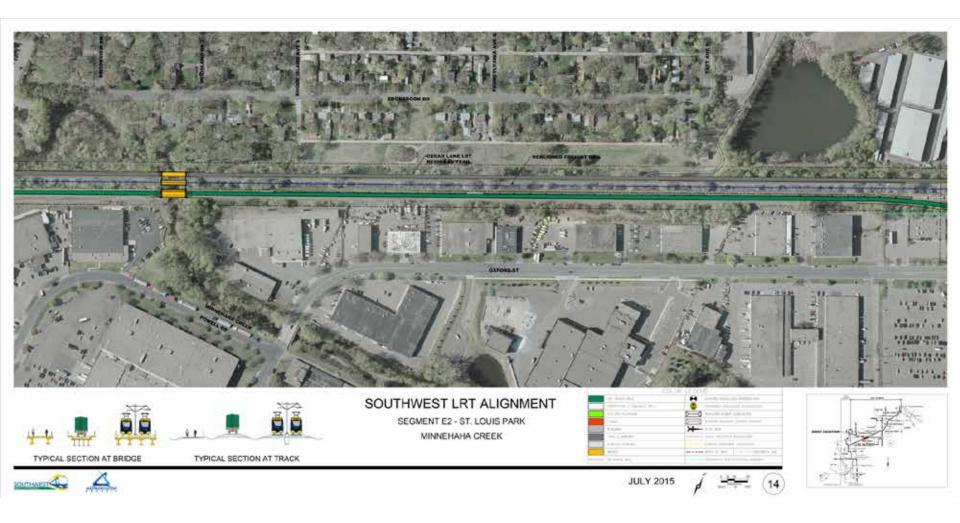


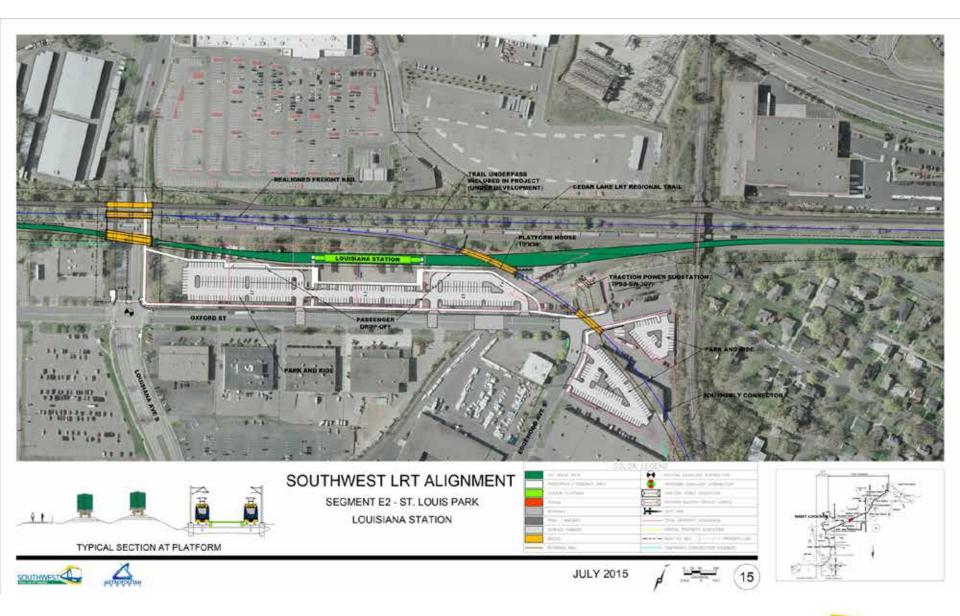




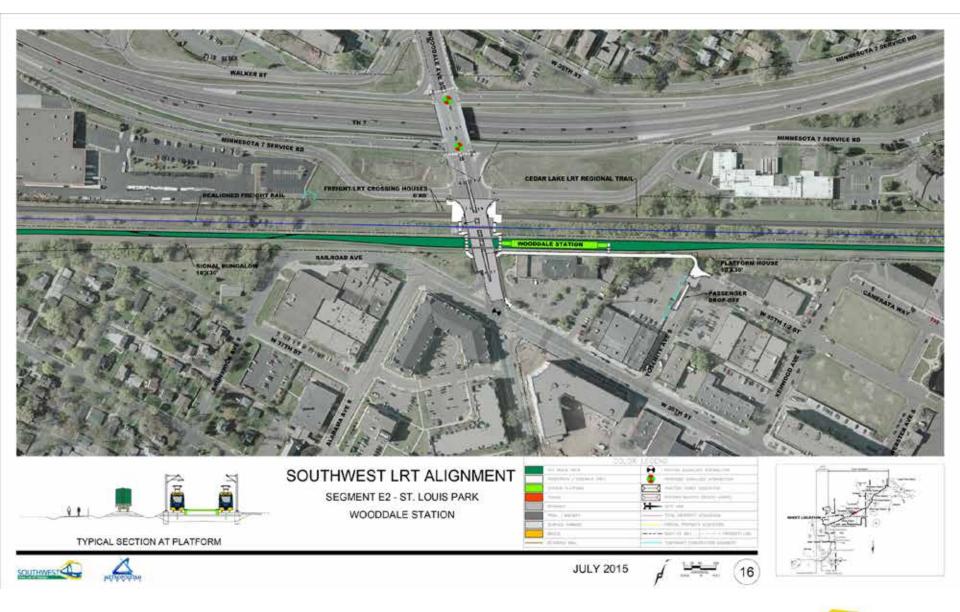




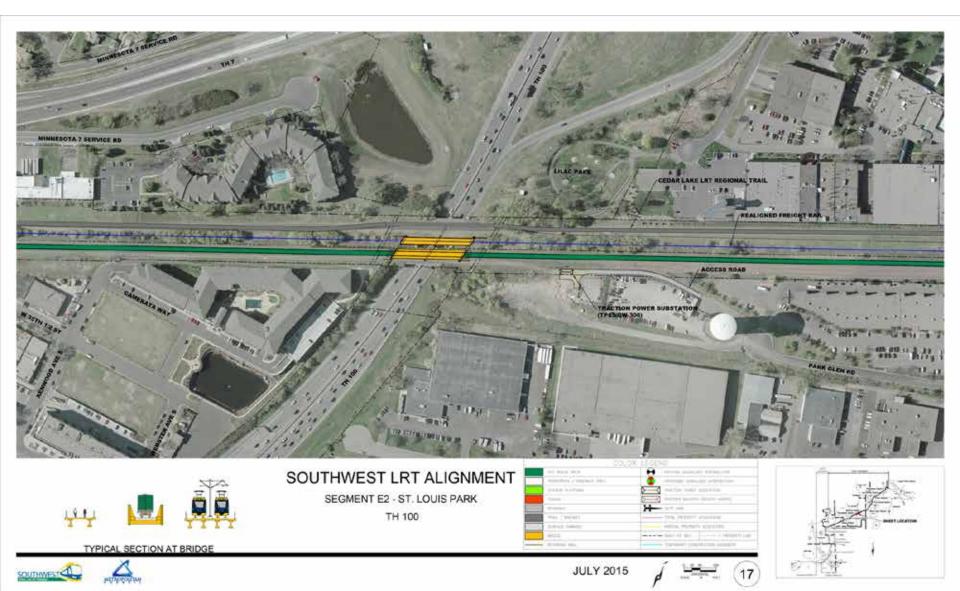












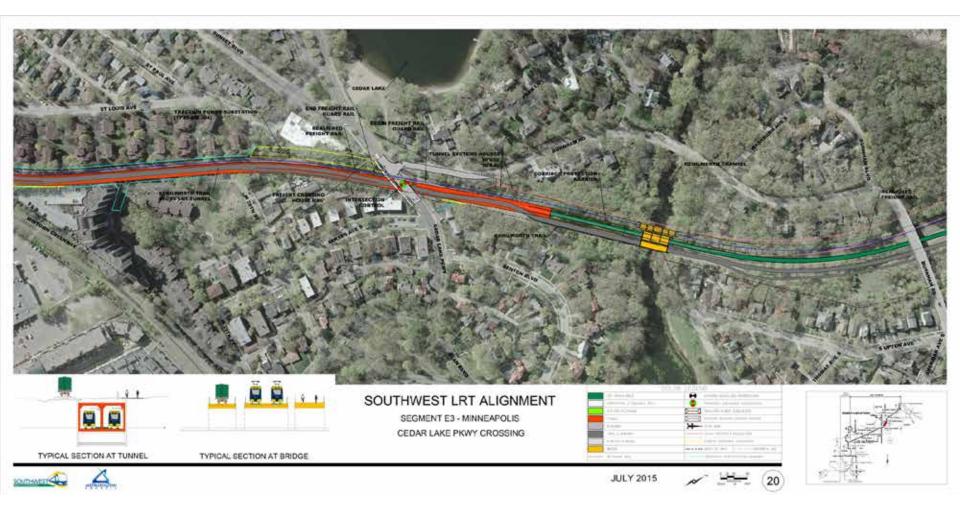








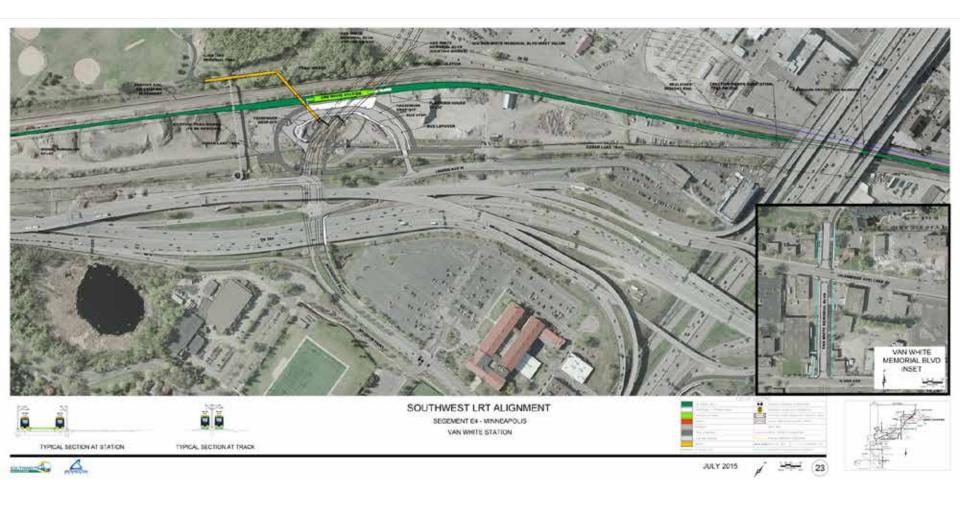




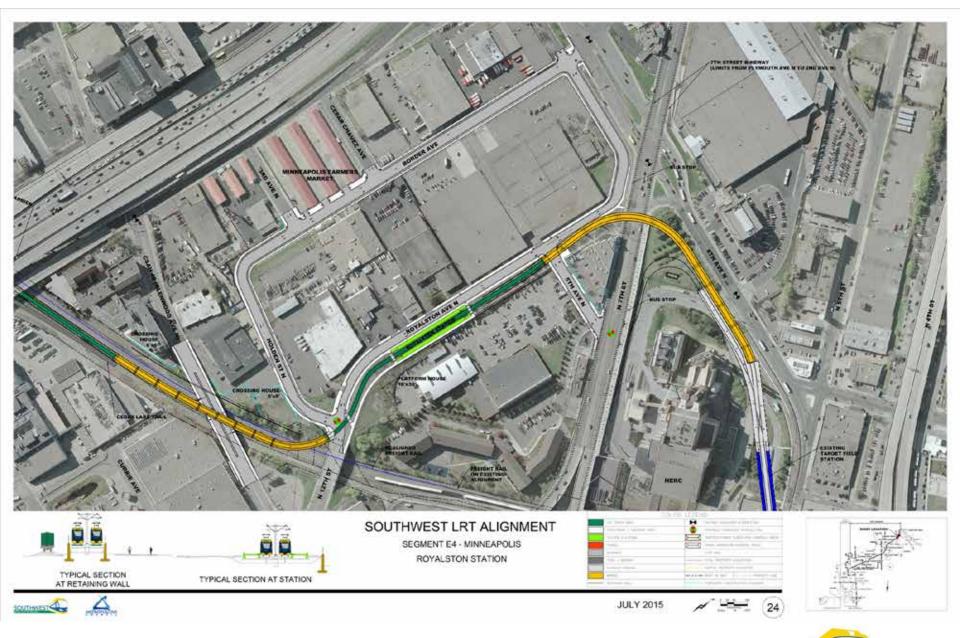














# **Municipal Consent Process**

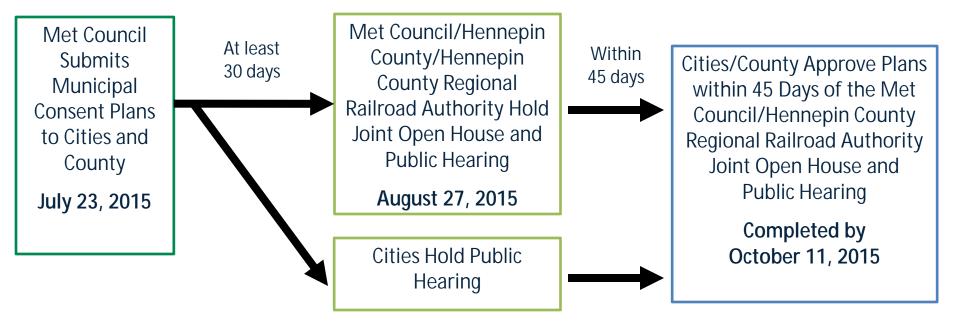
- Minnesota Statute 473.3994
- Local jurisdictional review and approval of physical design component of preliminary design plans

# **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**



**Municipal Consent Process\*** 

Agency	Open House/ Public Hearing Date	Board Action Date
Joint Met Council/Hennepin County/ HCRRA	Aug 27	n/a
Minnetonka (confirmed)	Sept 14	Sept 14
Minneapolis T&PW (confirmed)	Sept 15	Sept 15
Eden Prairie (confirmed)	Sept 15	Sept 15
Hopkins	Sept 15	Sept 15
St. Louis Park	Sept 21	Sept 21
Hennepin County	Aug 27	Sept 22
Minneapolis Council	n/a	Sept 25

<sup>\*</sup>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: swlrt.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: <u>swlrt@metrotransit.org</u>
  - § Fax: 612.373.3899



# **Next Steps**

# **Next Steps After Municipal Consent**

- Station design
- Streetscape design
- Utility relocation design
- Design advancement:
  - S LRT track features
  - § Roadway details
  - 6 OMF features
  - § Bridges and tunnels
  - System elements
  - Freight rail features



# **More Information**

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