

SOUTHWEST

Green Line LRT Extension



Community Advisory Committee

August 25, 2015



Today's Topics

- SDEIS Comment Summary
- Project Update
 - New Starts Application Submittal
 - Municipal Consent Schedule
 - Next Steps: 6 Month Look Ahead
- Hennepin County Corridor-wide Housing Strategy



SDEIS Comment Summary

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- 205 comments received
- Breakdown by method:
 - 43 people testified during the June 16, 17 and 18 public hearings
 - 162 comments received in writing via email, letter or comment card
- Breakdown by commenter:
 - 43 business/organizations
 - 18 government
 - 144 individuals
- All comments posted at swlrt.org

SDEIS Comment Summary (con't.)

- Top Five Comments/Themes
 - Noise and vibration
 - NEPA process
 - General opposition to freight rail co-location
 - Safety and security
 - Visual and aesthetics
- Next Steps
 - Analyze comment and develop responses with environmental/engineering staff
 - Include comments and responses in the Final EIS appendix

Project Update

July 1 CMC Recommendation

- End at Southwest Station
 - Delete Mitchell Station
 - Defer Eden Prairie Town Center Station
- Cost estimate of \$1.744B
- Projected 2040 average weekday ridership of 34,000
- Financial commitments from county, cities and other project partners to fill the local match gap by July 31

CMC Scope Recommendation

- Informed by
 - Project partner meetings focused on cost reduction while maintaining a competitive project
 - Community and Business Advisory Committees input developed through additional meetings

Scope/Cost Reductions

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)	

Scope/Cost Reductions (con't.)

- Reduce station furnishings by 50%
- Reduce station art by 100%
- Reduce landscaping by 75%
- Reduce light rail vehicles by 5
- Reduce OMF storage space to 30 LRVs
- Shady Oak Station platform and track modifications
- OMF and loop track modifications and value engineering
- Finance charge

Met Council July 8 Action

- 14.5 miles new track
- 15 new stations
 - 1 deferred station
- 34,000 average weekday rides in 2040



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

New Starts Application Submittal

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- Submitted New Starts Application by Aug 3 deadline
- Approximately 2040 staff hours to prepare
- Measures a project in areas of:
 - Mobility improvements
 - Environmental benefits;
 - Congestion Relief;
 - Cost effectiveness;
 - Transit supportive land use policies
 - Economic development
 - Local financial committment

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

***All Dates Tentative Until Confirmed By Official Notice**

Next Steps: 6 Month Look Ahead

Project 6 Month Schedule

	Schedule
Complete Municipal Consent Approval Process	Oct 11, 2015
Develop Section 106 Memorandum of Agreement	Q3-Q4 2015
Complete 60% Design <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Kenilworth Landscape Design Concept■ Station Design renderings	Q4 2015
Submit Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit Application to US Corps of Engineers	Q1 2016
Complete 90% Design	Q1 2016
Submit State/Local environmental permit applications	Q1 2016
Publish Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Issue Record of Decision(ROD)	Q2 2016

Project Schedule

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Entry into Engineering	Q2 2016
Full Funding Grant Agmt.	Q4 2016
Heavy Construction	2017-2019
Revenue Service Date	2020

Construction Phase

- Looking to hold contractor conference in October
- Types of construction
 - Civil
 - Operations and Maintenance Facility
 - Bridges and retaining walls
 - Systems (electrical and communications)
 - Track
 - Utilities

Hennepin County Corridor-wide Housing Strategy



SOUTHWEST LRT
community works

green means go.

