



Corridor Management Committee

November 12, 2014



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Corridor Management Committee Member Introductions



Corridor Management Committee Draft Charter



Corridor Management Committee

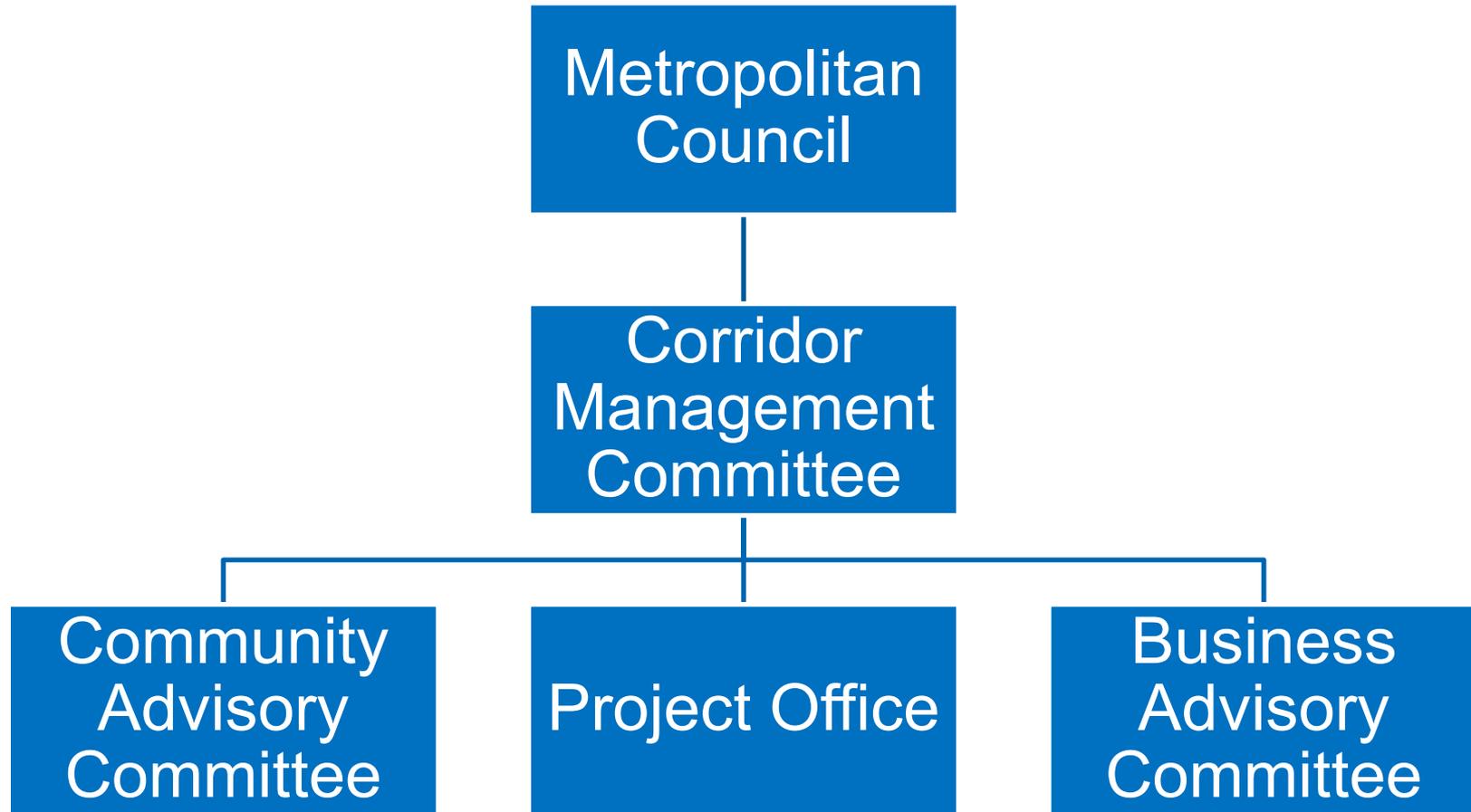
The CMC will advise the Chair of the Metropolitan Council on the design and construction of the METRO Blue Line Extension. The CMC may act by resolution to provide such advice.

Issues the Committee will address include, but will not be limited to:

- Environmental review
- Project development
- Engineering
- Final design
- Construction



