



# Corridor Management Committee

March 9, 2017



# Today's Topics

- Approval of Meeting Minutes
- Chair's Update
- TAAC Workshop Debrief
  - Golden Valley Rd Station Video
- Construction Coordination
- Olson Memorial Highway Update
  - Stations
  - Trees
  - Floyd B Olson Statue
- Upcoming Open Houses



# Chair's Update



# TAAC Workshop Debrief



# Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee (TAAC)

- Advises the Council on management policies for public transportation services in the region from the perspective of riders with disabilities
- TAAC membership includes riders and advocates for older people and the disability community, representatives of service providers and other appropriate agencies
- TAAC member Ken Rodgers serves on the BLRT Community Advisory Committee



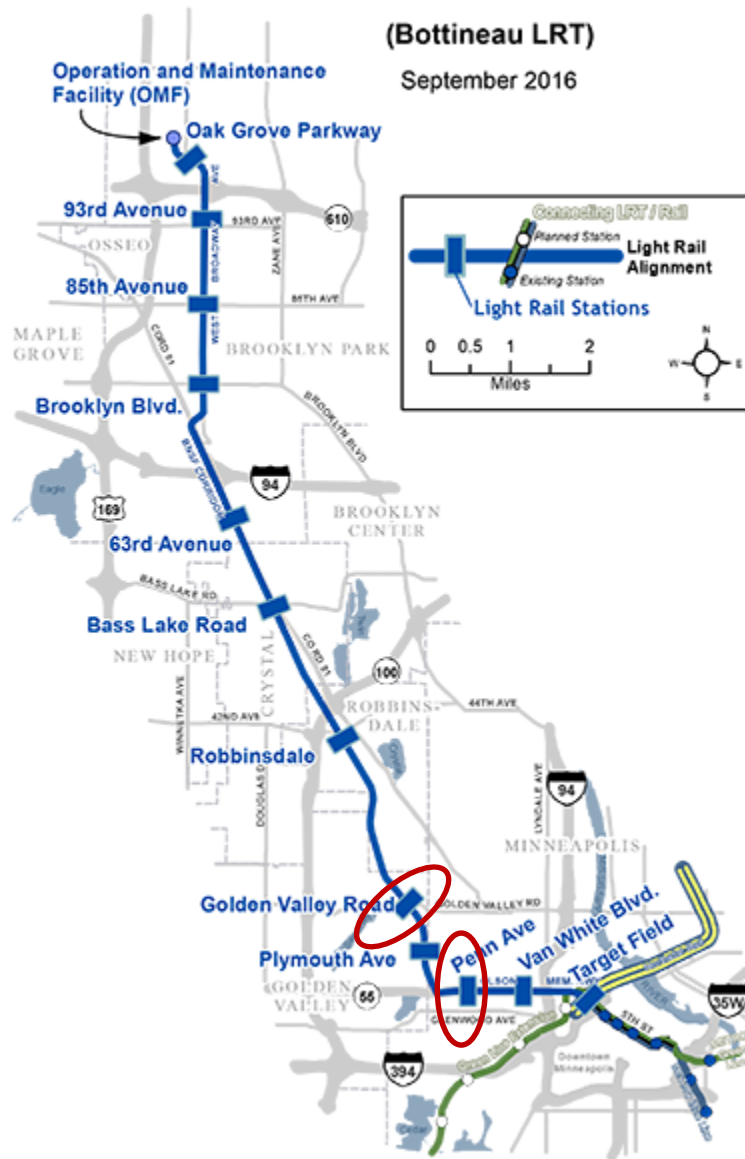
# TAAC Workshop

- Topics included project overview, station platform overview, station access overview with breakout sessions on:
  - Penn Ave Station: signalized crossing, “Z” crossings, cycle track
  - Golden Valley Rd Station: navigation and access

## METRO Blue Line Extension

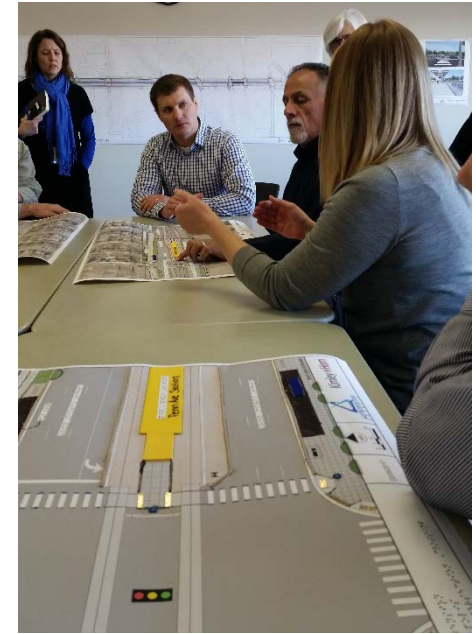
(Bottineau LRT)

September 2016





# TAAC Workshop



# TAAC Workshop Outcomes

- General support for design progression
- Signage for all users
- Design details important: pavements designed for wheelchair users, adequate width on stairs, signage
- Continue to stress importance of landscape placement and snow clearing to guide users to station
- Important to safely delineate bicycle trail users from pedestrians