connecting people to jobs, housing, shopping, and fun

Corridor-wide Housing Strategy

Southwest Corridor Community Advisory Committee

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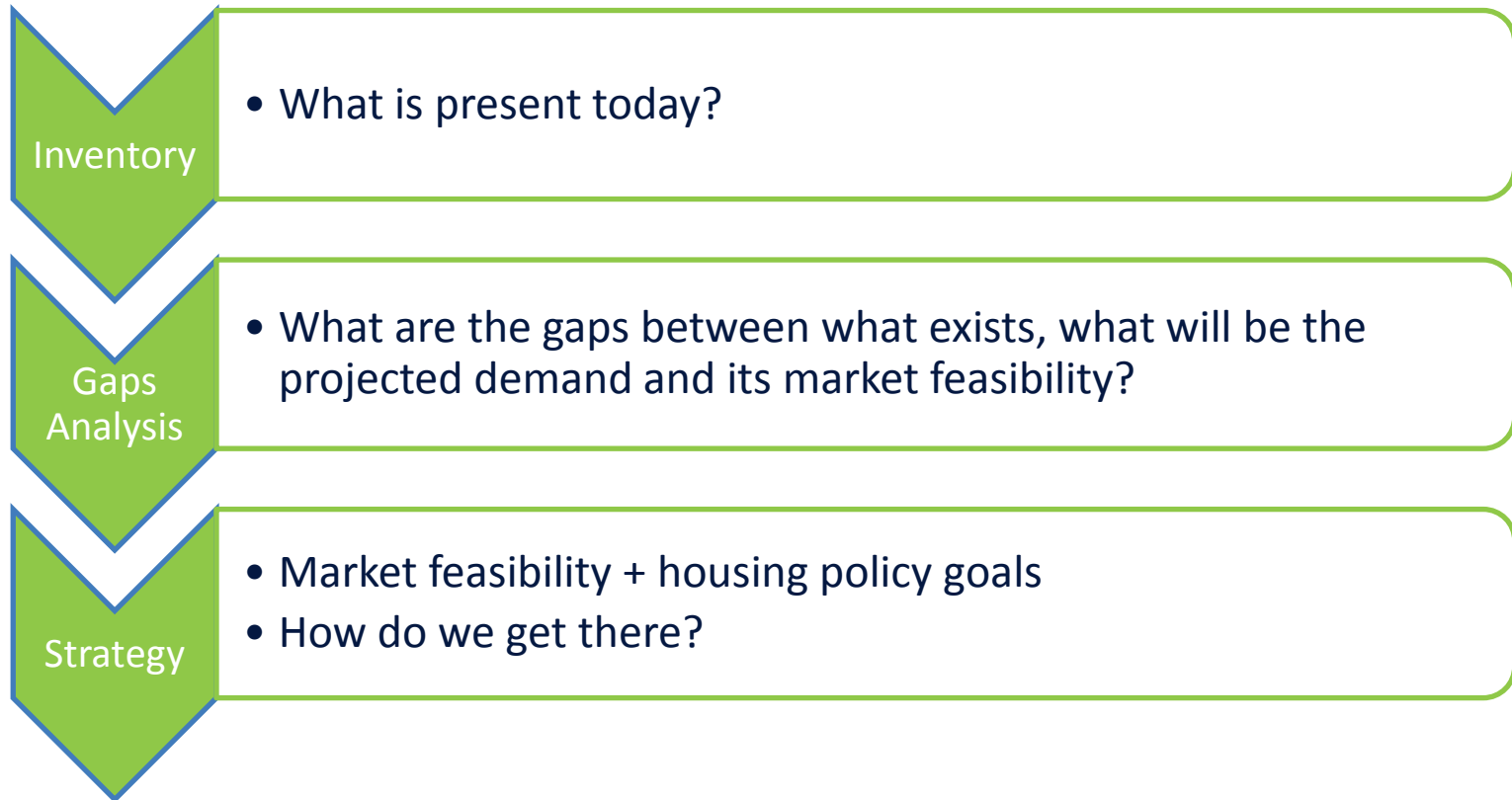
St. Louis Park
MINNESOTA



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WATERSHED DISTRICT



Provide a full range of housing choices



Housing Workgroup

- City of Eden Prairie*
- City of Edina*
- City of Hopkins*
- City of Minneapolis*
- City of Minnetonka*
- City of St. Louis Park*
- Family Housing Fund*
- Hennepin County*
- Metropolitan Council
- Minnesota Housing
- Southwest Project Office
- Twin Cities LISC*
- ULI-Minnesota



** Funding partners for the Southwest Corridor-wide Housing Gaps Analysis, 2014*

Stakeholder Outreach

- Developer and Funder Roundtable discussions
 - August 20, 2015
 - 15 housing developers and 8 funders participated.
- Community Advisory Committee – August 25th
- Business Advisory Committee – August 26th
- Housing Advocate Roundtable – early September
- City Council study session presentations – September/October
- Other outreach: Hopkins Housing meeting – September 9th, other neighborhood and public meetings TBD.