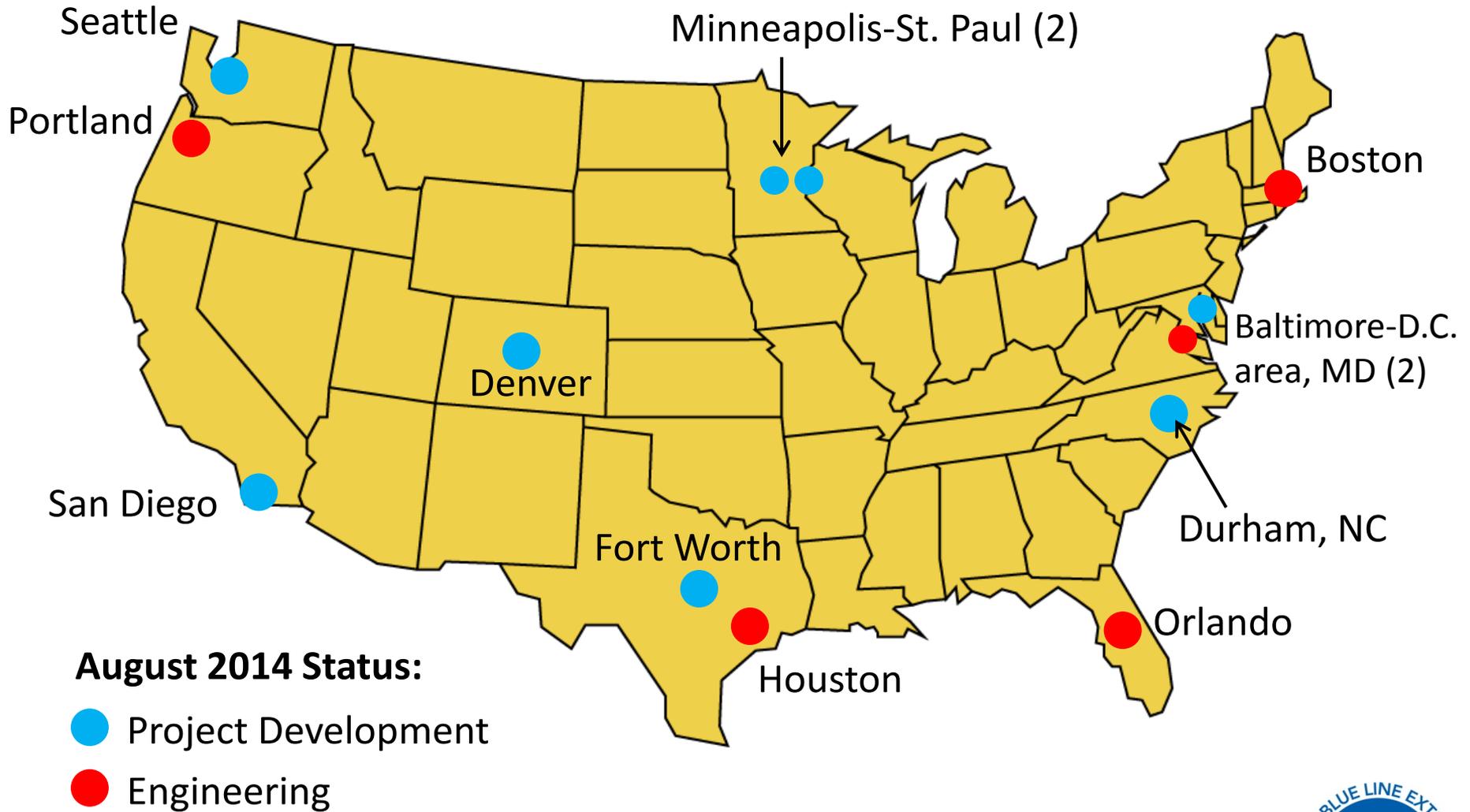
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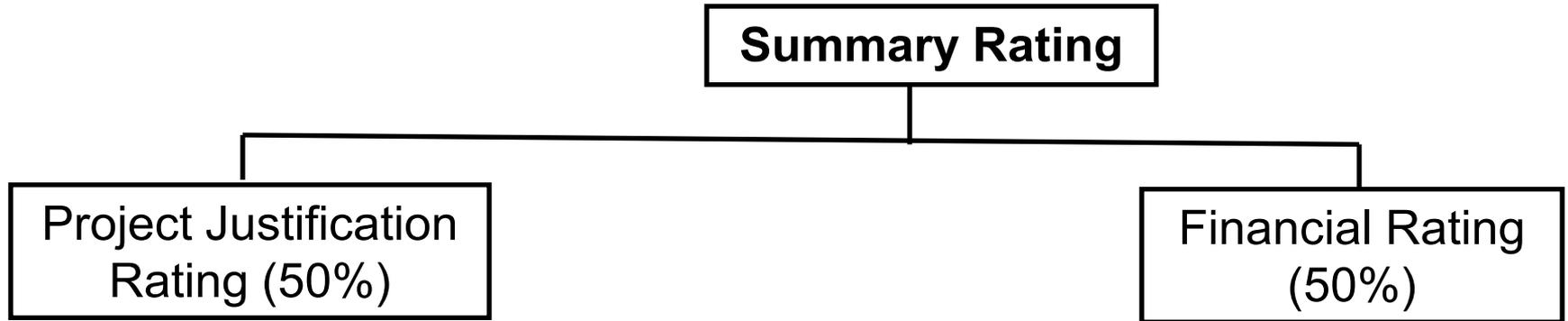
FTA New Starts Program



Peer New Starts Projects



New Starts Rating Components



New Starts Rating Components

Summary Rating

Project Justification
Rating (50%)

Financial Rating
(50%)

Economic
Development
(16.66%)

Mobility
Improvements
(16.66%)

Environmental
Benefits
(16.66%)

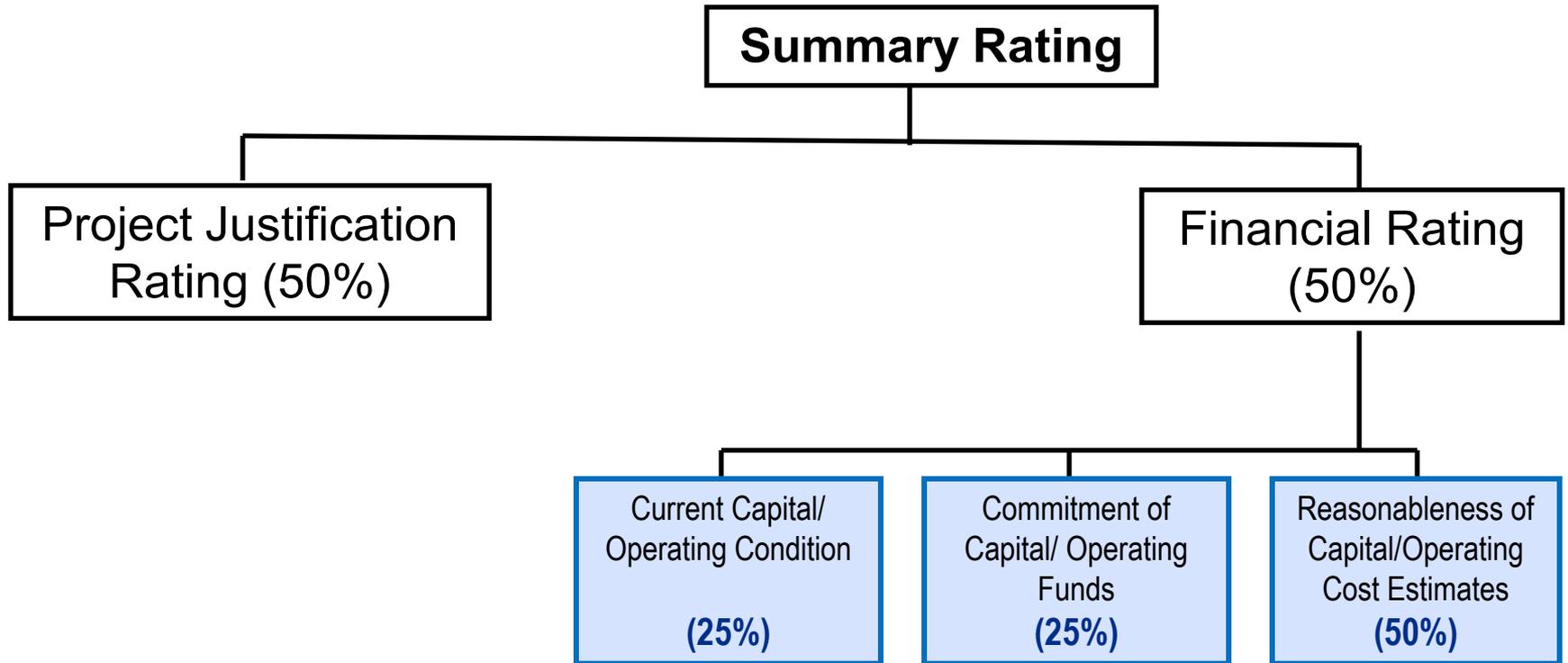
Congestion
Relief
(16.66%)

