



# 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](http://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.**

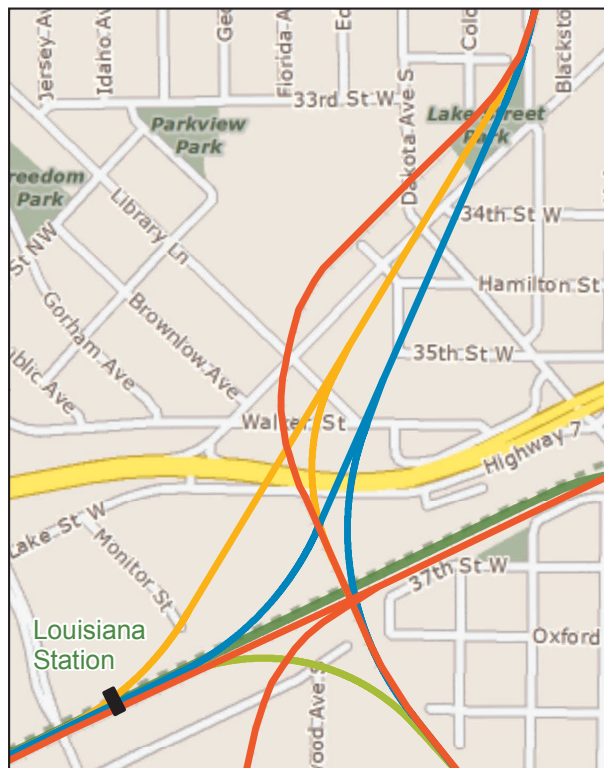
Any individual who requires assistance to participate should contact Southwest LRT Community Outreach Coordinator Sophia Ginis, [Sophia.Ginis@metrotransit.org](mailto:Sophia.Ginis@metrotransit.org) or 612-373-3895. Requests for special assistance should be made seven business days in advance of the scheduled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

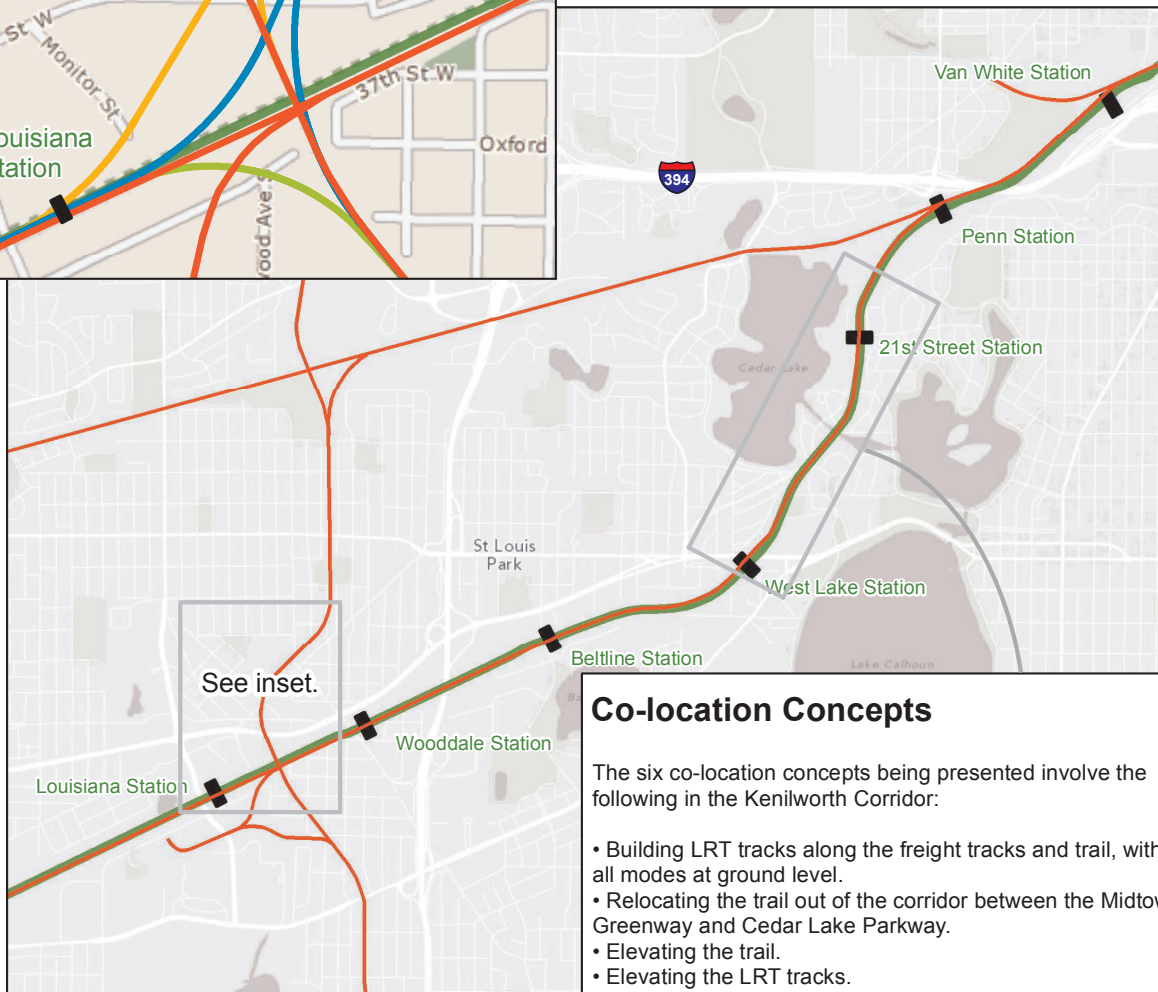
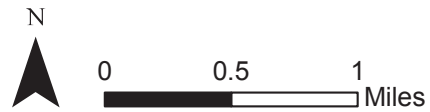
Additional open houses later in June will cover stations and other project elements. Cost impacts of the co-location and relocation concepts will be developed and presented in midsummer.

To learn more about the  
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## Relocation Concepts

- Existing Freight Rail
- Brunswick West
- Brunswick Central
- Southern Connection
- Proposed LRT Route



See inset.

## Co-location Concepts

The six co-location concepts being presented involve the following in the Kenilworth Corridor:

- Building LRT tracks along the freight tracks and trail, with all modes at ground level.
- Relocating the trail out of the corridor between the Midtown Greenway and Cedar Lake Parkway.
- Elevating the trail.
- Elevating the LRT tracks.
- Building a shallow tunnel for LRT tracks.
- Building deep twin tunnels, with one tunnel for each LRT track.