



Brooklyn Park Community Meeting – March 5, 2015

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What do you like about West Broadway today?

001

Moved here in 1958 and have lived by W. Broadway since that time. Like it just the way it is.

002

Fast way for to work at 73rd and 81. 4 lane to handle existing and future traffic load.

003

Has the “rural” feel.

004

No train, vibration noise, able to sleep all night w/out bells/whistles.

005

Adequate throughput is good at anytime any population.

007

It is small & quiet at night with low traffic.

008

Simple, cost effective. Easy to maintain. Peak traffic only. Good access. Vital road.



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009

I like it the way it is.

010

Nothing in particular. It's a road.

011

Ease of access to 85th & 610.

013

I like to turn LEFT to get to Champlin. I like to walk on the "hill" at the corner of 85th Ave. and W. Broadway. W. Broadway is quiet after the evening rush home.

014

Straight route to West River Road. Quiet after hours. Minimum traffic.

016

Ease of access to Brooklyn Park shopping areas.

017

No train, accessible, functional, a connection point, two lanes in south.

019

Easy access to stores, etc.

020

Re: LRT - cutting down the size/footage from fall of 2014. Like the 2 lane option.

021

NO LRT

022

Nothing. No LRT. Never a referendum. Good access to stores. Accessible to services.



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023

45 mph

025

Primary through - route that's not high-traffic.

026

It is a main thoroughfare used by many and needed by all of us. I use it for commute everyday and need to continue to use all through construction process.

027

It is a major roadway for me everyday.

029

West Broadway needs improvements but not Lt Rail!!

034

Closer to the East side of Brooklyn Park.

035

Excited to see expansion & investment in this part of region. I need mass transit like 4-lane rd option - like trail-like buried power line. Concern about traffic 2 bot. Traffic - construction impacts.

036

Quiet - not much foot traffic.

037

Manage able traffic

038

Parks, college, 4-lane road, 45 mph speed limit, north-south corridor.

039

Main county road to Champlin and Anoka, I use daily. Also south to Crystal.



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040

Leave it as is. Our neighborhoods.

What do you dislike?

001

LRT

002

Nothing

003

The negative impression people have. Too busy – need rt turn lane @ 93rd to Wet Broadway.
Speed

004

Speed limit is 50 between 85th & 93rd. It's too fast now, cars & motorcycles go 60 mph!

005

Scary sidewalks/no sidewalks

007

That anyone would change it.

008

Dangerous guardrail area. Candlewood accidents. No turn lane, signals. Left turn challenge.
75th intersection. Setzler left on W. Broadway. 82nd not as bad. Business/commercial →
Traffic growth.

009

Pavement needs work. Need to spend money on roads & bridges. Not LRT, bike paths,
hiking paths.



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010

No walkways south of 93rd.

011

No sidewalks.

012

Road needs repair & sidewalk/trail.

013

Not having stop lights at both ends of Maplebrook Parkway. I do not like the "4" lane version.

014

No sidewalks, some road repairs needed.

015

Between 85th & 93rd – Speed limit is too fast. Needs sidewalks – people are walking at all hrs day & night someone is going to get killed.

016

Heavy traffic, shifting lanes, no sidewalks for pedestrians at certain points.

017

Noise, bad traffic at rush hour, uncontrolled water runoff, busy street, unsafe for bikes, too fast-speeders. It's a main thoroughfare for emerg vehicles. Semi-traffic picked up a lot, increased development. Cars go off road, bad view, unsafe for dogs.

019

The noise, the vibrating of the home, can feel it throughout.

020

Re: LRT 1) Still too big – still needs to be sized down. 2) Cut out the landscaping.

021

LRT



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022

Many residents at Candlewood & W. Bdway. Noisy. Too high speed limit at 45 mph. Vibrating from semis. No weight limit restriction. House foundations cracked. City took out golf course. 83rd & Broadway – no stormwater.

023

Road maint. & lighting

024

No shoulder & proper walking path.

025

2-lane roadway between 93rd & 85th: lanes too narrow, no shoulders, inefficient turn lanes, poor lighting along the route.

026

Lack of sidewalks + trails. No right turn lane at Candlewood Drive. Road in bad repair now.

027

The road has not been maintained. It has poor lighting and no sidewalks.

028

No sidewalks, maintain street, lighting.

029

The route that the proposed Lt. Rail will take!

031

No side walk, poorly maintained lights.

032

Traffic, emergency vehicles speeding north of 85th.



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033

85th to 610 only has 2 lane. Rush hour traffic creates too much congestion. New commercial traffic has made it worse.

035

LRT is not the right path – worried about vibration & noise – hide-and-ride parking takes all parking available. No options for pedestrians & bikes – not good lights – peds/cars.

036

Road bumps/holes

037

Driving anywhere will be difficult for years?!

038

Too narrow at Shingle Creek for pedestrians – dangerous

039

1st no connecting-sidewalk (safe walkway) between Candlewood & 82nd Ave N. Eastside – at creek. Presently & for the last 35 years. 2nd No signal lights at 82nd Avenue.

040

Destroying our neighborhoods & tranquility.

What do you like about proposed changes along West Broadway?

001

None of it. Like the way it is.

002

Good



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003

Able to travel to Mpls easily. Love idea of transit. Sidewalks/trail addition. I like the 4 lane. Better flow. Trails & trees both sides.

004

Change is good, & I like the notion of public transportation, just no 30 feet from my sliding door, deck, windows.

005

Adequate for future somewhat detrimental to current residents.

007

Nothing, it should only be a 4 lane road.

008

LRT to downtown. LRT better than bus. LRT benefits. Signalized control, foot traffic. Trail important. Access to MOA/airport from Oak Park one seat. SW corner of 85th stabilize mall.