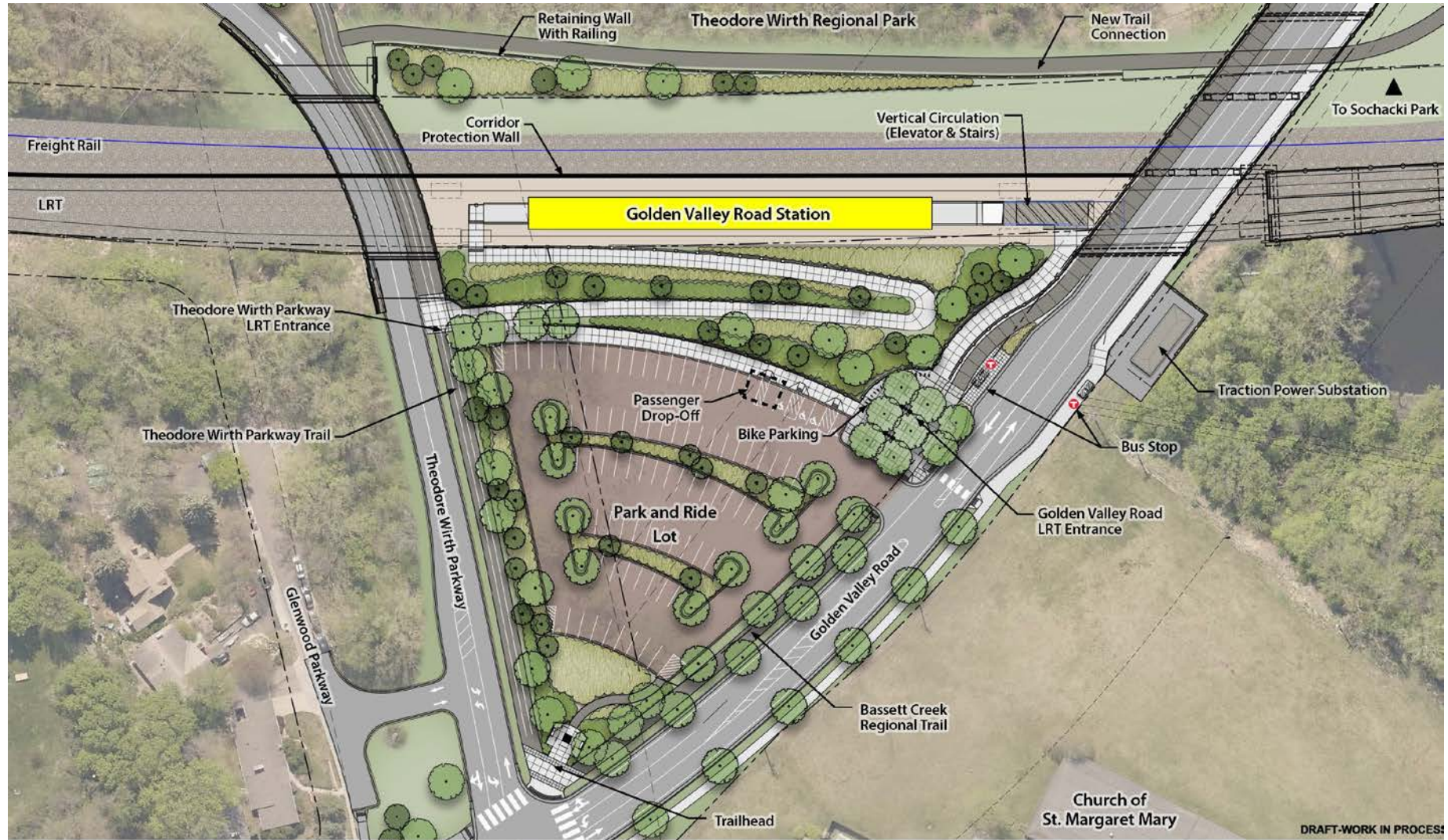




# Golden Valley Road Station Video



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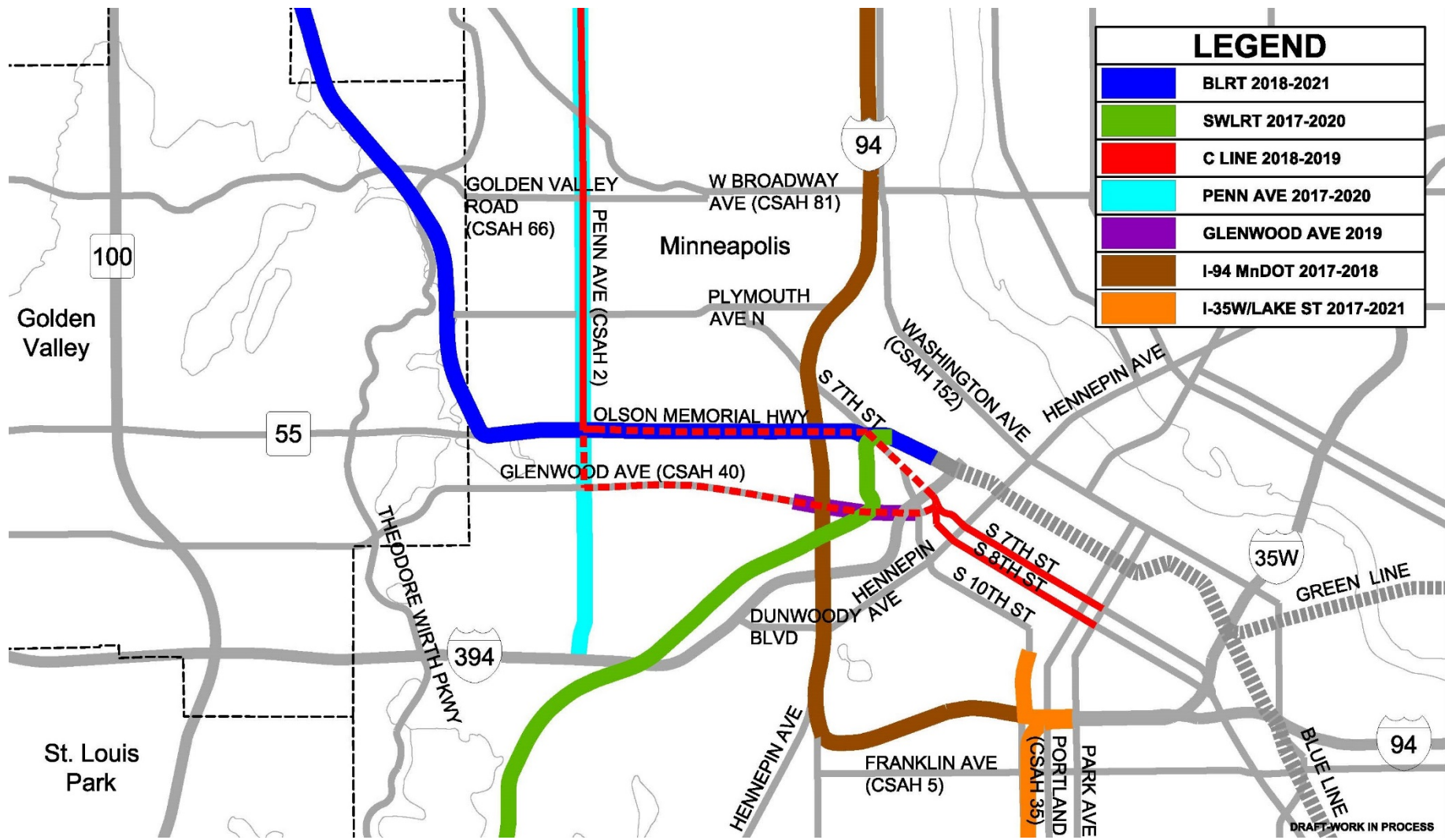


