

Quarterly Meeting – Summary

Date & Time	September 16, 2025, 5 – 7 p.m.
Location	Elim Lutheran Church – 3978 West Broadway Ave, Robbinsdale, MN 55422

Format: 30-minute presentation with a 1.5-hour workshop and discussion

Presentation Topics:

1. Introductions
2. Project Overview
3. Right-of-Way (ROW) Process
4. Design Update
5. Cultural Placekeeping Update
6. DREAM Recap
7. Upcoming Meetings

Community Feedback:

The Blue Line Extension project team provided a presentation, sharing information on the ROW process and provided an update on design, the cultural placekeeping group, and the DREAM sessions. The presentation was followed by a Q&A session and one-on-one discussions over corridor wide roll plots. 17 people attended

Common question themes:

- Cost and funding
 - What would happen if federal funding does not come through?
 - What has been the cost of all the prep work up to this point?
 - What is the budget
- Mode, impacts, and ridership
 - How was light rail chosen?
 - Is there still a possibility for BRT?
 - What will happen to current buses along the corridor?
 - What is the anticipated ridership
- Safety
 - Cleanliness of station
 - Maintenance during winter months in relation to ice and snow
 - Train and car conflicts
 - Station security at Lowry Ave Station
- Timeline
 - When will service begin?
 - Has the project factored in GLE lessons learned?

Roll Plot comments:

- 93rd Avenue Station - “Various aspects of Safety: riders, weather-related, intersections”
- Downtown Minneapolis, I-94 ramps
 - “Build the line FASTER and CHEAPER along I-94”
 - “DO NOT BUILD THIS!!!”

- 21st Avenue in North Minneapolis - "Can't wait to ride the BLE!"
- Downtown Robbinsdale Station - "We live on Lake Curve – let's move it by stores/businesses"
- Robbinsdale Hwy 100 and Bottineau Blvd
 - "Would welcome mechanical safety arms and lights at crossings of roadways and rail"
 - "Safety of this intersection, Hwy 100 and Pierre Bottineau Blvd"