SWLRT Business Advisory Committee

January 9, 2013
Today’s Topics

• 2013 Project Look Ahead
• Preliminary Engineering Consultant Contract Awards
• Peer Review Consultant Contract Request for Proposal (RFP)
• Environmental Program Update
• Topics of Interest Survey
• 2013 BAC Meeting Schedule
• Definition of BAC Success
• Member and Committee Reports
• Public Forum
2013 Project Look Ahead
Project Development Overview

- **2011**
  - Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)

- **2012**
  - Preliminary Engineering
  - October - December 2012: DEIS Comment Period

- **2013**
  - Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)
  - Municipal Consent
  - 30% Design

- **2014**
  - Entry into Final Design
  - FTA Record of Decision (ROD)

**National & Minnesota Environmental Policy Acts (NEPA & MEPA)**

**SWLRT Community Works Project**

**Public Involvement**

- Community Works Steering Cmte, CMC, BAC, CAC
2013 Key Issues/Decisions

• Freight Rail Co-Location and Relocation
• Eden Prairie Alignment Alternatives
• Operations and Maintenance Facility
A Look Ahead: Project Wide

Key Tasks

- Revise New Starts Application
- Update Management Plans
- Update Ridership and Financial Forecasts

Key Milestones

- Q3 2013: Submit New Starts Update for FFY 2015 to FTA
- Q2 2014: Request Entry into Final Design
- Q4 2014: Complete Preliminary Engineering / Enter Final Design
Preliminary Engineering Consultants
Contract Awards
Preliminary Engineering Consultants (PEC) Scope of Work - 30% Engineering

Full SWLRT Alignment
Preliminary Engineering Consultants
Scope of Work - 30% Engineering

Southwest LRT Project Office

Preliminary Engineering Consultants

Civil/Track Engineering
Utility Relocation
Bridges & Structures
Stations & Streetscape

Independent Engineering Peer Review

Systems Engineering
Operations & Maintenance Facility
Project Controls
PEC Procurement Process: Evaluation Panels

- Consist of six members for each procurement
  - Southwest LRT Project Office (2)
  - Light Rail Operations
  - MnDOT
  - Hennepin County
  - Community Works
- Identify most qualified proposer
- Provide recommendation to the Council
PEC Procurement Process: Technical Advisory Groups

• Consist of six members for each procurement
• Provide technical review and input

PEC West
- SWLRT Project Office
- MnDOT
- Eden Prairie
- Hopkins
- Minnetonka
- Metropolitan Transportation Services

PEC East
- SWLRT Project Office
- MnDOT
- Hopkins
- Minneapolis
- St. Louis Park
- Three Rivers Park District
December 19, 2012 Council PEC Actions:

• Awarded PEC West contract to AECOM
  • Contract amount not-to-exceed $16,787,963
  • Proposal achieves 17% DBE goal

• Awarded PEC East contract to Kimley-Horn and Associates
  • Contract amount not-to-exceed $16,788,349
  • Proposal achieves 17% DBE goal
Preliminary Engineering Activities

- Location of LRT track
- Location of freight rail track
- Location/layout of stations and station access
- Location/layout of park and ride facilities
- Location of pedestrian/bike trails impacted by Project
- Layout of roadway features:
  - Turn lanes, lane widths, traffic signals
- Location/layout of Operations & Maintenance Facility (OMF)
- Identification of LRT systems elements
A Look Ahead: Engineering & Design

Key Tasks

- Conduct Geotechnical and Field Survey Work
- Resolve Design Challenges and Technical Issues
- Prepare Municipal Consent Plans
- Prepare 30% Design Plans and Specs

Key Milestones

- Q3 2013: Submit Municipal Consent Plans for Agency Review
- Q4 2013: Complete Municipal Consent Approval Process
- Q1 2014: Finalize 30% Design Plans and Specs
Peer Review Consultant Contract Request for Proposal (RFP)
## Peer Review Consultant (PRC) Procurement Schedule