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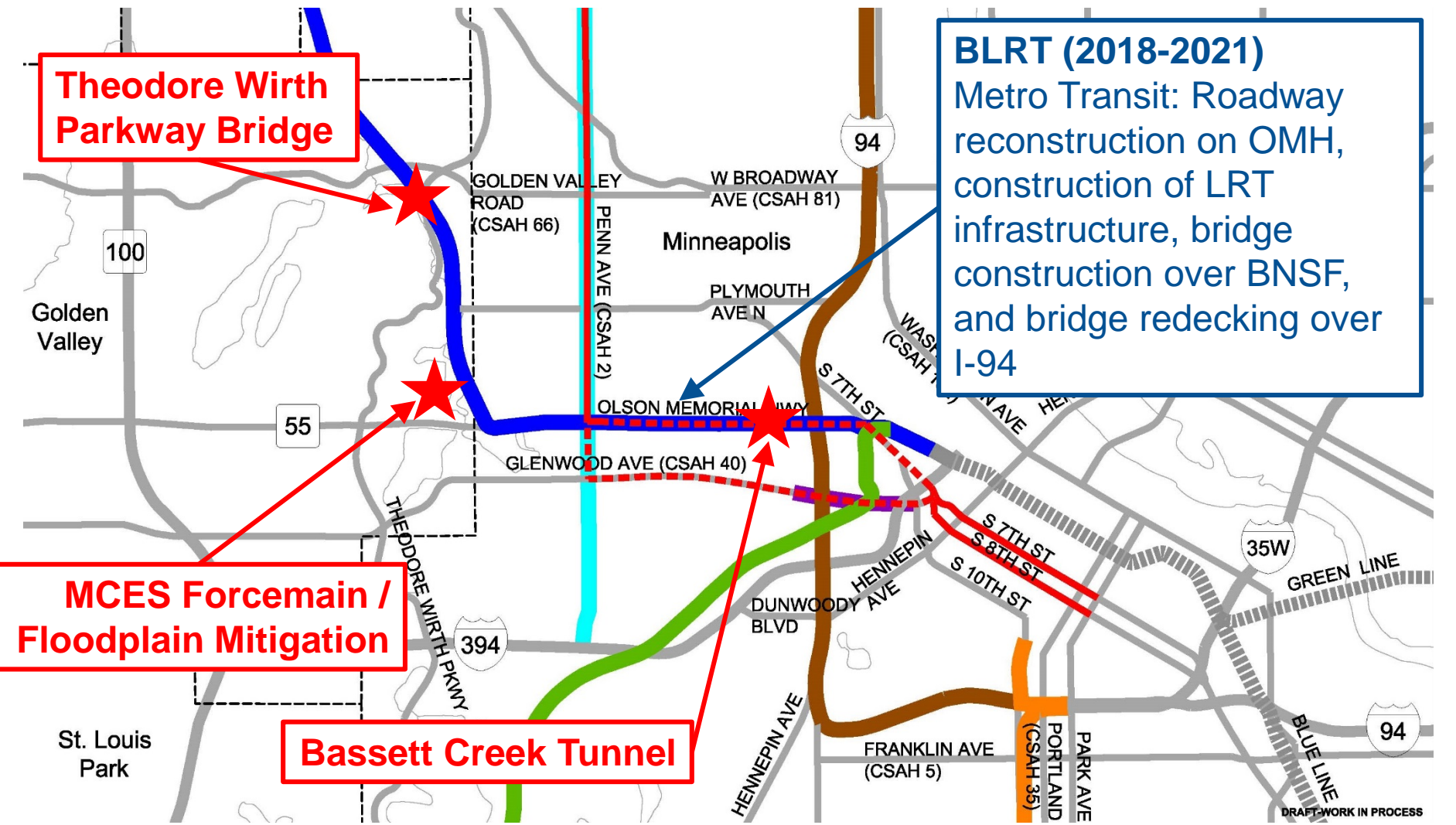




