



# West Broadway Reconstruction/LRT Design

March 5, 2015



# Meeting Agenda

6:05 – 6:45 PM

Brief presentation

Overview

Revised road concepts

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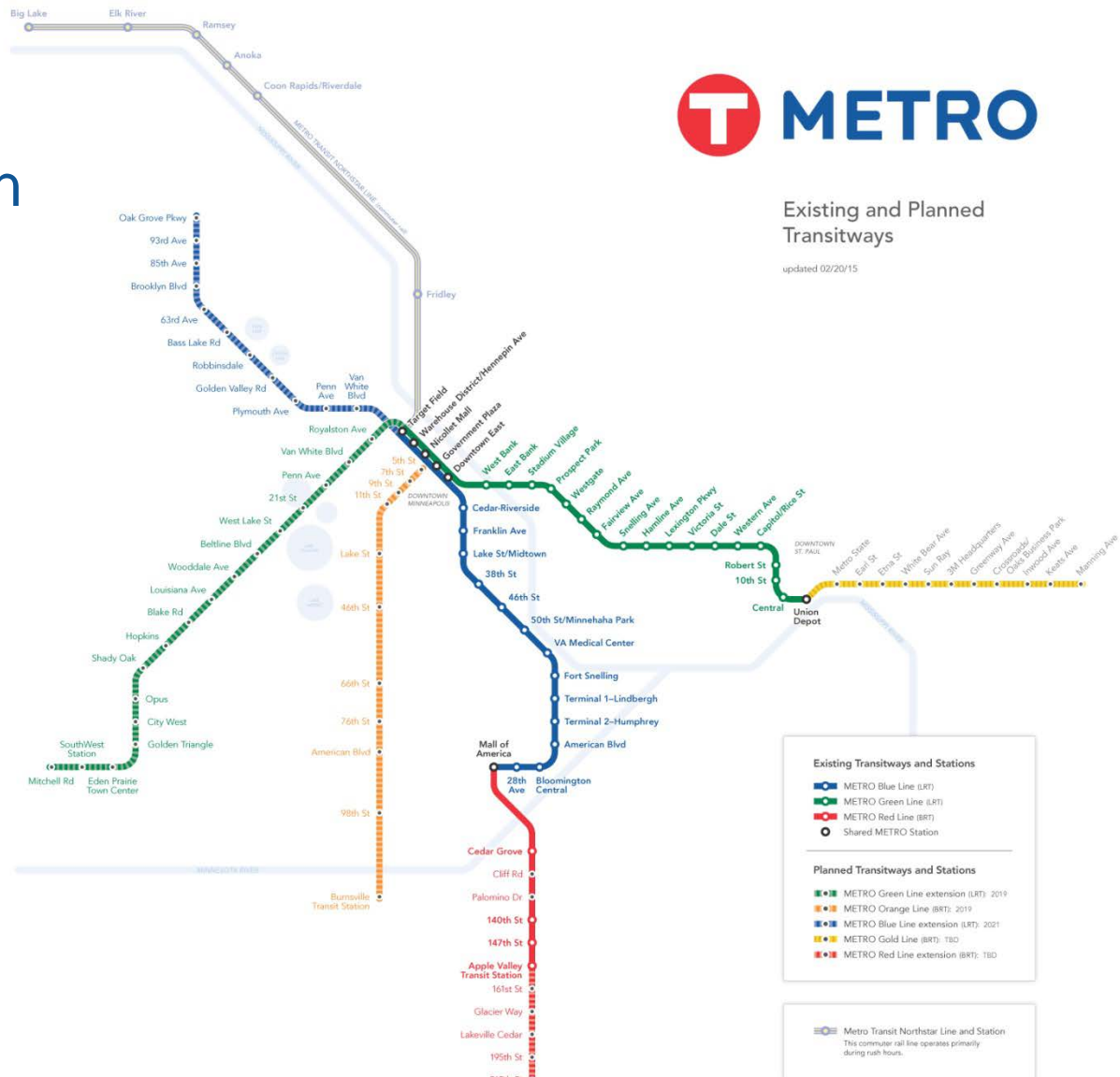
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Ask questions



# METRO System

- Green Line Extension (Southwest LRT)
- Blue Line Extension (Bottineau LRT)
- Orange Line (I-35 W South Bus Rapid Transit)
- Red Line Expansion (Cedar Avenue BRT)