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<td>Advertise RFP</td>
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<td>Hold pre-proposal conference</td>
<td>1/23/2013</td>
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<td>Receive proposals</td>
<td>3/14/13</td>
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<td>Interview proposers</td>
<td>April 2013</td>
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<td>Conduct proposal evaluations/negotiation</td>
<td>April 2013</td>
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<td>Award &amp; sign contract</td>
<td>May 2013</td>
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PRC Scope of Work

• Complete engineering reviews on plans, calculations and specifications
  • 30% Design
  • 60% Design
  • 90% Design
• Conduct spot reviews on engineering work products
PRC Independent Reviews

- Activities managed by the SPO Deputy Project Director
- Precluded from participating on any other SWLRT consulting contracts
- SPO will make final determination on PRC reviews and recommendations
Environmental Program Update
# Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) Schedule

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<td>Public Hearing – Eden Prairie City Hall</td>
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<td>Dec 7, 2012</td>
<td>Comment period extension in Federal Register</td>
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<td>Dec 31, 2012</td>
<td>DEIS public comment period closed</td>
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DEIS Public Hearing Dates and Locations

11/13/12, Hennepin County Government Center, A-2400
4:00 to 5:00 PM, public open house (Public Service Level)
4:30 PM, Formal Public Hearing

11/14/12, St. Louis Park City Hall, 5005 Minnetonka Blvd
5:00 to 6:00 PM, public open house
6:00 PM, Formal Public Hearing

11/29/12, Eden Prairie City Hall, 8080 Mitchell Road
5:00 to 6:00 PM, public open house
6:00 PM, Formal Public Hearing
DEIS Summary of Comments

• 750+ comments received
  – Verbal comments received during public hearings:
    ▪ Minneapolis – 22 comments
    ▪ St. Louis Park – 52 comments
    ▪ Eden Prairie – 29 comments

• Examples of themes
  – Freight rail
  – Impacts to businesses
  – Impacts to traffic
  – Impacts to trails
DEIS Public Comment Process

- Hennepin County collected comments

- Upon the close of the comment period, Hennepin County to turn over all comments received to the Council

- SPO is using project management software to capture comments and track analysis and responses during Final EIS (FEIS) development

- FTA and the Council will consider all comments submitted and provide responses to substantive comments in the FEIS
Responsible Government Unit Authority

- Responsible Government Unit (RGU) authority transferred from HCRRA to Council on December 31, 2012
  - Required under Minnesota Environmental Policy Act (MEPA)
  - Assigned to the government unit with greatest authority over project
  - Council responsible for environmental process, including development of FEIS
  - Council and HCRRA approved transfer effective as of close of comment period
  - Notice published in Environmental Quality Board (EQB) Monitor on January 7, 2013
Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) Consultant - Procurement Schedule

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<td>Contract Award / Notice to Proceed</td>
<td>June 2013</td>
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FEIS Consultant Scope of Work

• Prepare FEIS

• Support Agency Coordination Activities

• Support Public Involvement Activities

• Support Environmental Permitting Activities
A Look Ahead: Environmental

Key Tasks
• Prepare FEIS
• Conduct Phase I Environmental Site Assessment
• Conduct Phase II Archaeological Survey
• Conduct Architectural/Historic Structures Survey

Key Milestones
• Q2 2013: FEIS Consultant Hired
• Q4 2013: Complete Phase I Environmental Site Assessment
• Q4 2013: Complete Phase II Archaeological Survey
• Q4 2013: Complete Architectural / Historic Structures Survey
• Q3 2014: FTA issues Record of Decision (ROD)
2013 Meeting Schedule

See Handout
Topics of Interest Survey Results

1. Station location/platform connections
2. Land Use
3. Tied: Business outreach, parking, station and platform designs, traffic impacts
4. Tied: Lessons learned from Hiawatha and Central, PE, trails/parks/bike facility impacts, transit-oriented-development
Definition of BAC Success

**success** /səkˈses/ noun
- the attainment of popularity or profit
- the accomplishment of an aim or purpose
- synonyms: prosperity - luck - achievement - triumph – speed

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.

--Henry Ford
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