009

Nothing

010

Adding room for LRT. Adding trails.

011

Nothing – not in favor of LRT.

013

Uncertain – they are influx.

014

Not sure, not sold yet. Too wide of a project.



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016

Additional lanes, straightening of the road, less lane shifting, sidewalks. Narrower plan is an improvement. I like the 4 lane options.

017

Narrowed design - doesn't need to be 50 wide. Reduced speed. Combined project helps.

019

Sidewalks, curbs, gutters/sewers/drainage.

020

1) Not 2 10' trails = extremely wasteful of valueable land. Only need one sidewalk 5' wide; put sidewalk on east side side of college, library & Target. 2) Don't need trees along each side.

021

Still too BIG

022

Sidewalks on both sides. Trails on both sides south of 85th Ave. Plan is improved over last fall.

023

Everything but the train!

024

It will make the area move accessible to more traffic and may be just a nightmare for residence on both sides.

025

Improvement to route above.

026

Reduced speed limits. Trails + sidewalks. New roadway surfaces. Encourages new development. Need 4 lanes as opposed to 2 lanes.



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027

This may provide an alternate route for me to work.

028

Don't like it all!

029

I do not like anything about any proposed change.

035

Excited about LRT coming to Brooklyn Park – but need to mitigate impacts.

036

2 lanes vs 4 lanes!! Please make it as visually attractive as possible and auditory quiet.

037

Nothing

038

Wide blvd. with sidewalks. Better roadway.

039

Dual north-south trails (bike/pedestrian) & lighting.

040

Nothing

What do you dislike?

001

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003

Need lighting.

004

So close to deck/windows. Running from 4am-1am bells & whistles will wake me everynight & morning.

005

Losing southbound turn into 85/Brdwy, northbound turn.

006

Do not like light rail.

007

That Light Rail will disrupt so many people with a benefit to so few.

008

Noise, crime, transients, property values. 101st Oak parkway. Cost. Pending? Potential to be left when others taken.

009

LRT, Met Council.

010

Dropping the speed limit from 50 mph all the way to 35 mph. Questionable access to/from Maplebrook Pkwy.

011

Don't see any use for the bike trail nor the size of the bike trail. Can the trail and sidewalk be on the same side - put together.

012

Loss of L hand turn lane from northbound West Broadway into Broadway Commons Mall @ 85th - Safety of U turn @ 85th & West Broadway or further west on 85th U turn.



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013

Lack of concern for citizens in the residents are being impacted. Lack of a good environmental impact plan.

014

Reducing homeowners property lines, nose levels, increase in traffic.

016

It limits the ability to make left turns into and out of the Maplebrook Parkway/W. Broadway intersection. Noise issues.

017

Trail width is wider than existing sidewalk. 2-lane isn't going to handle the traffic. Loose full-access at Maplebrook. Loose berm. Needs more screening, landscaping.

019

The noise and vibration resulting from the LRT project.

021

Still too Big. Still wastes a lot of valueable land.

022

Trails on both sides. Want sidewalk, 4' on one side north of 85th Ave.

024

No need for light rail.

025

Does it have to be held hostage by LRT?

026

Loss of mature trees. Loss of berms. Noise and vibration. People parking in neighborhoods, as opposed to at the park & ride lots "hide+ride".



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027

The potential disruption to traffic flow today. Concerned about the noise. Concerned about who gets dropped off at the stations. Unknown impact to property value & taxes.

028

All of it.

029

Lt. Rail

031

I don't like the 2 lane option. I don't like so much land taken from properties that its no longer a functional, healthy looking property, if you want to squeeze the property, buy it.

032

Lack of neighborhood access. Impossible to sell house. Removing sound abatement in backyard.

033

Removing right turn lanes.

035

Concern about safety at crosses – safety of pedestrians & drivers is a concern.

036

Having a light rail at all.

037

Everything-wrong wrong intrusive.

038

Impinging on residential properties. Noise of LRT.

039

Proposed station platforms are a bit far from 82nd Ave N.



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040

Your unwillingness to put LRT in commercial corridor - Hwy 81.

What do you want decision makers to know?

001

No LRT

002

It's time to step-up and build.

003

I like the idea of 4 lanes. It allows cars to go too.

004

Ambulance fire trucks cant turn left across the track but if an ambulance or fire truck has to come south of us and then go north to N. Maplebrook C. if Im having a medical emergency.

005

W/4 lane option vs. 2 lane.

007

That putting Light Rail on West Broadway is a huge mistake.

008

Take away line void for NW suburbs working together. Calming effect with reduced impact. Open for compensation, progress vs politics (SW example). Listen to people (2015 layouts good). Fair/reasonable.

009

Not in favor of LRT.



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011

That it seems that no matter what we say the decision has been made. How can you justify putting a LRT through a neighborhood even though it is a poorer part of town.

012

Darking effecting on business for customers @ Broadway Commons 8.

013

That people are concerned over their neighborhood liability.

014

Impact of homeowners, traffic routes in/out of our community.

016

A stoplight needs to be installed at the intersection of W. Broadway/Maplebrook Parkway. Also s stoplight should be added at Maplebrook Parkway and 85th Ave. as well. Sound/vibration mitigation needs to be addressed.

017

Bells & Whistles on LRT is concerning. Can roadbed be designed for vibration & sound issues. Maintain the spirit and culture of Brooklyn Park along the way.

019

We own a business, a daycare and for safety issues as well as quality of life and care issues, our home will have to be acquired so that we can move to a more ideal home for our business.

020

1) Don't need two 10' trails = very wasteful. 2) Need one 5' wide sidewalk on the east side only. (the side of the college, new library & Target). 3) Don't need trees on each side. 4) Need traffic light for the North & South entrances into Maplebrook Estates.

