



Community Advisory Committee

January 11, 2016



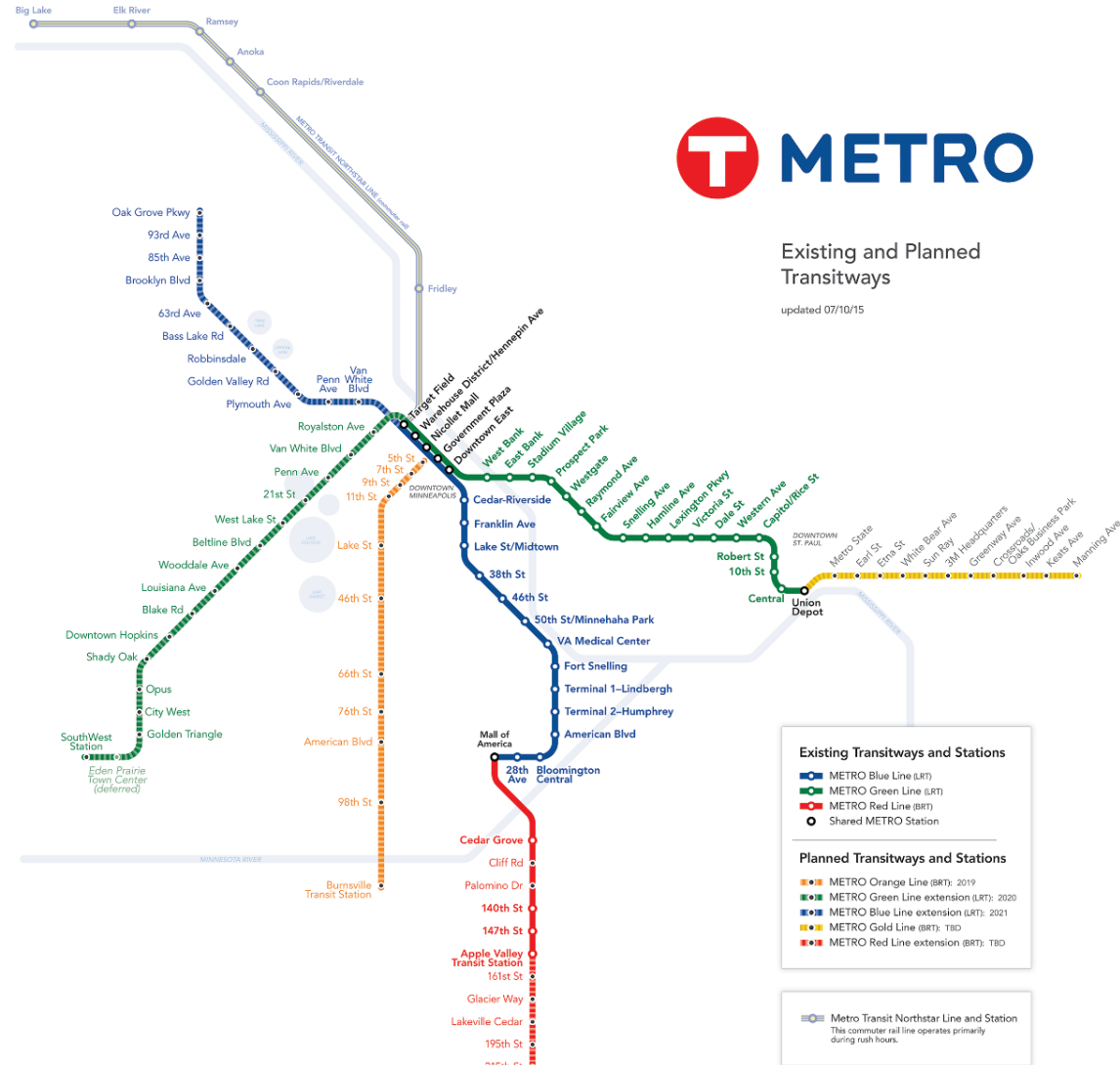
Today's Topics

- Regional METRO System Overview
- 2016 Project Overview: Key Activities and Milestones
 - Municipal Consent Schedule
 - Design Resolution Schedule
- Hennepin County Community Works Update
- Discussion: Future CAC Topics
- 2016 Meeting Schedule