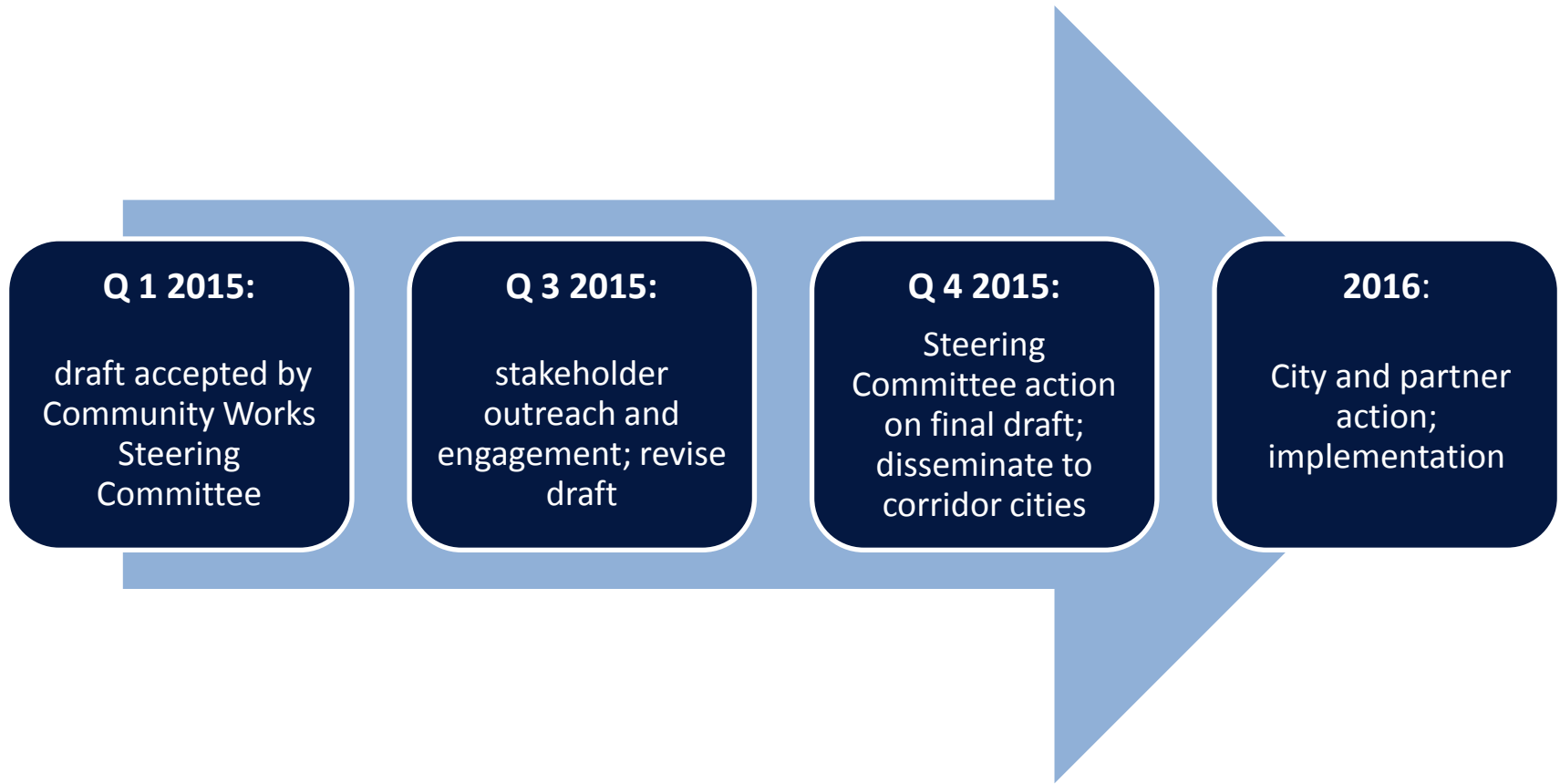
Goals of outreach:

- Inform stakeholders
- Gather input
- Inform elected officials



Revised Corridor-wide Housing Strategy will come back to Steering Committee in November

2015 Corridor-wide Housing Strategy Activities



Discussion

- What do you see as the most important housing needs in your community? Do you see those needs reflected in the Corridor-wide Housing Strategy?
- What do you see as the biggest barriers to a full range of housing choices in your community? Do you think that the implementation strategies included in the report will help to reduce those barriers?
- What is your feedback on the affordable housing targets included in the Strategy?

Discussion

- Did we miss anything that should be included in the Corridor-wide Housing Strategy?
- Other comments/questions?



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Member and Committee Reports/Public Forum

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at 6:00 PM

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