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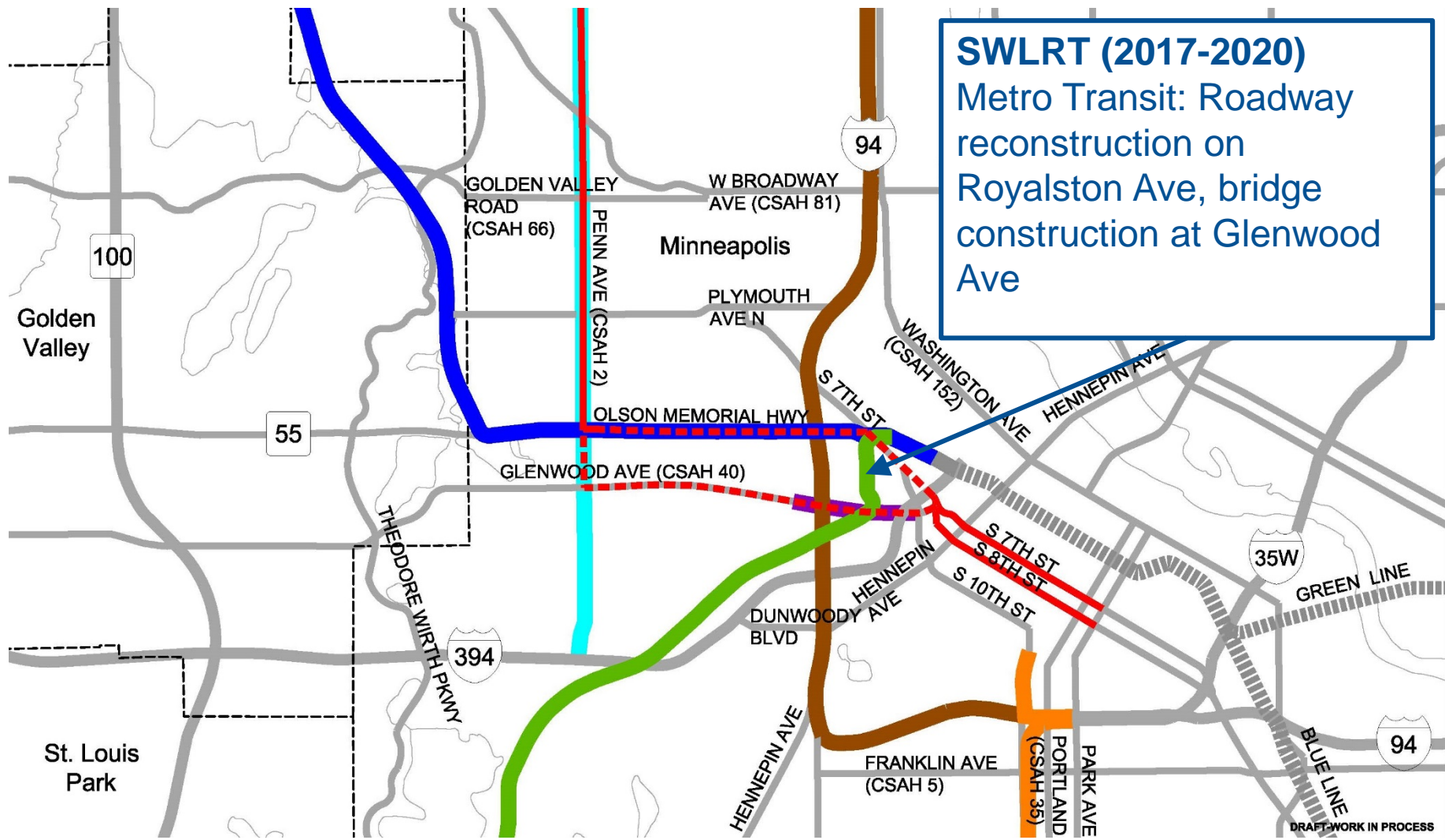


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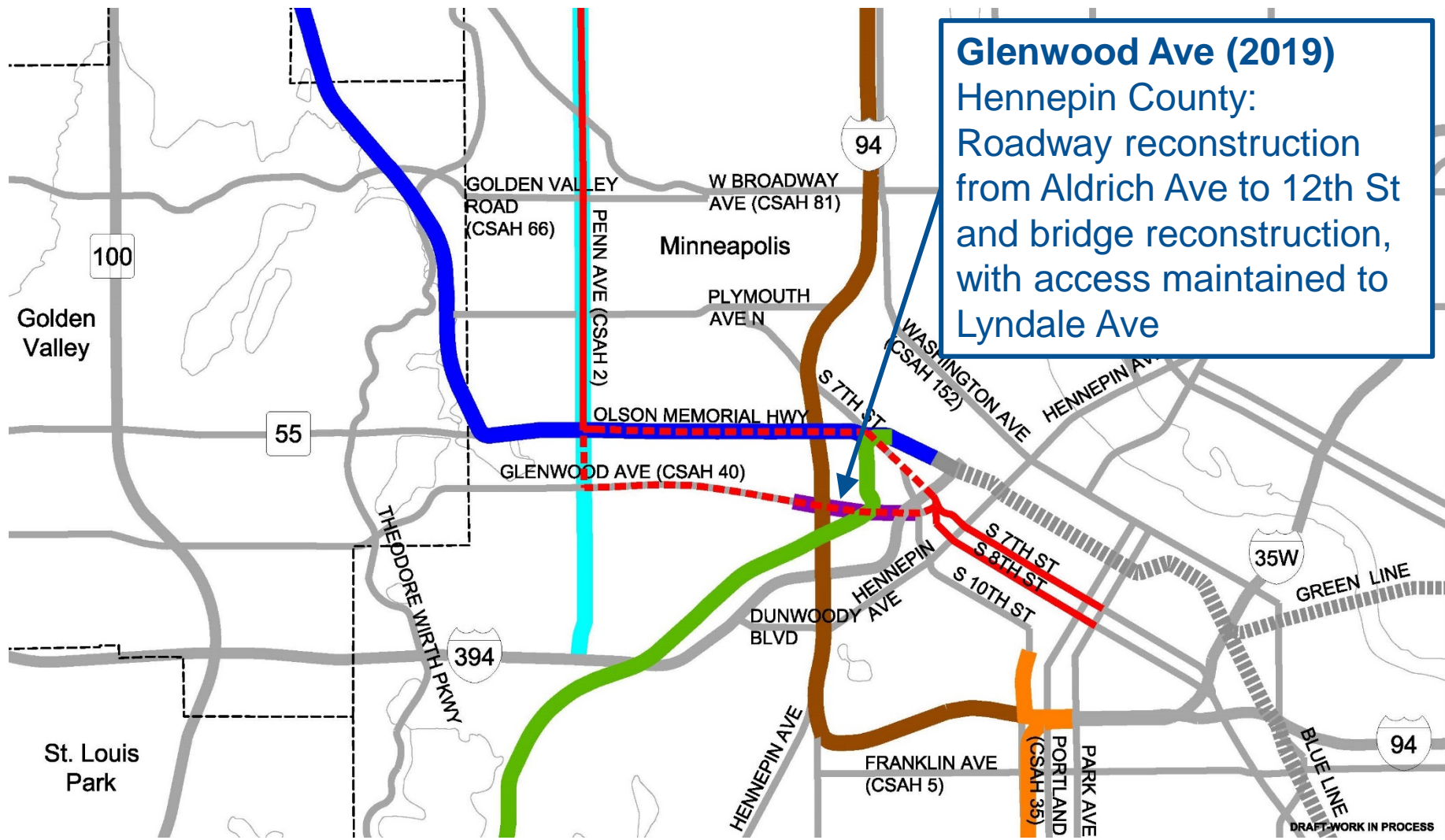