Cost
Effectiveness
(16.66%)

Land Use
(16.66%)



New Starts Rating Components



Project Timeline

2014-2016

- Project Development

2016

- Environmental/Municipal Consent

2017

- Engineering

2018

- Full Funding Grant Agreement

2018-20

- Heavy Construction

2021

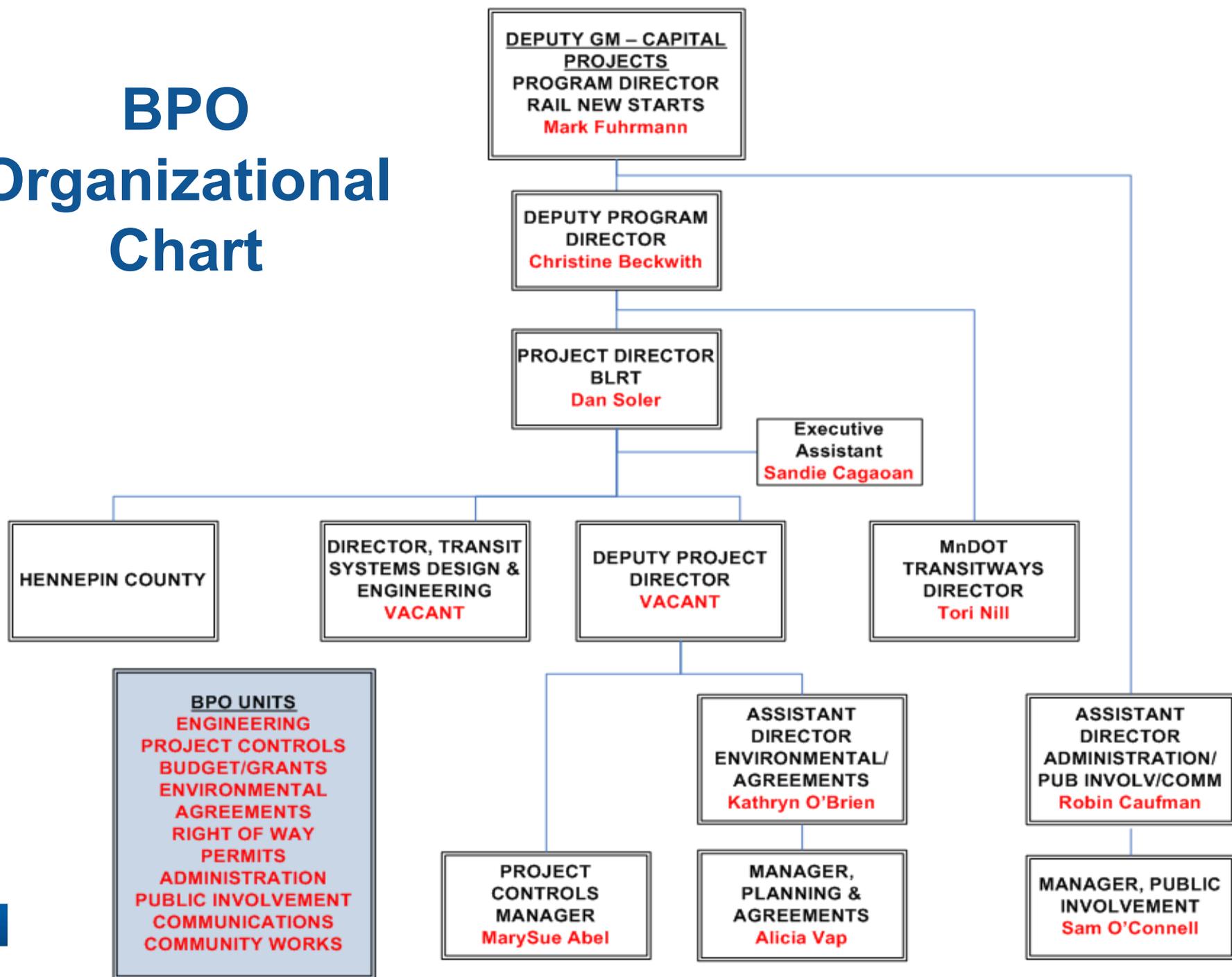
- Passenger Operations



Staff Introductions



BPO Organizational Chart

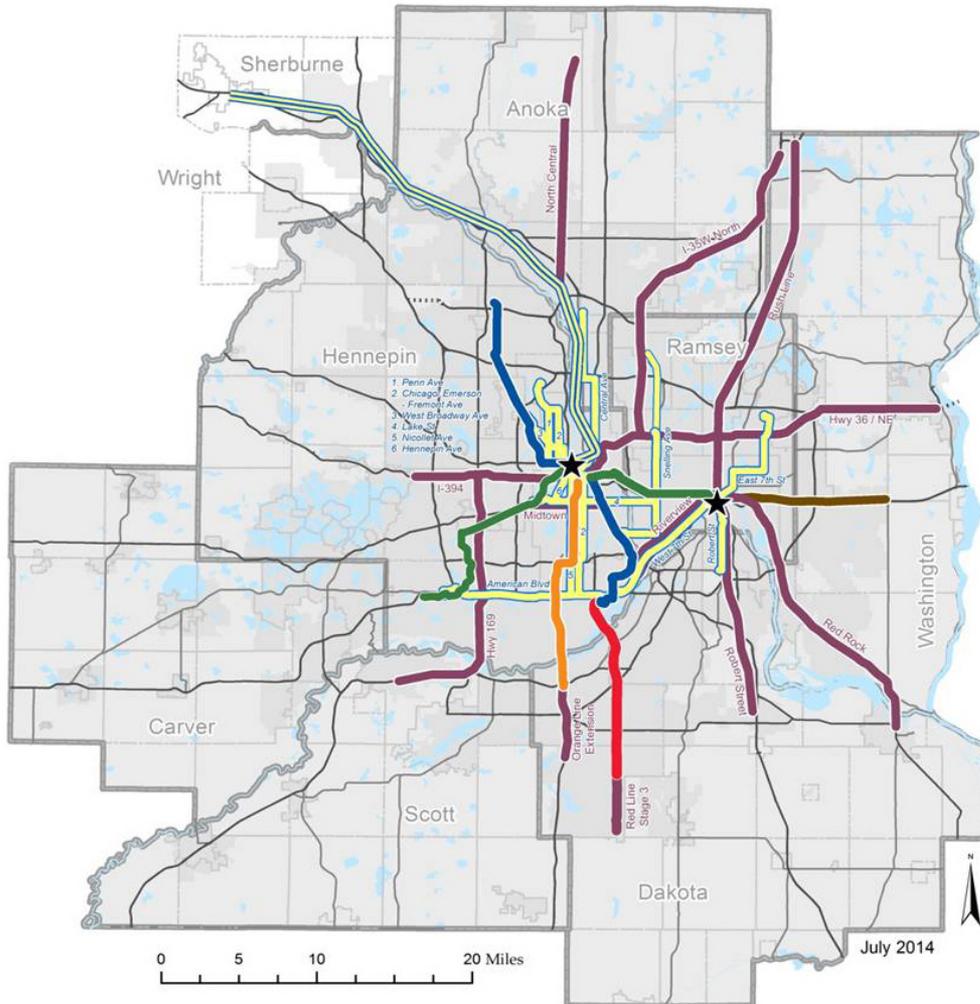


- BPO UNITS**
- ENGINEERING
 - PROJECT CONTROLS
 - BUDGET/GRANTS
 - ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENTS
 - RIGHT OF WAY PERMITS
 - ADMINISTRATION
 - PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT
 - COMMUNICATIONS
 - COMMUNITY WORKS

Project Overview



Twin Cities Transitways: 2040 Vision

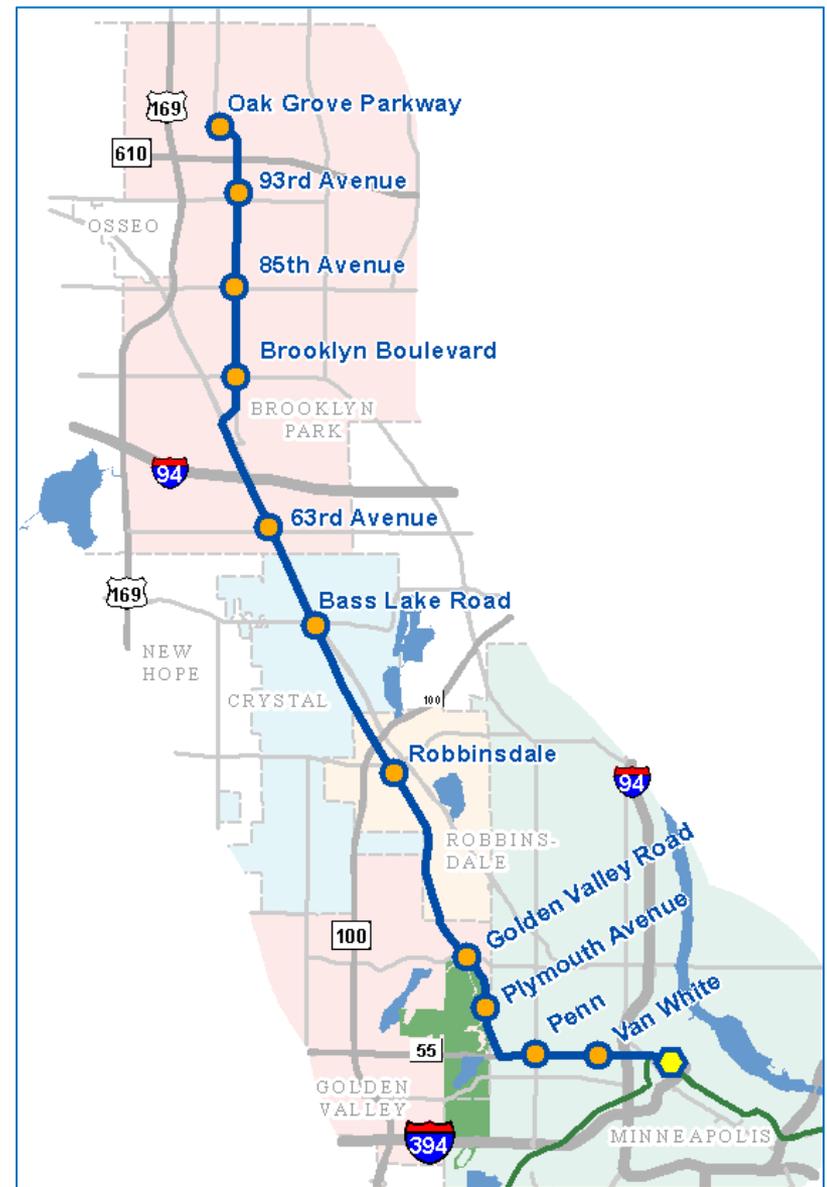


-  Northstar Line
-  Blue Line
-  Green Line
-  Red Line
-  Orange Line
-  Gateway Dedicated BRT *
-  Accelerated Arterial BRT
-  Accelerated Transitways under study
-  Regional Multimodal Hub