021

No trails = 1 (5') sidewalk is sufficient = on East side. Where college library & Target is. Use 2 lanes - not 4 lanes of car traffic. Design to just what is absolutely needed. No extras.



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022

Prefer 2 lane option. Only one sidewalk, not trails. Turn lanes important. Consider NHCC growth and traffic capacity.

024

Improve the road condition and do away with the lightrail.

025

I think following Bottinau to Maple Grove/Rogers (allowing access from I-94 to LRT) would've been a better route.

026

There is a need for berms/walls/barriers between residences and the road/LRT. Emergency access areas needed to residential areas. We want the LRT and better roadway access for our larger city. Schedule needs at various hours of the night and day. Skyway access to the new library across West Broadway would be good.

027

How are you managing the interruption to the fire station off 73rd Ave & any emergency calls.

028

This is not needed on West Broadway. Find another area. How much property is taken?

029

Please change your route to 81.

031

Im concerned about parking at 85th Ave Station, or any station. Im concerned about riders parking in residential streets.

032

Property value ↓



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034

Love the Broadway route 4 lane option. Need restraunts, not fast food.

035

Questions about LRT Parking – vagrants–tranciets, etc. – crime & safety – Traffic patterns during construction. Need to make sure that W. Broadway traffic still operates efficiently w/little congestion.

036

Please make the LRT as least invasive to peace, quiet, neighborhood feel as possible. Concerned with access (lack of) to our neighborhood/cul-de-sac (Oregon Ave) – Maplebrook Terrace.

037

Parking Problems – Business access???

038

Input from adjacent residential properties need to be heard! Alternate route along 81 impact less people.

039

What is going to happen to the pond at NW corner of 82nd Ave north of West Broadway? It was intended as a noise buffer & was going to have a trail. The south side was going to be multi housing went out of business in 2008.

040

LRT This belongs on Bottineau Blvd.

What is most important to you?

001

Get rid of Met Council!



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003

Timely.

004

Safety, quality of life, quality of sleep, more crime near light rail? (less property value).

005

Retail plans for 85th/Broadway.

007

A peaceful quite neighborhood where I don't have to hear bells ringing most of the night so I can't open my windows.

008

Property value, can I sell. Efficiency/value/tax payer. No assessments/increased taxes. No bottleneck w/ 2 lane transition. Need four lanes. Two lane backed up historically. I support land development.

009

To stop LRT & dismantle Met Council.

010

That it actually happens & includes LRT. Four lanes rather than 2.

011

Is there a realistic way to show exactly how this road will be in relationship to the businesses and houses along the way.

012

How will affect business & traffic.

013

My home value, noise and vibration levels, nice quite neighborhood.



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014

My home value, noise, vibration, crime, too close to proximity of LRT.

016

There needs to be traffic lights at 85th Ave/Maplebrook Pkwy, and at W. Broadway/Maplebrook Pkwy. The people living there need to be able to safely turn left/right. Need turn lanes at residential side streets for right-in right-out only.

017

No train. Pro train. Wide enough to include LRT. 4-lanes preferred. How does it handle growth? – Does it limit the future? Is there enough space for stormwater? Eliminate flooding. Will this help preserve or restore wetlands?

018

Public safety for residents and transit riders.

019

Quality of life.

020

To keep my townhome → I've had 30 years. To elevate my property value not drop it.

021

1) To keep my home of 30 years. 2) NOT to have my property value go into the toilet.

022

Quality of life. No partial taking of property, take full residence. Maintain business of day care, need fence for kids. Keep homes. Retain property values. Safety for peds & drivers. Mitigation for noise & vibration. Subbase for road & train should be the same.

024

An improved road system minus the LRR.



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026

Increase my property value by location near the LRT. Connection to downtowns/airport by LRT. That the new roadway be maintained in good repair and be attractive to the community.

028

Safety and welfare of this community.

029

No Lt. Rail up Broadway!

030

This needs to be done for the Crystal area. I've lived there for 7 yrs and have not gotten word of a meeting for the Crystal area. I've been to ones for before Crystal and now one after, but not that area.

031

A healthy looking neighborhood. Also, I think every station should have parking for riders. If I see riders parking in my neighborhood, I will be mad.

032

Sidewalks. Privacy in backyard.

034

Plant a variety of trees, oaks, maples, sweetgums, birch, ash.

035

Make sure Park-and-Ride effectively has people park where they should be.

036

Not to lose property value!! We don't want to look out on ugly, intrusive, loud train - we value our neighborhood. Noise level. Safety of children (our neighborhood has many) so near the LRT. Ability to sell.

037

Keeping peaceful & quiet areas.



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038

Improve the roadways. Reconsider route through the residential area. Put on 81!

039

82nd Ave N. cross over West Broadway to east west creek multi use trail.

040

Saving our yards homes & neighborhoods.

Other

011

Need to put signs along Zane Avenue to tell people about meetings along with signs on West Broadway. Noise and vibration is a big concern.

034

Don't like March 2015 concept.

035

LRT is positive example of Chicago – take train for all purposes. Need investment in a work class comm. like Brooklyn Park.

W. Bway today – not much congestion – good speed.

Concerned about accessibility – traffic patterns – change in access.

041

Light Rail Concerns (Priliminary)

We want to do a risk/benefit analysis for our family.

Parking for Bass lake/81 Station

–Where would it be?

–Would size Beeker Park land it's playground be affected

–Would the airport be affected

Population Density Increase



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- Will it be caused?
- If not, where is the pop inc caning from support LRT.
- Is the city going to have to overhaul lay-out near the line so it supports LTR-are apartment towers going to be put on along the LTR?