# West Broadway: Today

## West Broadway and Candlewood



## West Broadway and 85th



# Purpose

- Connect people to jobs, services, schools, shopping and entertainment
- Provide space for people who:
  - Drive cars and trucks
  - Take transit
  - Walk
  - Bike





# METRO Blue Line

- 10 or 11 new LRT stations in Brooklyn Park, Crystal, Robbinsdale, Golden Valley & Minneapolis
- 27,000 est. rides by 2030
- One seat Blue Line ride to MSP Airport and Mall of America
- Connections to METRO Green Line, Northstar commuter train and bus services



# West Broadway Reconstruction Candlewood to 93<sup>rd</sup> Ave.



# Timelines: Light Rail W. Broadway Ave.

2015

- Project Development Begins

- City endorses design
- Environmental Assessment

2016

- Municipal Consent
- Final Env. Impact Statement
- Begin Property Acquisition

- Engineering
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2017

- Engineering

2018

- Full Funding Grant Agreement

2018-2020

- Construction

- Construction

2021

- Passenger Operations





# What We Have Heard

- Property acquisition
- Traffic impact, congestion
- Business impacts
- Safety
- Need for transportation, transit options
- Noise and vibration
- Coordinate LRT and roadway projects
- Construction impacts
- Trails



# Changes to the Process

- Projects being coordinated among agencies
- Engineering Team conducting design for both
- Environmental Team completing environmental documentation
  - Environmental Assessment Worksheet for roadway project (Q3 2015)
  - Final Environmental Impact Statement for LRT project (Q3 2016)
- Public engagement coordinated with City



# Changes to Design

- Maximum right of way width reduced from 176 feet to 142 feet
  - Eliminated right-turn lanes
  - Reduced lane, gutter and boulevard widths
  - Reduced design speed from 45 to 35 mph
  - Reduced distance from trail to proposed property line
  - Reduced width needed for LRT
- Trail width maintained at 10 feet