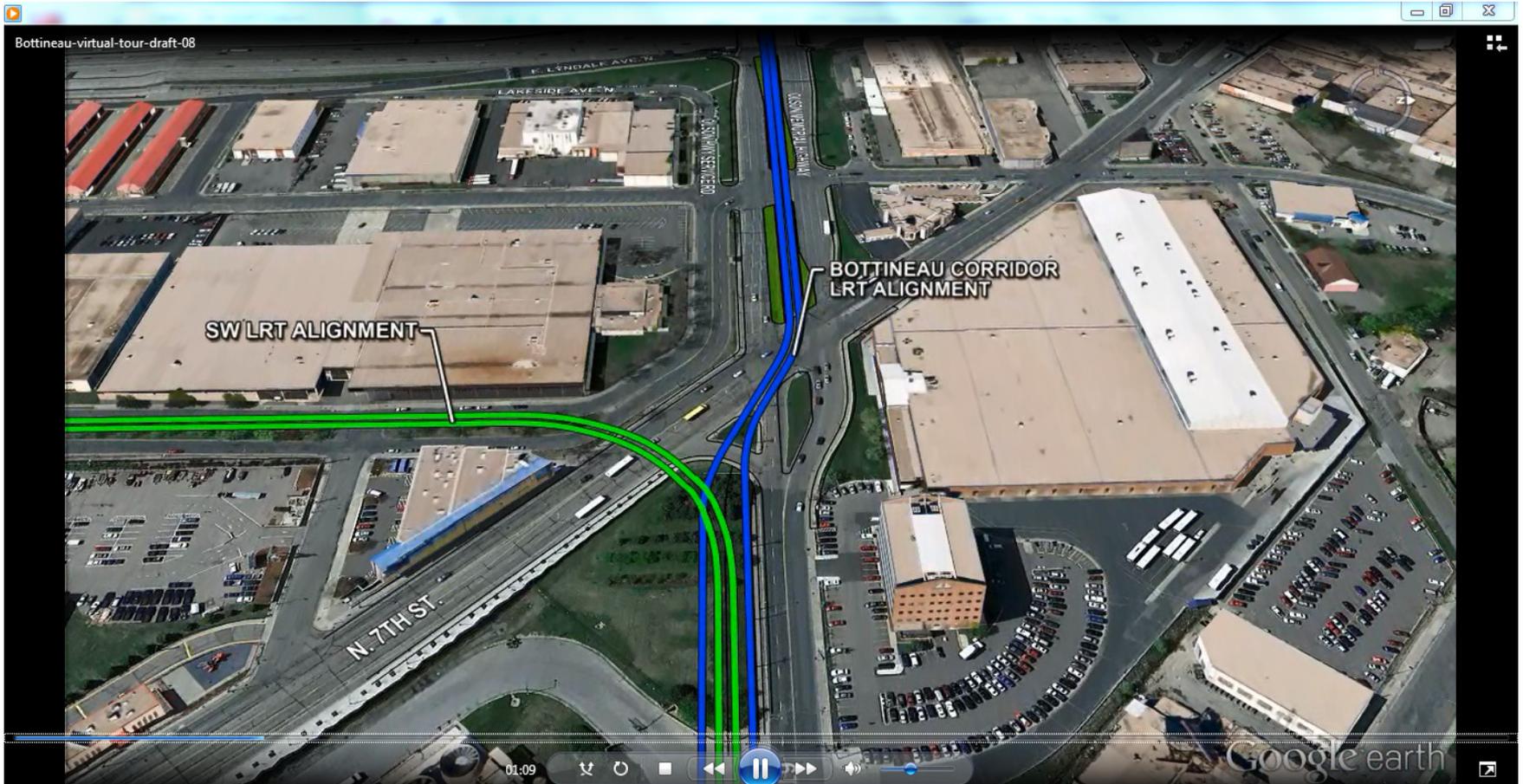


Project Description

- 13 miles of double track
- 10 or 11 new stations
- Serving Brooklyn Park, Crystal, Robbinsdale, Golden Valley & Minneapolis
- Provides one seat Blue Line ride to MSP and MOA
- Connections to METRO Green Line, Northstar and bus services