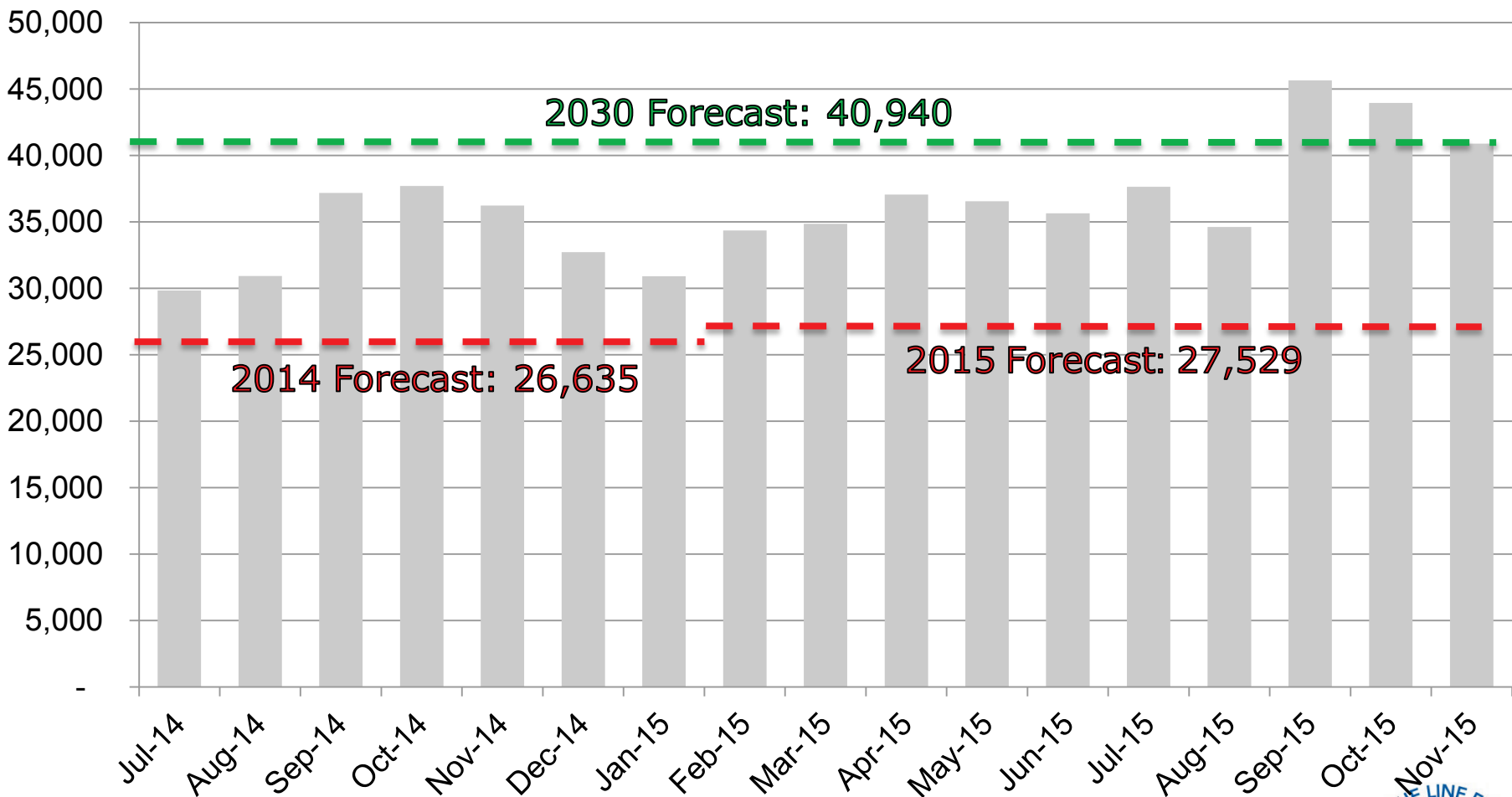
METRO System: All-Day, Frequent Service

- Light Rail Transit
 - Blue Line (2004)
 - Green Line (2014)
 - Green Line Extension (2020)
 - Blue Line Extension (2021)
- Bus Rapid Transit
 - Red Line (2013)
 - Orange Line (2019)
 - Gold Line (TBD)