Access to city services

- Will LTR in conj w/RR limit access & response times to certain areas of the city.
- Will an inc to population density affect the ability of the police or other city services (inc pop = mc in service use).
- What adjustments will the city have to put in place because there is LTR.
- How will this affect traffic light timing and getting through the area by car?

Would our city be better served by rapid bus transit?

- What does LTR provide the rapid bus transit lacks?

How will having LTR affect citizens property taxes over time?

- Will there be a decrease (or push for a) in lot size in the area?
- How will LTR affect the layout of the city relative to what it is now.

What are the diff ways (pos & neg) that Crystal Shopping Center will be affected?

- Is there an exspected business that will take place?

Is LTR being favored over car/bus transport just because of the federal \$ that is available for LTR lines? What happens when the \$/subsidy runs out? Who's responsible for LTR maintenance costs-riders/tax payers in area?



Table Comments

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Table Comments 01

(1) LIKES/DISLIKES ABOUT WEST BROADWAY TODAY

LIKES

- 4 lane
- Speed down 45 → 35 (on project)
- Like rural feel (non urban)

DISLIKES

- Traffic controls off – timing off
- No consistent speed along stretch
- No pedestrian or bike area – hard to see them
- No lights
- Not viewed as safe for children as currently is
- Noise from traffic –radios –trucks (wheels)
- Old beat-up road

(2) PROPOSED CHANGES

LIKE

- More consistent –speed –lanes

Other ideas

- Sidewalk one side (6f)
- Bike trail other (10f)



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What do you like about West Broadway today?

01. I live right off West Broadway and I like the quiet neighborhood I have now. In the Spring and early Summer, we can have the windows open and not hear anything except for an occasional fire/police siren. LOVE the quiet. I cannot express it enough. We've lived here for 32 years and never gave one thought to moving. That is until 2014 when the Met Council decided to tell us the LRT was coming.....there goes the QUIET!
03. NOTHING
04. West Broadway south of 85th is comfortably wide (4 lane) with a decent speed limit. Enough visibility that it is pretty safe.
05. I love Brooklyn Park
06. I think it's fine.
07. 1. my normal route home. 2.easy access with minimal waiting to Maplebrook Pky., or 92nd westward from the east of W. Broadway.
09. It is nice with beautiful trees up and down. There is a nice walking path near my home and I walk the neighborhood in good weather.
10. The peace and quiet. Easy access to 610, and the shopping areas.
11. IS IS OKAY EXCEPT FOR THE POT HOLES
12. It's Ok.
13. Easy access.
15. Easy access to other arterial roads.



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“What part of the meeting was most valuable to you?” focused on the following themes:

- Small group/roundtable discussion (overwhelming response)
- Information how plan progresses
- To be heard/having a chance to voice concerns
- Meeting neighbors and hearing from others
- Maps and large visual aids
- Add two lane roadways
- Learning more about the status of the project
- Information on 2-lane vs 4-lane
- Provided new information

“What part of the meeting was least valuable to you?” focused on the following themes:

- Only about the road not LRT
- Some of the visuals hard to understand
- Same topics discussed repeatedly & answers still not given
- Not hearing from others in the room
- Value of our property/not knowing what will happen to property
- Opening presentation (reduce the amount of time used to add more time for open sessions)
- The closing
- Room too small, too noisy, hard to hear
- Small group discussion, “hostile” participants
- Doesn’t make any difference what the citizens want, project will move forward regardless

“What was not covered that you would have like to see addressed at future meetings?” focused on the following themes:

- LRT is a done deal – say it & move on
- Stoplights
- More detail on environmental impact and next steps in that process
- Noise/vibration issues
- Impact on housing prices
- Property impact and process for purchase
- 2 lane vs. 4 lane decision – list of pros/cons
- Parking
- LRT – most important part of the conversation untouched
- Traffic impacts, accessibility, turns
- Safety
- Construction impacts
- Landscape, fencing, lighting details
- Fire station on Brooklyn Boulevard/EMS Services



Meeting Evaluation Summary

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Please rate the following aspects of your meeting experience on the below scale:

- 1 – Strongly agree 4 – Disagree
2 – Agree 5 – Strongly Disagree
3 – Neutral

I felt like I could share my thoughts openly and honestly.

- 1 – Strongly agree (24)
2 – Agree (12)
3 – Neutral (1)
4 – Disagree (1)
5 – Strongly Disagree (1)

Yes (3)

You resent my opinions (All political)

Yes, but doesn't make any difference.

I felt like decision makers and staff listened to me.

- 1 – Strongly agree (14)
2 – Agree (16)
3 – Neutral (4)
4 – Disagree (2)
5 – Strongly Disagree (0)

No (1)

Yes (2)

Yes but nothing can be done it was decided 10 yr. ago

Decision makers No; Staff Yes

The meeting was well-facilitated.

- 1 – Strongly agree (15)
2 – Agree (14)
3 – Neutral (7)
4 – Disagree (0)
5 – Strongly Disagree (0)

Yes (6)

Other Comments:

006

This is a combined project. Why wasn't the table meetings about both road & LRT.

008

Let's move on

012

This was first time I felt like [the facilitator] listened & heard me & cared – w/no political BS.



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013

Do this & include LRT! Bike paths also a big plus.

014

Very well organized meeting

018

Thank you!

019

I liked the break-out meetings. Please finish this as soon as possible. I prefer the 4-lane option.

023

Need to talk about the value of LRT.

024

Room wasn't big enough. General questions from the audience on presentation.

033

Thank you! Would have liked something similar when deciding BRT vs LRT.

038

The "train" has already left the station. Were only talking about minor window dressing issues. The overall project is a go no matter what.

043

Need bigger space for new meeting next.



What do you dislike?