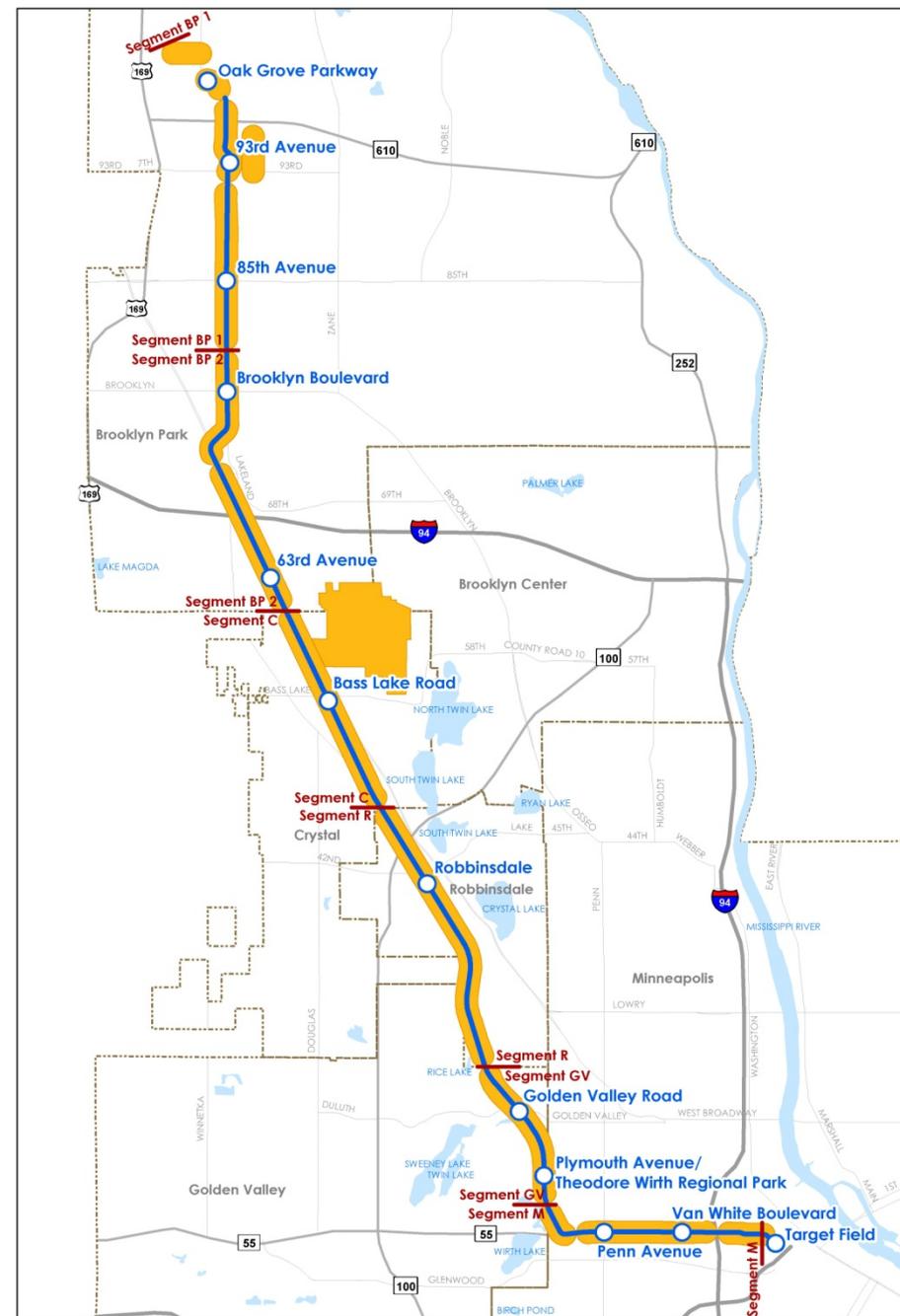


Project Visualization



Project Development Activities

- Issue Resolution Teams
 - Track alignment
 - Station locations
 - Operation & maintenance facility design



METRO Blue Line Extension Technical Issues

Rev. 1
November 2014

Project Development Activities

- Environmental review process
- Municipal consent
- Local funding commitments
- Project office