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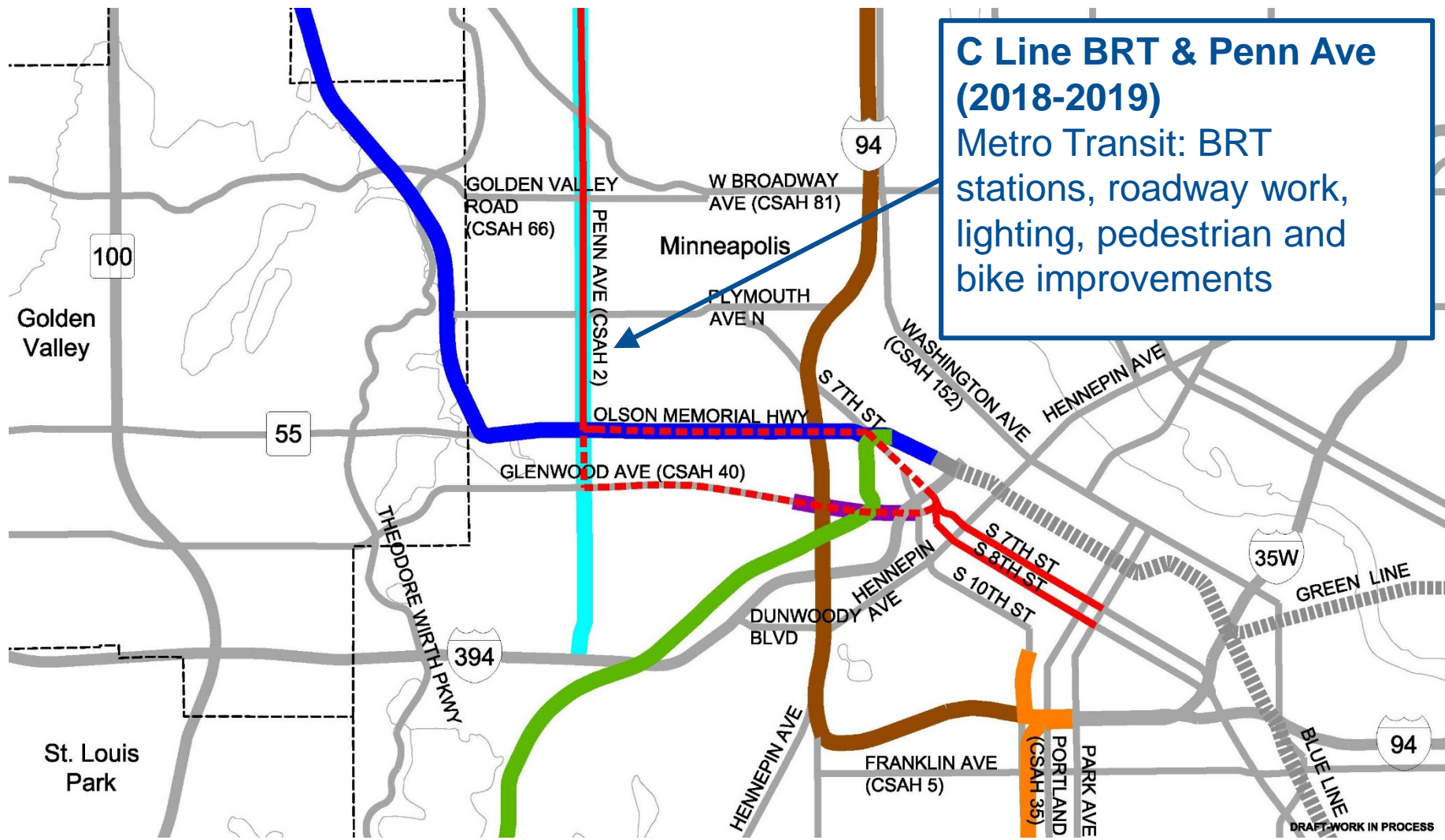
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**Glenwood Ave (2019)**  
Hennepin County:  
Roadway reconstruction  
from Aldrich Ave to 12th St  
and bridge reconstruction,  
with access maintained to  
Lyndale Ave