01. West Broadway..the road...has been overlooked for way too long. The City Engineer told me it was to be fixed when they did the Devils Triangle. It was not. We need a stop light coming out of Maplebrook onto W Broadway. It is impossible to go North. Now with the LRT, it will be against the law.
02. The roads need to be repaved; there are potholes everywhere. There should be more sidewalks. I see a lot of people walking on the roads, and it can be very dangerous when there are no sidewalks to keep them off the road.
03. People drive way too fast, there is NEVER monitoring of the speed on this road. The speed should be changed to 30. There is too much traffic on this road. When I turn onto Maplebrook Parkway, there are people who pass in the right turn lane. There have been numerous accidents on this road. It is too narrow. I do NOT want the road any closer to my townhouse. Why is this road not monitored for speed? I have called the police department numerous times, I have called the city numerous times, about this.
04. Getting onto West Broadway from some Streets without signals can be hard at busy times.
05. NOTHING...NEEDS SOME REPAIR BUT NOT THIS
06. I don't have any problems with the way it is now.
07. No stoplights at Setzler pkwy.
08. I really dislike the lack of lighting on West Broadway from 85th Ave all the way to Target.
09. The speed limit is too high for going past homes and should be put down to 35 mph. The road needs to be resurfaced and speed limit lower to make it quieter for a residential street. I Do NOT WANT LIGHT Rail down W Broadway. There is no need for it.
12. The road needs to be reconstructed into 4 lanes, plus turn lanes. Have a sidewalk that runs the entire length of the road.
15. No sidewalks on either side of road as it passes over Shingle Creek.

What do you like about the proposed changes along West Broadway?

01. I have been to numerous meetings, get email updates, and check the website frequently....but I still don't know what properties they will be taking from us here at Maplebrook.? Obviously, the fewer the better. I can't say I like any of this, but realize it's out of my hands.
02. I do like the idea and convenience of the blue line being on W Broadway.



03. This road needs to be four lanes. However, there is not room for it in front of my house.
04. I like the 4 lane options. I would prefer the original design width, but can understand the changes because of property impacts.
05. NOTHING AT ALL
06. Nothing.
07. NOTHING
08. I think you could reduce the amount of room by having bike and walking paths on just one side of West Broadway. I don't think the population density demands paths on both sides.
09. Lower speed.
10. Widening it to the original plan would have been fine. The new version, will ruin the area.
11. JUST WONDERING IF THERE IS GOING TO BE BOTH A SIDEWALK BIKE BATH AND WALKING PATH ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD?
12. Nothing. Running light rail is more wasteful spending. West Broadway needs work like mentioned above. I. Residents might and will loose their homes. High tension power lines have to be moved among others. To much preliminary spending is what it needs before the real work begins. I think light rail would be dangerous because of residential neighborhood.
13. Nothing.
15. It is wider; apparently has sidewalks on both sides of road.

What do you dislike?

01. I dislike not knowing how it will affect my neighborhood of Maplebrook. I will be able to SEE this LRT from my Living room and obviously HEAR it as well. No one has been able to say how often will it run and with the missing houses, that now block traffic noise, gone....all of this will be that much closer to me. Vibrations from the LRT are a problem. As they are removing houses and trees off West Broadway, will Hennepin County reimburse our Association for the monthly fees that we will no longer be receiving from the people who had to leave because their houses were taken? Our Association fees will have to rise while our property values will drop like a rock.
02. I don't like how close it will be to my home.



04. I do not like the 2 lane option, it would be too much of a choke point compared to the present design.
05. I love where I live and so do other residents whose lives you are contemplating the destruction of by taking their homes. I have lived in my home for 20+ years, I love my townhome community, it is well taken care of, by our management team and residents. These trains are a hazard to cars and pedestrians. Last week I had to go down town to 18th and Chicago and darn near got hit by one. Brooklyn Park does not need this on West Broadway to benefit the Target Corp., who is laying off 1700 folks this go round!!!! This is a mistake, I am totally against this project. I am 67 years old, still employed full time at a job I have had for 40+ years. I was so looking forward to the new library that is to be buit across 85th from our complex and retiring soon. Now I face lower property values and increased costs to continue to live in my home and noise and for what, so Target Corp employees can almost get to their front door. To say I am angry is putting it mildly
06. I very much dislike that houses, businesses and trees will need to be removed for the expansion. I feel really bad for the people who will be displaced and those who will lose large chunks of their property. For me personally, the light rail is not something I will ever use. I don't even know anybody who will use it. It's going to be noisy and ugly and disrupt traffic in my neighborhood. I live in the quiet suburbs for a reason. If I wanted there to be traffic congestion and trains and people everywhere, I'd live downtown. I don't want any of that.
07. The noise of the train. 2. Won't be able to access southbound W. Broadway or cross over/continue westwardly on Maplebrook Parkway or 92nd from the east side of W. Broadway. All traffic from East of W. Broadway will have to cross at Setzler, increasing the traffic drastically. And Setzler will be blocked by an arm and flashing lights so one has to wait for the train. The back up will be drastically increased from what it is now with it being the only access to southbound W. Broadway.
3. My taxes will increase. 4. My property value will decrease. 5. Running from Target Center to Target Corporate Hdqtrs., why isn't Target funding it 100%. 6. 7. Why does the walking path/bike path have to be 10' wide, as I've read it will be? 8. Delays in my travel time due to construction once it begins.
09. I do not like Light Rail
I do not like the destroying of trees
I do not like the government is putting business concerns over residents and homes.
I do not want this road widen and closer to my home for LRT
I do not like homeowners yards being taken
I do not like it that government did not have meetings getting residents input before going forward on this LRT project
I DO NOT LIKE THIS PROJECT
10. When is there going to be an impact study? Of all the choices for the route, this is the worst. This will impact a settled community, of seniors, immigrants, working class families. Clearly none of those that made this decision, live in this corridor. Crime follows this like water, the line of last resistance. The thought of the noise and vibration, from the constant trains going back and forth, 24/7 is infuriating. How



very like the government to make these plans, with no thought of the people impacted. Progress? This is progress? You can give it. Clearly Target bought this, considering the fact that their poor planning has already caused the layoff of thousands of people. What's the point! Are people here angry? You bet!