Environmental Review Process

2013

- LPA adopted by Met Council
- Draft EIS preparation

2014

- Draft EIS published
- Draft EIS comment period

2015

- Complete Environmental Analysis

2016

- Final EIS published / Record of Decision (ROD) issued

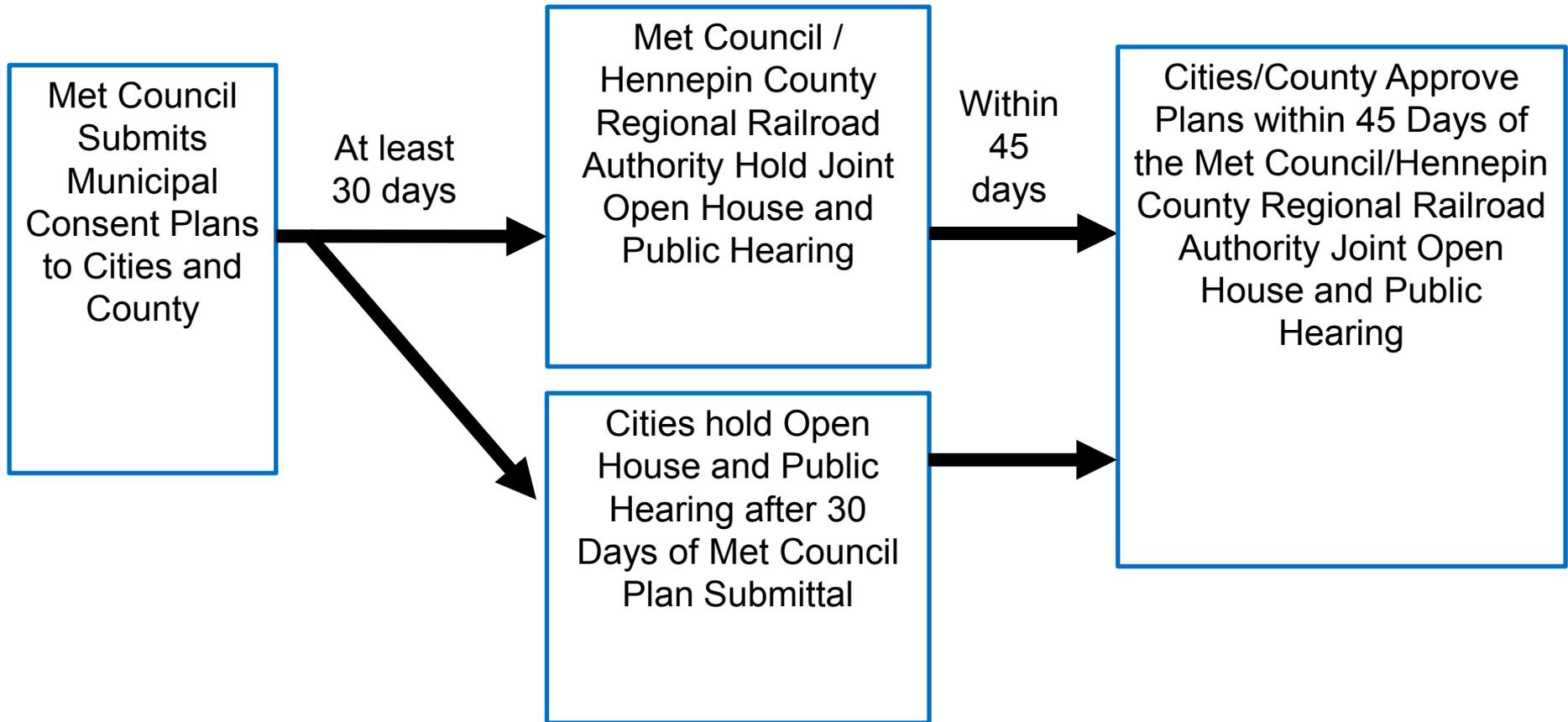


Municipal Consent Process

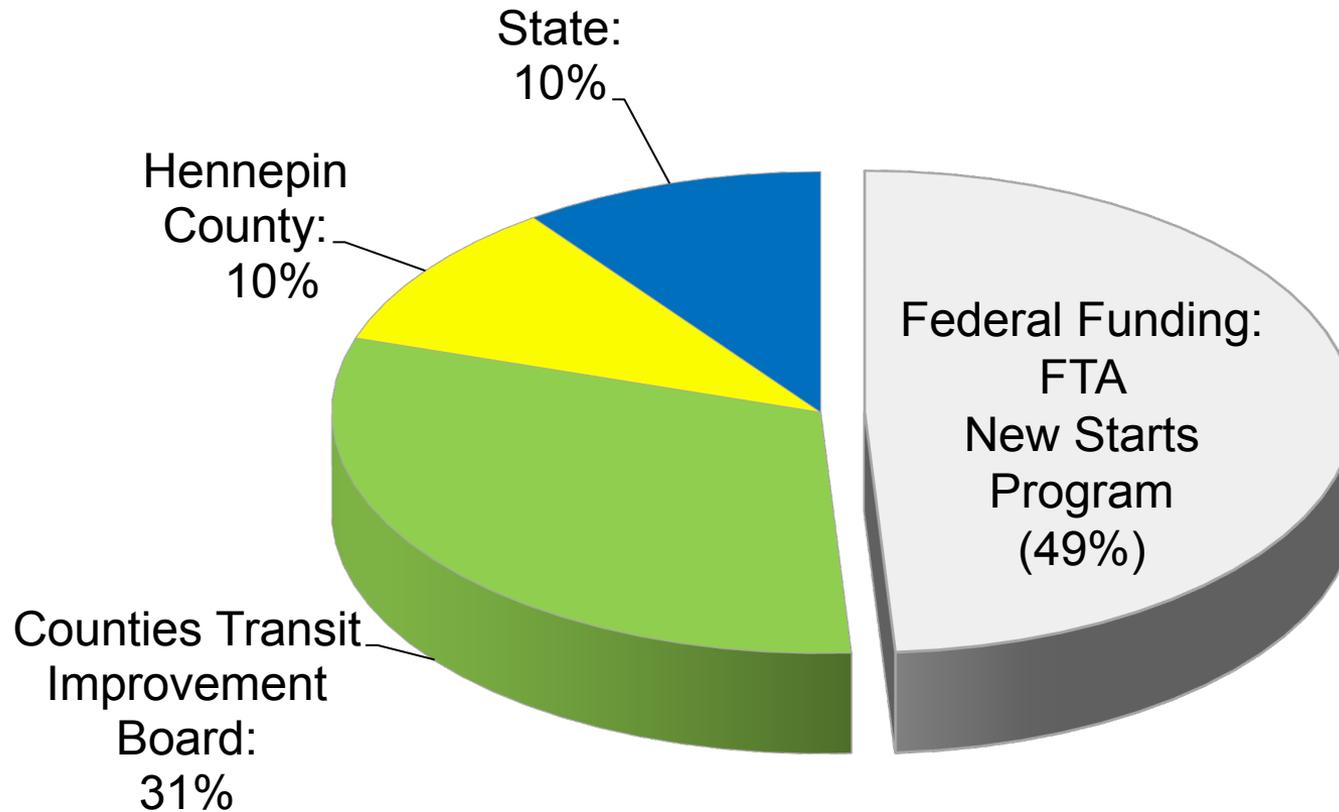
- Minnesota Statute 473.3994
- City and County review and approve physical design components of preliminary design plans
 - Location of LRT track
 - Identification of LRT systems elements
 - Location/layout of stations and station access
 - Location/layout of park and ride facilities
 - Location of pedestrian/bike trail impacted by Project
 - Layout of roadway features
 - Turn lanes, lane widths, traffic signals
 - Location/layout of Operations & Maintenance Facility (OMF)
 - Location of freight rail track