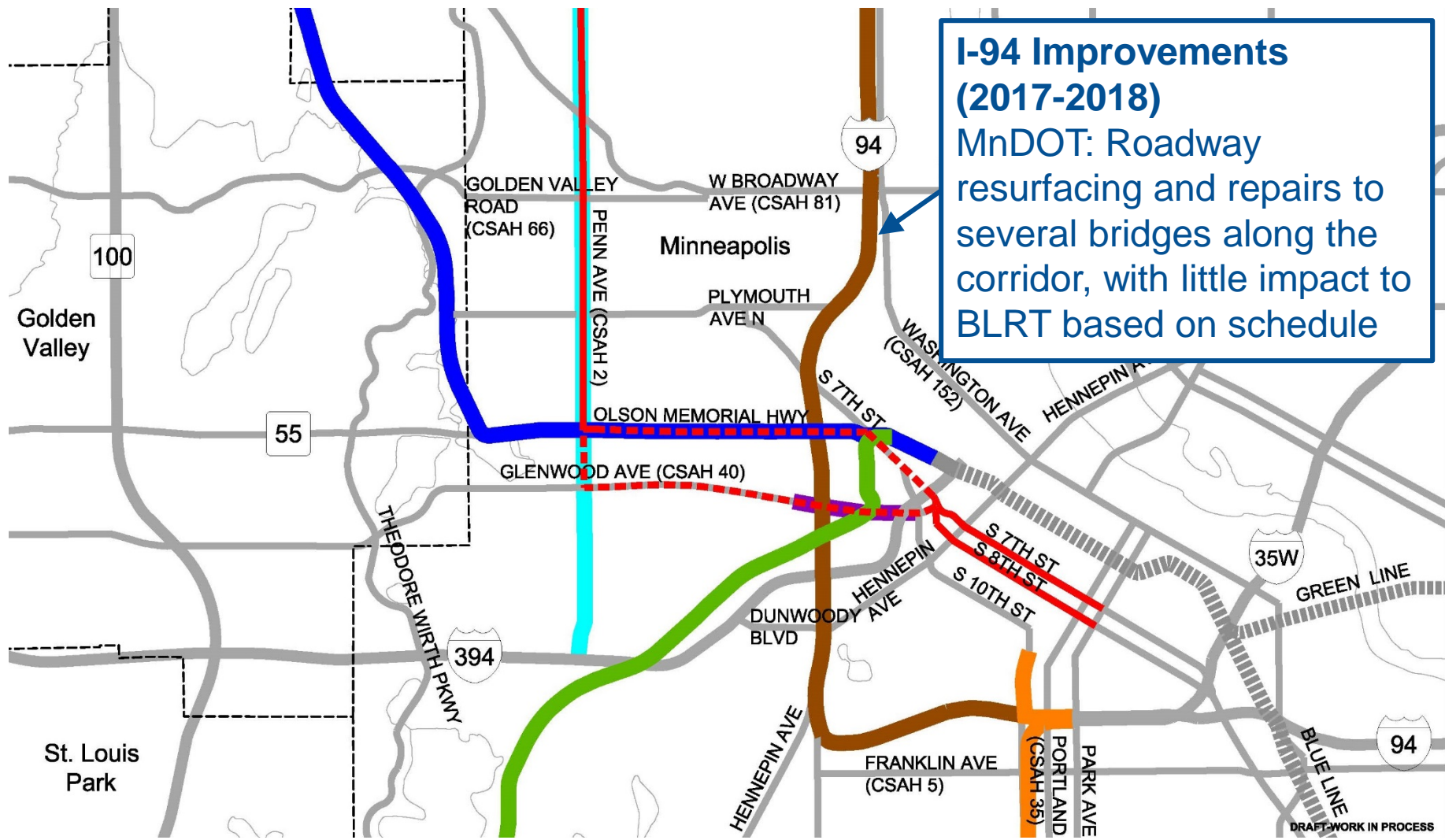


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# Agency Coordination

- Early agency coordination meetings
  - 11/04/16
  - 12/05/16
  - 01/11/17
- Ongoing construction staging meetings
  - Engineering through construction
- Develop Interagency Construction Communications Plan





# Olson Memorial Highway Update



# Olson Memorial Highway Update: Stations

- Designs shared November 2016 with advisory committee and community
- Comments included:
  - Make station design more unique
  - Color palettes could use warmth or a pop
  - Sister architecture of the two stations helps tie the corridor together
- Station design advancing, incorporating comments, reviewing material/color options
- Next steps: share advanced designs with community





## Penn Avenue Station Context & Character Words





# View from Olson Memorial Highway looking West







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**View from platform entry looking East**







**URBAN DOWNTOWN GATEWAY**

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**STATION DESIGN CONCEPTS**

## Van White Blvd Station Context & Character Words





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## View from Olson Memorial Highway looking Northeast







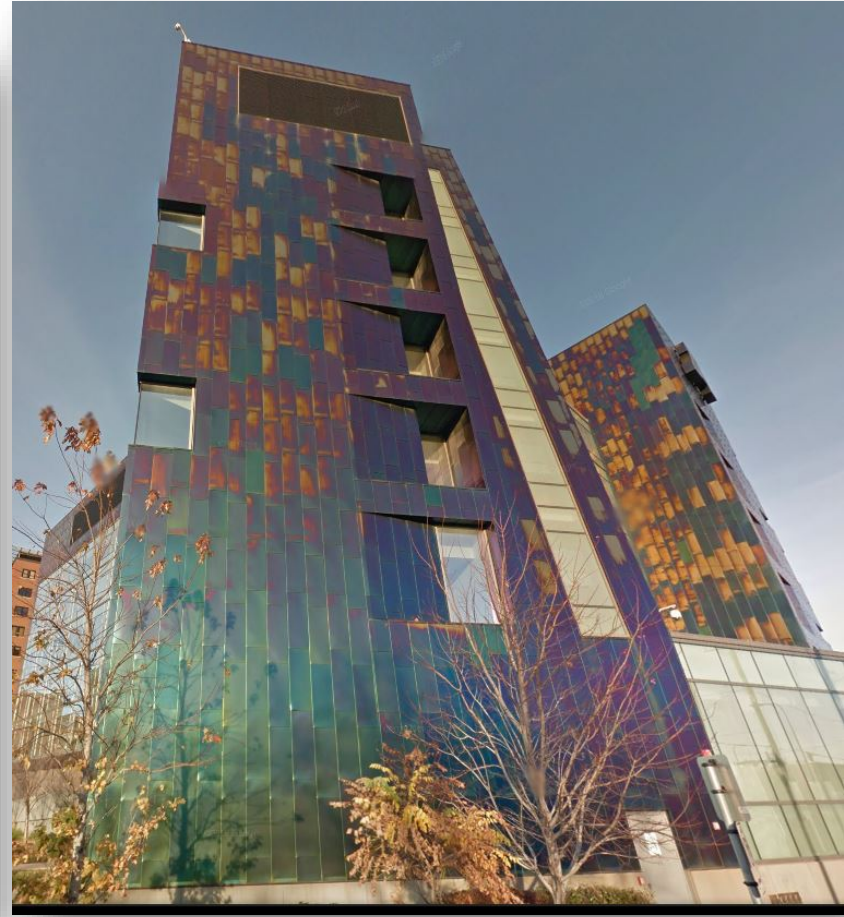
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**View from platform entry looking West**