11. JUST THE FACT THAT IS GOING TO BE A LOT NOISIER AND BUSY THAT IT IS NOW.
12. Light rail. Cost is not a benefit to what it accomplishes. If it's 1 billion dollars as an estimate, I figure more like 1.5 billion is what it would cost.
15. Unsure which design (two or four lane) makes the most sense, all things considered.

What do you want decision makers to know?

01. Please consider quality of life for the people who have to live near the LRT. We could always have our windows open at night to sleep. With a train running 20 hours of the day (does that still stand?) how peacefully will we sleep? I get that the big movers and shakers making the decisions are looking at 2030. What about 2020, when this will be operational? I'm sorry but I don't see a rosy picture for my neighborhood. There are still so many things that haven't been answered. I have LRT fatigue and simply cannot take another meeting to hear the speakers talk and talk and not say anything new.
02. I am worried about how busy it will make W Broadway and the kind of clientele it will bring to this area. This blueline might be too close for comfort.
03. I wish they would just make the decisions quickly. I was going to move, but now until the decisions are made, I am stuck. I can't sell my townhouse without being able to tell what decisions are being made.
04. I notice that St. Paul Green line has very little option for Rail workers to park vehicles safely. Many times these vehicles need to park in a lane with flashers for safe access to working on the Rail. It would be nice to make sure they have safe access that does not impede traffic.
05. DO NOT GO AHEAD WITH THIS PROJECT...WE DON'T NEED IT..IMPROVED BUS SERVICE IS THE ANSWER
06. I'm extremely unhappy with the light rail coming through my neighborhood. There has to be a better route through Brooklyn Park.
07. I am NOT in favor of this.
Of no interest to me, will never use it. I don't think there is a need for it, and therefore the cost involved isn't warranted. I don't appreciate outsiders making decisions that will make my taxes go up, and decrease my home value.



08. I have a real concern about drainage in my neighborhood, Maplebrook Estates. On the west side of West Broadway north of 85th Ave there is a sunken large green space that is protected by a low berm. I am afraid if the berm is removed, this space will become a drainage pond. I am asking that your engineers ensure that this does not happen.

Second, there are only two traffic entrances into our neighborhood. One on West Broadway and one on 85th. If you restrict turning lanes on the West Broadway entrance, it will increase traffic in and out of the 85th entrance (Maplebrook Parkway). This is an uncontrolled intersection. With increased traffic it will become very dangerous for both cars trying to turn into or out of the complex and for pedestrians trying to cross to or from the bus stop located at that intersection.

09. Most residents near West Broadway DO NOT want this LRT down West Broadway

We want it moved out west near Bottineau or near railroad tracks.

No reason to have it on W Broadway

I do not see a need for light rail in Brooklyn Park

When the buses are too full and there is a need then it should be considered

Now is not the time there is no need for LRT

10. Start talking to people, instead of talking AT people! Listen!
12. MN has high taxes to say the least. I here that the roads around the country under funded and out dated. Basically all our infrastructure is bad. Spend money more wisely. That's funny ha ha. Interstate 494 is still two lanes from county rd. 6 to the split. That was built in 1970. Get our roads in shape before pissing money away on light rail. Question for hennepin county commissioners. How many lane miles could we get for 1-1.5 billion dollars.
13. I appreciate all of time spent developing the transit system. However, I am most unhappy about the prospect of West Broadway destroyed.

Why not tie in with 169 all the way?

The community does not really have much impact regarding the project. The big decisions already seem to be set in stone. We get a voice about grass and walkways and trees.

When do we get to vote on where the tracks are set?



14. I am puzzled as to why it takes so long to complete the construction phase. It appears to be three years. I had an opportunity to observe the Green Line development and there appeared to be loooong periods of time where little or nothing was being done. The prolonged construction phase prolongs the disruption of neighborhoods and delays the benefits of the Blue Line extension. I am 73. I would like to see the completion of the Blue Line Extension.

Arguably there will be less business disruption on the Blue Line extension.

15. Ensure that safe pedestrian walkways are provided along its length.

What is most important to you?

01. Peace and quiet. Do I need to move up to the North Shore? I'm not so sure the decision makers are thinking past the "get the LRT" stage. There are real people living all along this route, even though Brooklyn Park is most heavily hit. I still don't know how many homes and families....they won't say, for some odd reason. I wonder if anyone will even bother to read my survey, but if it was you, Thank you..
02. The blue line is too close to our home. I don't know if I will feel comfortable raising my children in this neighborhood and will consider moving from this area.
03. I do not want to have to go to 85 th to get out of my road. I do not want the road so close to my front door. It is dirty, dusty and noisy. People are driving way to fast. Safety is important to me. DO you think the air is clean if my windows are open? Would you want the road that close to your front door?
04. Safe access to all users, without impeding traffic too much.
05. THAT I DON'T AND OTHER RESIDENTS DON'T LOOSE THEIR INVESTMENT IN THEIR HOMES!!!!
06. Living in a safe, quiet neighborhood with little disruption.
07.
Increase in property taxes,
Decrease in property value of my home.
Lack of easy access to travelling West Broadway southbound and crossing West Broadway.
Disapprove of possible increase in crime with more people having a "free ride" to Brooklyn Park from outlying cities.
09. Peace and quiet
Safe streets
Access to street to turn left or right



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Ability for police and safety vehicles to get yo residents

Trees along West Broadway

Slower speeds on West Broadway

10. My home, my neighbors homes, my community. A government that LISTENS!
12. Descent roads. Safety, Spending money wisely. Thank You.
13. Changing the route to 169 all the way.
15. Safe pedestrian walkways, smoothly flowing traffic.