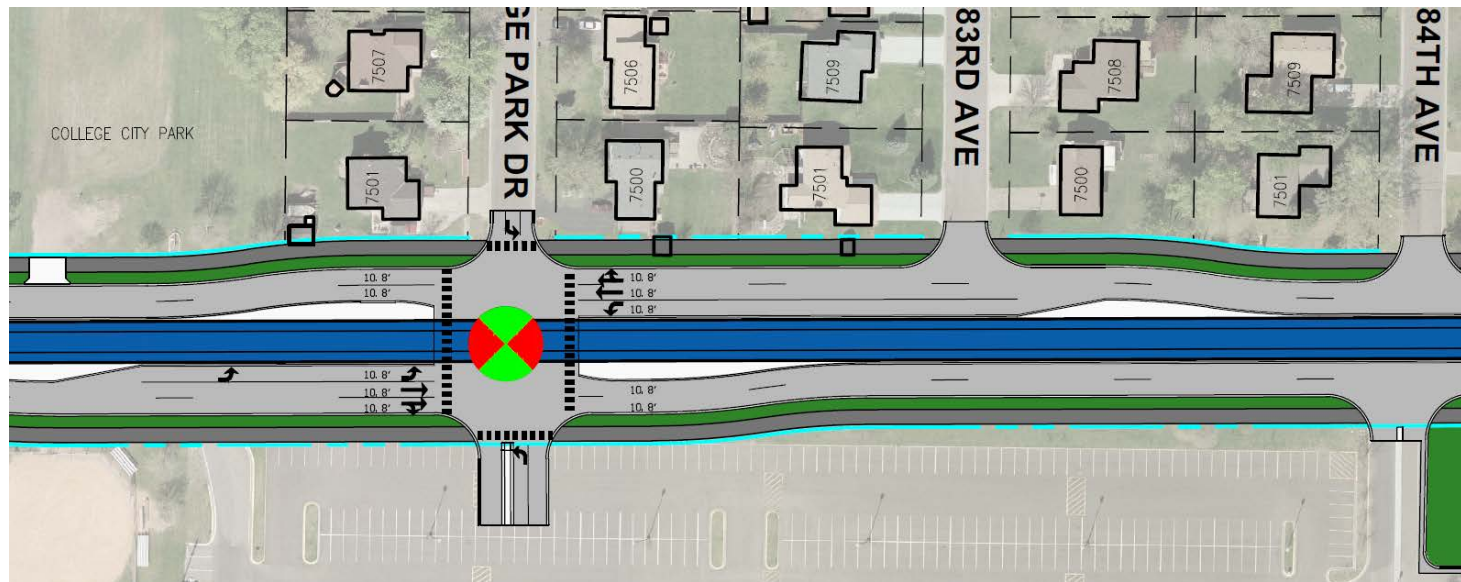


# Maximum Width Significantly Reduce

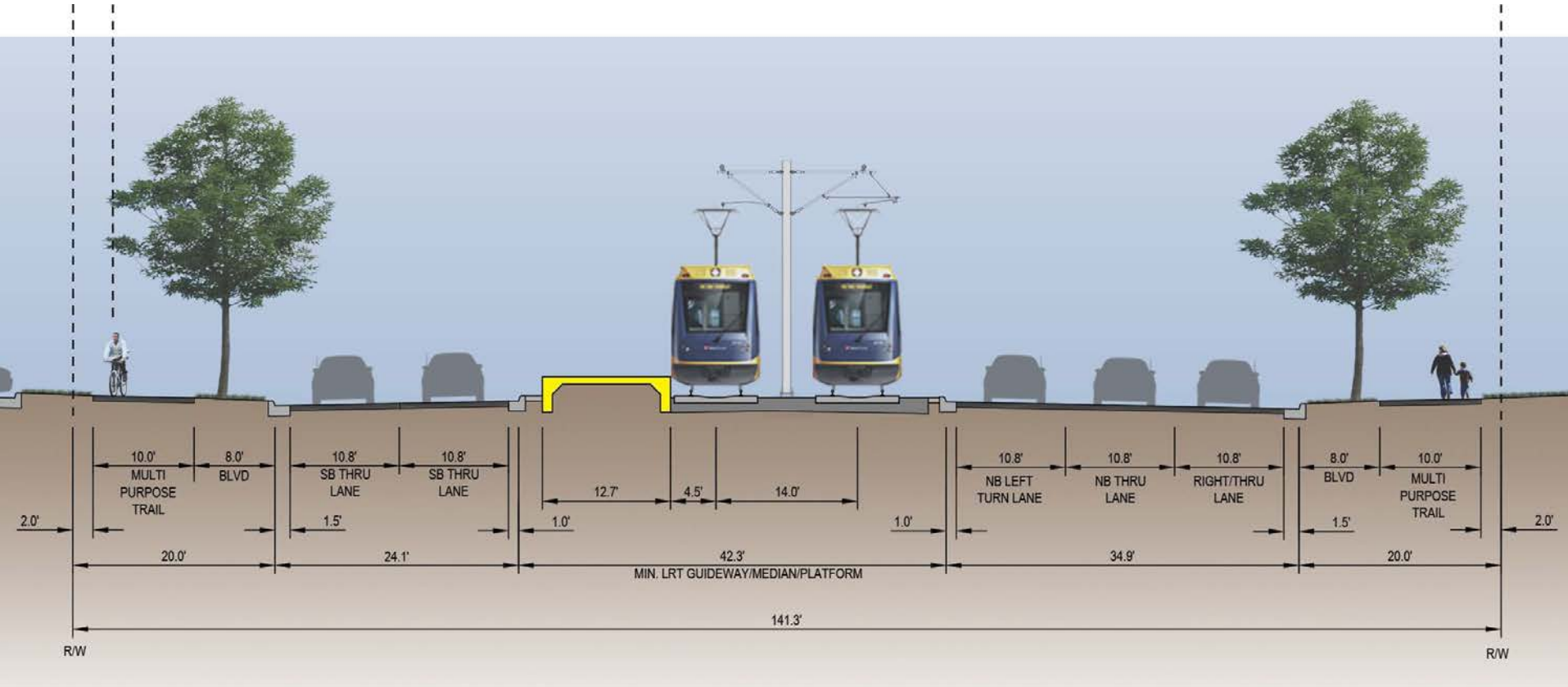
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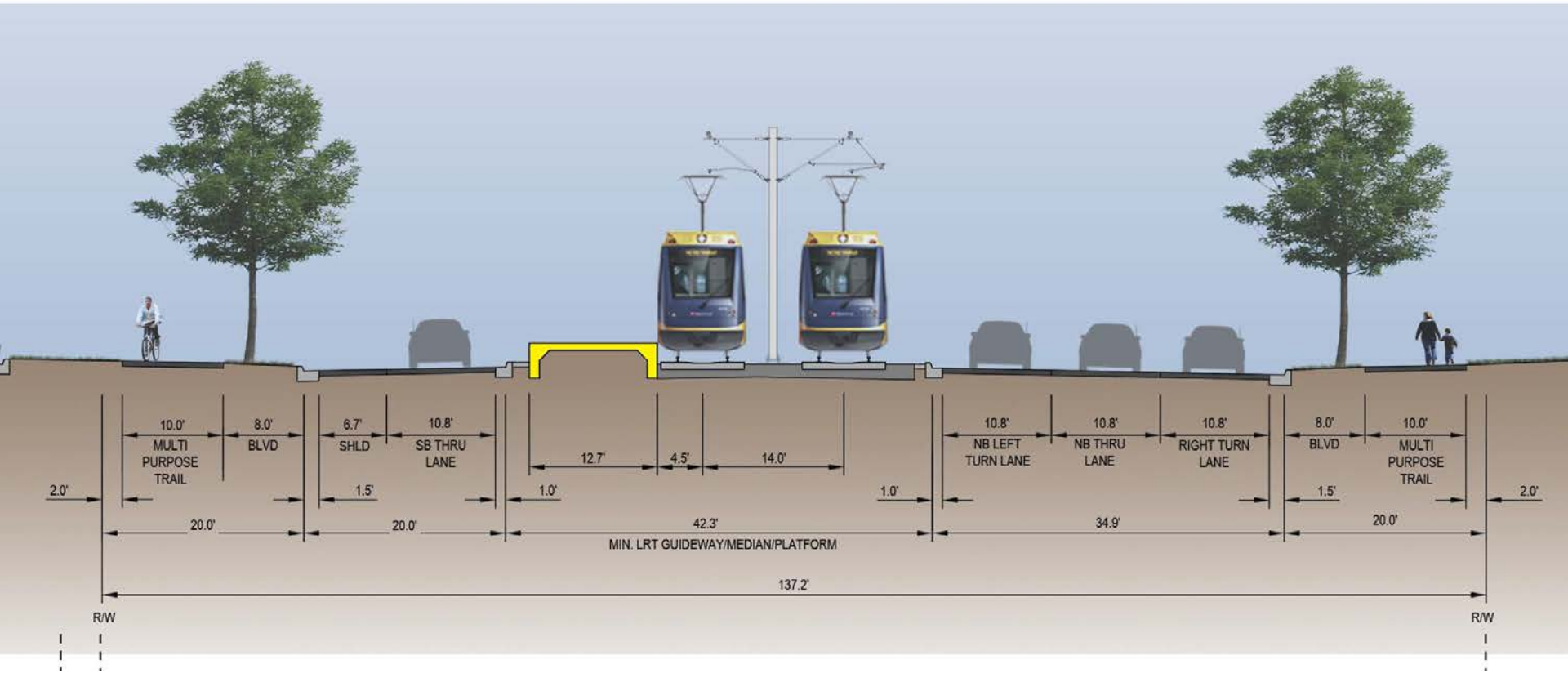
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# March 2015 4-Lane Option



# March 2015 2-Lane Option





# Small Group Discussions



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# Questions: 10 minutes each

- What do you like about West Broadway today?  
What do you dislike?
- What do you like about the proposed changes along West Broadway?  
What do you dislike?
- What do you want decision makers to know?
- What is most important to you?



# Ground Rules

- Introduce yourself
- Allow everyone to share their ideas
- Show respect for others' viewpoints
- Use “indoor voices”
- Signs are permitted; remove handles for safety



# Wrap Up and Next Steps



# Next Steps

- **March: Present Refined Plans, Comments**
  - Corridor Management Committee: March 12
  - City Council: March 16
  - Community Meeting #2: March 19
- **April: Draft Recommendations**
  - Corridor Management Committee: April 9
  - Community Meeting #3: April 7, if needed

**April 27: Staff recommends and Brooklyn Park City Council considers endorsing a design approach**





# More Information

## METRO Blue Line Extension

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## West Broadway Reconstruction

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