# Olson Memorial Highway Update: Stations

- Precedent imagery: Amundson Hall, U of M
- U of M Children's Hospital





# Olson Memorial Highway Update: Stations



Penn Avenue Station Looking East



# Olson Memorial Highway Update: Stations



Penn Avenue Station Looking West



# Olson Memorial Highway Update: Stations

- Precedent imagery: Walker Library on Hennepin Ave





# Olson Memorial Highway Update: Stations



Penn Avenue Station Looking East

# Olson Memorial Highway Update: Stations



Van White  
Station  
Looking East





# Olson Memorial Highway Update: Trees

- Over 240 boulevard trees impacted on Olson Memorial Highway due to reconstruction
- Working with Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board on planting plan to:
  - Plant boulevard with street trees to frame the street and provide urban canopy
  - Use assortment of tree species for better tree health and variation
- Over 120 median trees also impacted
- Working with MPRB for relocation of over 50 existing median trees to nearby parks in North Minneapolis



# Olson Memorial Highway Update: Trees

At Van White Station Looking West



# Floyd B. Olson Memorial Statue (HE-MPC-9013)

- Historic property
- Eligible under NRHP Criterion C, as the work of a master sculptor: Carlo Brioschi
- Project has indirect adverse effect on property
- Statue originally in median of TH 55



Floyd B. Olson Memorial Statue  
Trunk Highway 55 at Penn Avenue North  
Minneapolis



# Floyd B. Olson Memorial Statue (HE-MPC-9013)

- Treatment Plan
  - Mitigation commitment to research siting of statue
  - Explore potential locations for relocating statue
  - Consultation with Section 106 consulting parties
  - Site design/landscaping



Floyd B. Olson Memorial Statue, 1951 (MHS)



# Upcoming Open Houses




# Corridor Open Houses


- Schedule: March 20 – April 13
- Time: 4:30 – 7:00 pm
- Purpose of the community open houses:
  - Share with the public recent design updates in each community
  - Ask staff questions
- Public can submit comments through the website



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## METRO BLUE LINE EXTENSION

### Bottineau Transitway – Minneapolis & Northwestern Communities

The METRO Blue Line Extension (LRT) will operate northwest from downtown Minneapolis through north Minneapolis, Golden Valley, Robbinsdale, Crystal and Brooklyn Park, drawing riders northwest of Brooklyn Park. The proposed alignment is primarily at-grade and will have up to 11 new stations in addition to Target Field Station and about 13 miles of double track. The line will interline with the METRO Blue Line and connect Minneapolis and the region's northwest suburbs with existing LRT on the METRO Green Line, future LRT on the METRO Green Line Extension, bus rapid transit on the METRO Red Line, the Northstar commuter rail line and local and express bus routes.

**Latest News**

Feds: Met Council can begin designing METRO Blue Line Extension

**Route**

[Click on the map below for more information](#)

Website: [BlueLineExt.org](http://BlueLineExt.org)

Email: [BlueLineExt@metrotransit.org](mailto:BlueLineExt@metrotransit.org)

Twitter: [@BlueLineExt](https://twitter.com/BlueLineExt)





## PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES

# METRO Blue Line Extension Project Update



**Attend an open house in your community to learn about recent progress and the current status of the METRO Blue Line Extension (Bottineau LRT) project.**

### **Robbinsdale** **Monday, March 20**

Robbinsdale City Hall, 4100 Lakeview Ave N,  
Robbinsdale MN 55422

<https://goo.gl/maps/FZJHpzU2qJS2>

### **Golden Valley** **Tuesday, March 21**

Golden Valley City Hall, 7800 Golden Valley Rd,  
Golden Valley MN 55427

<https://goo.gl/maps/z7VTxX1csC72>

### **Crystal** **Thursday, March 23**

Crystal City Hall, 4141 Douglas Dr N,  
Crystal MN 55429

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### **Minneapolis** **Wednesday, March 29**

Harrison Recreation Center, 503 N Irving Ave,  
Minneapolis MN 55405

<https://goo.gl/maps/QZB8Z5RdFH72>

### **Brooklyn Park** **Thursday, April 13**

Brooklyn Park Library, Mississippi Room,  
8500 W Broadway Ave, Brooklyn Park MN 55445

<https://goo.gl/maps/GqrwmdAMrz92>

Open houses in Robbinsdale, Crystal, Minneapolis and Brooklyn Park will take place from 4:30 to 7:00 PM; the Golden Valley open house will take place from 4:00 to 6:30 PM.

Feel free to come and go at any time. Staff will be available to answer your questions and receive comments.

The METRO Blue Line Extension project has completed approximately 60 percent of design and engineering for the 13-mile light rail line connecting Minneapolis, Golden Valley, Crystal, Robbinsdale, and Brooklyn Park. These open houses are an opportunity to learn about the design process, review design concepts, and give feedback to project staff. Other project information will also be available including updates on LRT design issues in each community.

If you require assistance to participate, please contact **Dan Pfeiffer** at least seven business days before the scheduled meeting:

Email: **[Daniel.Pfeiffer@metrotransit.org](mailto:Daniel.Pfeiffer@metrotransit.org)**

Phone: **612-373-3897**

See map of route and stations on reverse side.