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- Would there be fences for homes on LTR line

DISLIKE

- Don't see how current traffic would support system
- Like a 2-lane system more (instead of like thru-way)
- NO lights for street
- Worried about cut-through traffic
- Crossings of LTR only at signals
- What are the plans to sync w/Met Council 2040 Projection

(3) WHAT DO WE WANT TO SAY TO PEOPLE INVOLVED?

- Not opposed, but want sound barrier, lighting (to help lower crime). Basically, okay w/positives, and great way to make city better. Make sure negatives mitigated.
- Rustic feel important
- Multi-use trails more useful
- Work w/Park/Rec to make beautification more low maintenance and more natural sustainable habitat.

- LOW COST LOW TAX \$\$
- Fences to keep-out rif raf and keep yards private, lessen noises
- Timing of lights important - Hit one green light → hit all
- Lights for safety at night

(4) IMPORTANT TO YOU

- Need to be able to drive fast enough to get where we need, but not so slow it takes forever to get places
 - Can we do pine trees?
 - Not feel like Hwy 169
 - LIMIT NOISE! In residential
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Table Comment 02

1.) LIKES/DISLIKES ABOUT WEST BROADWAY TODAY

- Like today – Speed/residential neighborhood/no stop signs/connects to 610/central transit corridor.
- Dislike – too narrow/difficult for peds & bikes/no. of 85th – narrows on N.B./too fast/turn lane issues.

2.) LIKES/DISLIKES ABOUT PROPOSED CHANGES

- Small footprint than 294/4 lane → better throughout/trail system both sides/added curb/wider footprint → safety plus
- Safety barrier/2 lane → diverting traffic into neighborhoods to avoid bottleneck/lack of sound protection/why LRT on Bdwy?/2 lane under design for traffic volume/LRT → traffic delays/need to compress construction timeframe.

3.) WANT DECISION MAKERS TO KNOW

- Park & rides needed – esp @ 85th
- Hide & Ride (H&R)
- Mail service could be restricted due to H&R/driveway access
- Noise issues – need barriers of some kind.
- Construction project hrs.
- Hours of operation for train
- Stormwater/snow removal issues/rainwater gardens
- Assessment issues for property owners
- Public safety issues – crime where is doesn't exist today

4.) MOST IMPORTANT

- Reduce construction timeframe
- Delay project start
- Sound mitigation for construction
- Ongoing maintenance issues
- Curb appeal to be kept a plus
- Impact to BP Evangelical Free Church



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Table Comment 03

1. LIKES BEST [ABOUT WEST BROADWAY TODAY]

- Mature trees
- Open feel
- Walk across W. Broadway
- Good access all along (both ways)

DISLIKE [ABOUT WEST BROADWAY TODAY]

- Lack of sidewalks and trails (sidewalks ending)
- Intersection at Candlewood (no left turn)
- Unattractive (73rd to 93rd) whole stretch
- Road in bad shape
- U turns @ 85th and Maplebrook

2. LIKE ABOUT PROPOSED CHANGES

- Reduced speed limit
- Trails
- Sidewalks
- New roadway
- Landscaping
- Think 4 lanes needed for traffic (4' to go to 2 lanes not worth it)
- Saves more homes over previous options
- Encourage development
- Signalized @ College Park Drive Way
- Get light rail

DISLIKE ABOUT PROPOSED

- Berm will be lost @ Maplebrook – flooding concerns
- Loss of mature trees
- Noise
- Vibration
- Loss of property value (some think it might increase)
- Hide 'n Ride (parking in neighborhoods)



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- Loss of left turns at side roads

3. WHAT DECISION MAKERS NEED TO KNOW

- Construction impacts to traffic and businesses
- Need for berms replaced (Noise, minimize foot traffic, safety to homes)
- Fire, police, EMS access
- Skyway access Maplebrook to library
- Compensation to homeowners, not just HOA
- A lot of us are excited about Light Rail coming
- Resolved that it is coming, some are excited it is coming – but need to keep listening to public concerns
- Excited at prospect of going all the way to airport
- Need minority input
- Schedule needs 24/7
- Need public transit
- Other cities/countries – Transit is slick.
- Be aware of assessments

4. MOST IMPORTANT

- Property values
 - A good transportation system
 - Need for barrier/buffer
 - Noise/vibration
 - Bringing in business/improves tax base
 - Maintenance for future
 - Hide 'n Ride concerns
 - Access to library
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Table Comment 04

LIKES [ABOUT WEST BROADWAY TODAY]

- Alternative to 169 going north
- Access to businesses near Brooklyn Blvd.
- Like it the way it is
- Haven't paid attention to sidewalks



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- Like existing sidewalks in summer

DISLIKES [ABOUT WEST BROADWAY TODAY]

- Maplebrook turning left to NB W. Broadway tough w/traffic. Doesn't even try.
- Same for SB (anytime crossing traffic – left turns)
- Trying to use right turn lane as bypass lane around cars waiting to turn left.
- Full out potholes (rough) – 85th to Candlewood
- Noise now – too much traffic
- No traffic light @ 74th
- Unsafe for peds to cross @ bus stop
- Too long of stretch of cards – impossible for cross traffic to turn to W. Broadway
- Speed limit too high
- Not enough lanes now
- Lane shifts suddenly by 93rd (after gas station) – jogs to the left
- Needs traffic light @ Maplebrook Pkwy.
- Traffic lights @ 4-way stop

2. LIKES [ABOUT PROPOSED]

- Like narrower, to reduce property
- 4 lanes options

DISLIKES [ABOUT PROPOSED]

- Lots of U-turns
- Dangerous to go across tracks
- Correct 85th Pkwy
- Don't like light rail on W. Broadway
- Oppose LRT in all forms
- 74th is cut through – concerned about safety w/traffic

3. WANT DECISION MAKERS TO KNOW

- Can the Setzler farmstead be preserved?
- Are trees ripped out? Been there forever.
- Concerned about safety w/right in only.
- Appreciate taking public comment & listening. Last summer, what you heard was recognized.