Municipal Consent Process



Local Funding Commitments



Estimated Cost: \$1 Billion



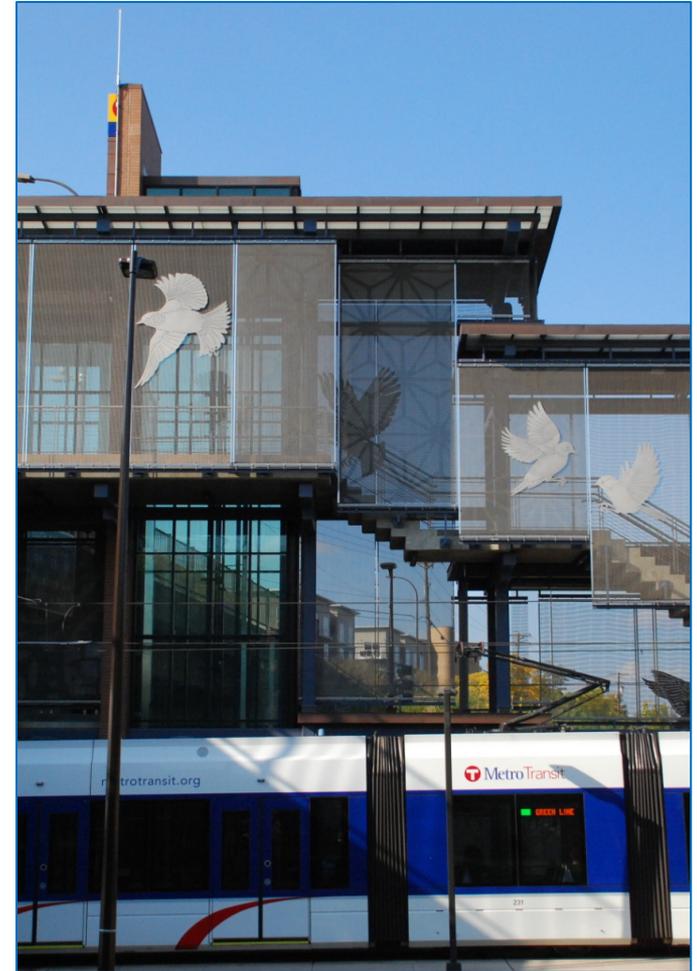
Project Office

- Bass Lake Road & West Broadway
- 20,000 sq ft
- Selection criteria
 - Proximity to Blue Line Extension alignment
 - Transit access
- Move in Q1 2015



Engineering Phase Activities

- Station design & selection of public art for station areas
- Property acquisition
- Final design & engineering
- Final cost estimate
- Revised risk assessment
- Freight rail reconstruction
- Construction Invitation for Bids
- LRV procurement



Outreach Overview

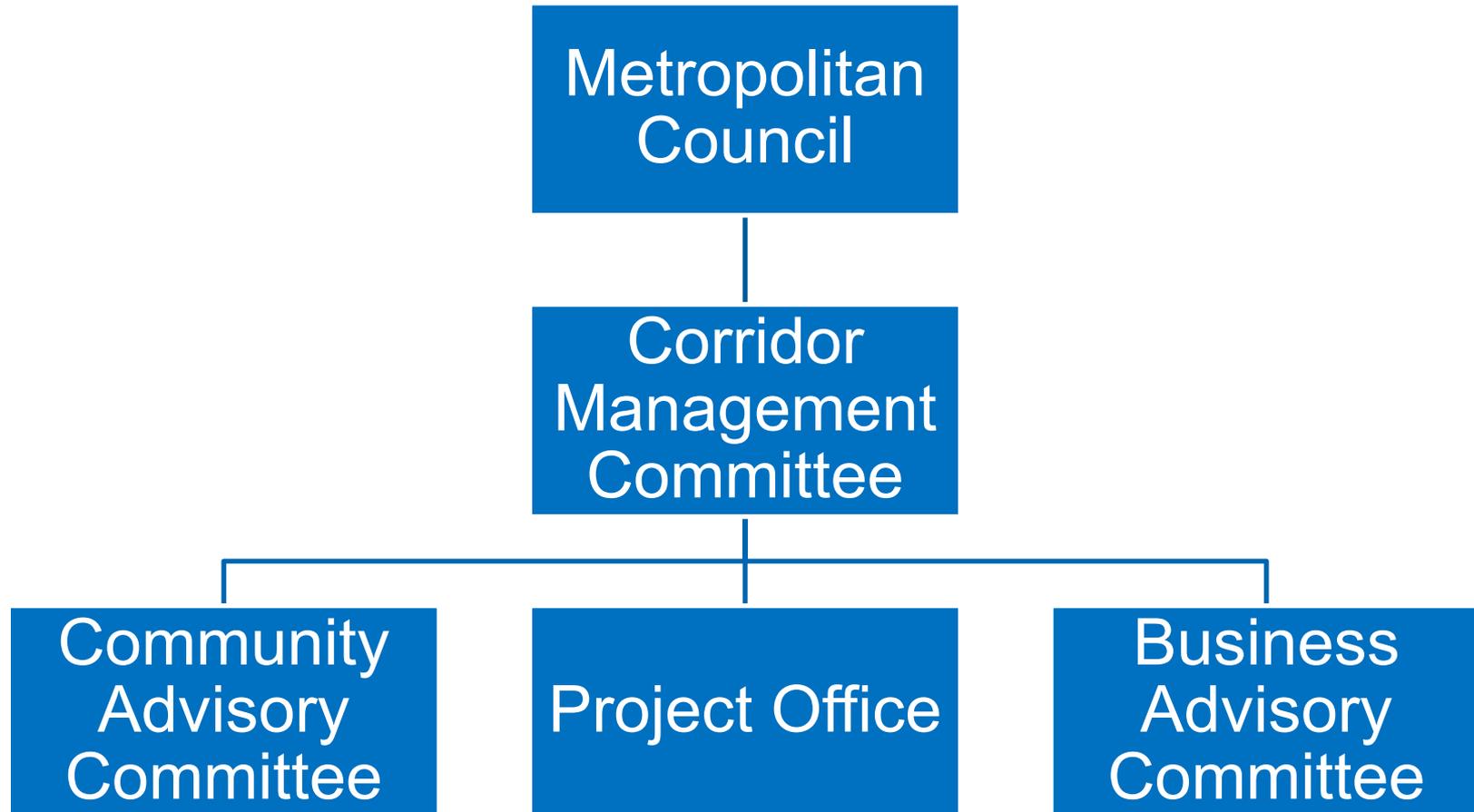


Outreach and Engagement Activities

- Outreach staff
- Public meetings
 - Tailored formats
 - One to 500 participants
- Project website, newsletter, twitter/Facebook
- Direct e-mail
- Other materials



Advisory Committees



More Information

The screenshot shows the Metropolitan Council website with the 'TRANSPORTATION' menu item highlighted. Below the navigation is a large photograph of a blue and yellow METRO bus at a station platform with passengers. The main content area features a sidebar with a 'METRO BLUE LINE EXTENSION' menu and a main article titled 'METRO BLUE LINE EXTENSION Bottineau Transitway – Minneapolis & Northwestern Communities'. The article text describes the route from downtown Minneapolis to north Minneapolis and Golden Valley. Below the article are sections for 'Latest News' and 'Route'.

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METRO BLUE LINE EXTENSION

Route

Stations

Environmental

Timeline

Project Partners

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

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