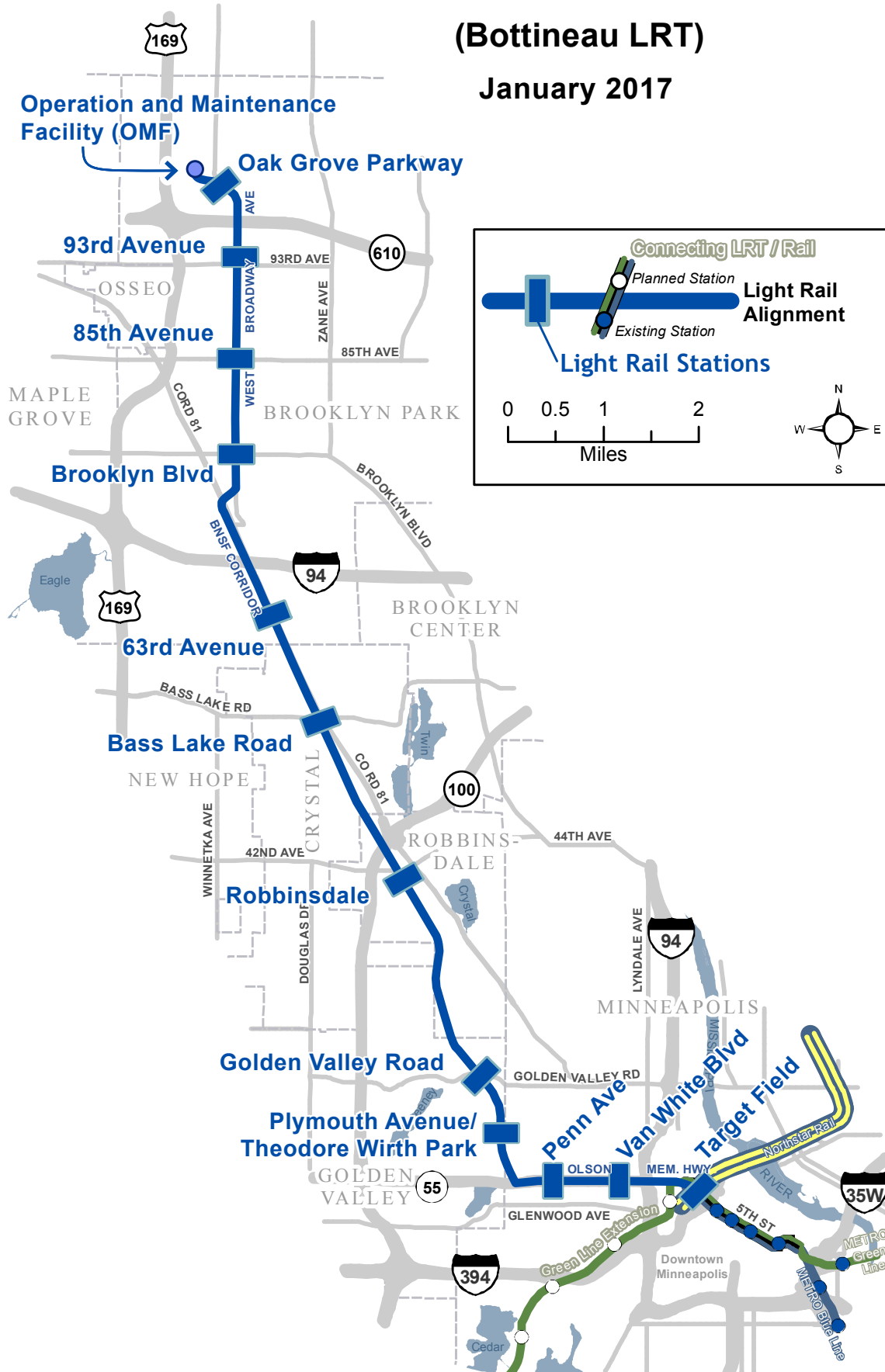
Can't make it to the meeting? Interested in sharing your thoughts?  
Meeting materials and a comment form will be posted on **[www.BlueLineExt.org](http://www.BlueLineExt.org)**.



# METRO Blue Line Extension

(Bottineau LRT)

January 2017



# Transportation Advisory Board Members

## TAB Members and Affiliations

### County members

- Anoka County - Matt Look (Scott Schulte, alternate)
- Carver County - Randy Maluchnik (Tom Workman, alternate)
- Dakota County - Kathleen Gaylord (Mary Liz Holberg, alternate)
- Ramsey County - Mary Jo McGuire (Janice Rettman, alternate)
- Hennepin County - Jan Callison (Debbie Goettel, alternate)
- Scott County - Jon Ulrich (Michael Beard, alternate)
- Washington County - Karla Bigham (Fran Miron, alternate)

### Citizen members

- Doug Anderson - TAB District A (Council Districts 1 and 2)
- Brad Tabke - TAB District B (Council Districts 3 and 4)
- Suzanne Sandahl - TAB District C (Council Districts 5 and 6)
- Jamez Staples - TAB District D (Council Districts 7 and 8)
- Sam Villella - TAB District E (Council Districts 9 and 10) (Christopher Geisler, alternate)
- Rolf Parsons - TAB District F (Council Districts 11 and 12) (Mark Wagner, alternate)
- Carrie Christensen - TAB District G (Council Districts 13 and 14) (Conor Johnson, alternate)
- Peter Dugan - TAB District H (Council Districts 15 and 16) (Nickolas Fox, alternate)

[See map showing TAB Districts \(pdf\)](#)

### City Members (Appointed by Metro Cities)

- Brooklyn Park - Jeffery Lunde
- St. Louis Park - Sue Sanger (Tim Brausen, alternate)
- St. Paul - Chris Tolbert
- Edina - James Hovland, Chair
- Minneapolis - Kevin Reich (Lisa Bender, alternate)
- Hugo - Becky Petryk
- Chanhassen - Denny Laufenburger (Dan Campion, alternate)

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## TAB Members and Affiliations

- Apple Valley - Mary Hamann-Roland
- Blaine - Dick Swanson
- Eagan - Gary Hansen (Bill Droste, alternate)

## Agency members

- Metropolitan Council - Katie Rodriguez (Steve Elkins, alternate)
- Minnesota Department of Transportation - Scott McBride (Tim Henkel, Alternate)
- Minnesota Pollutin Control Agency - David Thornton (Shannon Lotthammer, alternate)
- Metropolitan Airport Commission - Carl Crimmins
- Suburban Transit Association - Jeff Wosje, Plymouth

## Transportation mode members

- Transit - Kenya McKnight
- Transit - David Van Hattum (Matt Hollinshead, alternate)
- Freight - William Goins
- Non-motorized - Ethan Fawley (Matt Privratsky, alternate)

## Ex-officio (non-voting) members

- Nick Thompson - Metropolitan Council, MTS Director
- Elaine Koutsoukos - TAB Coordinator
- Steve Albrecht - TAC Chair



# Metropolitan Council TAB Citizen Districts