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- Changes were made?
 - Want more info about noise & vibration impacts... When is that coming?
 - Want info about taxes or property value impacts. Property values up!!!!
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Table Comment 05

1. CURRENT DISLIKES

- No sidewalks
- Need better intersections
- No rt turn lanes
- Congestion: Needs to be widened N of 85th @ 93rd
- Timing of pedestrian “walk” signal too short

2. LIKES/DISLIKES [ABOUT PROPOSED]

- LRT might remove some congestion.

Dislike:

- Don't know enough about it yet.
 - Park N Rides (?) Are there enough spots?
 - Getting in/out of neighborhoods
 - 2 lane option might be too much congestion
- Q →
- Are there multi family units planned to support LRT ridership?
 - Any planned expansion to Anoka?
 - Is Target expansion going to ↑ traffic
 - Will LRT replace bus service
 - Will there be walls or noise mitigation put in place > or for safety?
 - Crime? Will it increase?
 - Will sewer size increase? Drainage issues.
 - What happens to the electric lines? Will they go underground.

3. WANT DECISION MAKERS TO KNOW

1. The 4 lane should be the only option.
 - Do we need to worry about vibration?



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- BLRT should be a priority over SWLRT (we shouldn't have to wait).
 - Will the platforms be covered?
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Table Comment 06

1A. [LIKES ABOUT WEST BROADWAY TODAY]

- Not much
- Like having the road
- Access – stores, connections
- 4 lane section good, 2 lanes not so good
- 45–50 mph → better flow & travel time
- Not a lot of stop lights on the above 85th N–half
- Like sidewalks @ S end → some people don't have cars.

1B. [DISLIKES ABOUT WEST BROADWAY TODAY]

- Traffic volume
- Traffic noise → vibration → possibly quality of roadway?
- “Country Road” at N end
- 93rd intersection layout → can't use space for turns
- No way to cross at Shingle Creek Bridge
- Lack of pedestrian & bike facilities
- Volume of traffic makes it hard to get on W. Broadway
- Traffic growth
- Lighting (lack of – Esp. N–end)
- Emergency traffic & getting out of their way
- Random nature of existing fences

2A. [LIKES ABOUT PROPOSED]

- Like that the improvement is narrower
- Potential for landscaping
- Continuous bike/ped path
- Separated bike/ped path from roadway



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2B. [DISLIKES ABOUT PROPOSED]

- Why are paths so wide (10'). (Could be narrower) – to increase greenspace
- Would prefer some sort of privacy barrier
- Don't know how much they are being impacted
- Understanding the transit decision-making process → Why LRT vs. BRT?
- Noise
- 35 mph speed limit (prefer 40–45 mph)
- Buses & traffic flow – esp. 2-lane
- Train (LRT) traffic in shopping areas
- Frequency of trains
- Ability (or lack thereof) to make lefts or rights across tracks
- Target layoffs/cost cutting – does this affect the decision – shouldn't it?
- Why not 169 or 81

3. WANT DECISION MAKERS TO KNOW

- Don't do it
- Go back and reconsider BRT
- How is this cost effective (cost per rider)
- Ridership → How much is people “stealing” rides? Those kind of individuals may be willing to steal in neighborhood.
- People are getting meeting fatigue, getting stressed and still not knowing what's going to happen.
- Is there a target-specific ridership analysis BRT vs. LRT?
- Stay on 81 /BNSF → bus people to them.
- Does LRT bring in more buses
- What is going to be done to improve the road now – before LRT & the final road?

4. MOST IMPORTANT

- How long will road be closed?
- What is impact on local businesses?
- Property values
- Crime & Safety
- Trains running at night
- Get it done



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Table Comment 07

- If the Blue line goes on West Broadway – please minimize as much impact on owners. 2 lane is good, but there is concern with increased congestion.
- Where is the parking going to be. We do not want people parking on residential side streets.
- Concern that decisions are being made by decision-makers that do not live on West Broadway so are not directly or personally affected by the LRT.
- Concerns: huge * intrusion into residential life, home life
- Decision to put it on W. Broadway w/out community input.
- Strong feelings/expressions/opinions on the corridor choice
 - Why were alternatives not looked at more?
 - Why is destroying residential areas “better” than going thru commercial areas (i.e. Hwy 81)
 - Seems “convenient” to go on W. Broadway.
 - Property devaluation based on location of the train.
 - Can we eliminate or reduce the trails to save space?
 - Use a sidewalk instead?
 - Go from 10 ft to 8 ft?
- Positive – increase in transportation options will bring extra companies and extra jobs to Brooklyn Park.
- Can we have very open communication on when meetings are happening and be able to do/give public input?
 - Make it EASY to find
 - High lite signs?
 - Flyers?
 - Emails?
 - TV or radio announcement?
- Minimize noise as much as possible
- We are good w/progress, but not through our backyards or houses.
 - – 2 lanes = less space/intrusion on life
- Get more input and community meetings from east & central district residents.
- Concern about an increase in crime due to more people in a residential area.
- Concern of children safety getting on or too close to LRT.