Average Green Line Daily Ridership

Green Line Passenger Trips
Weekday Average

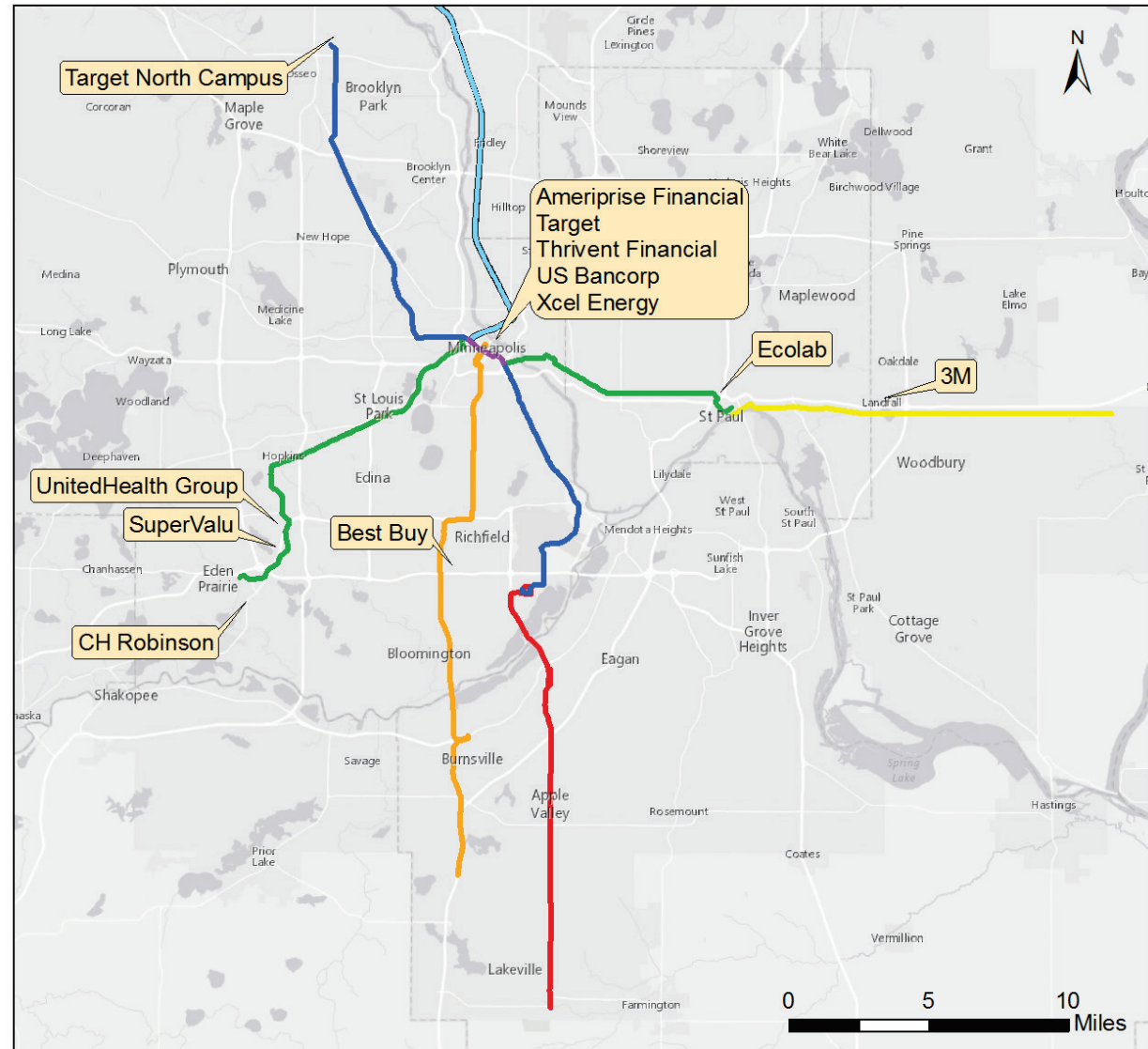


Green Line: Over \$3B In Private Development



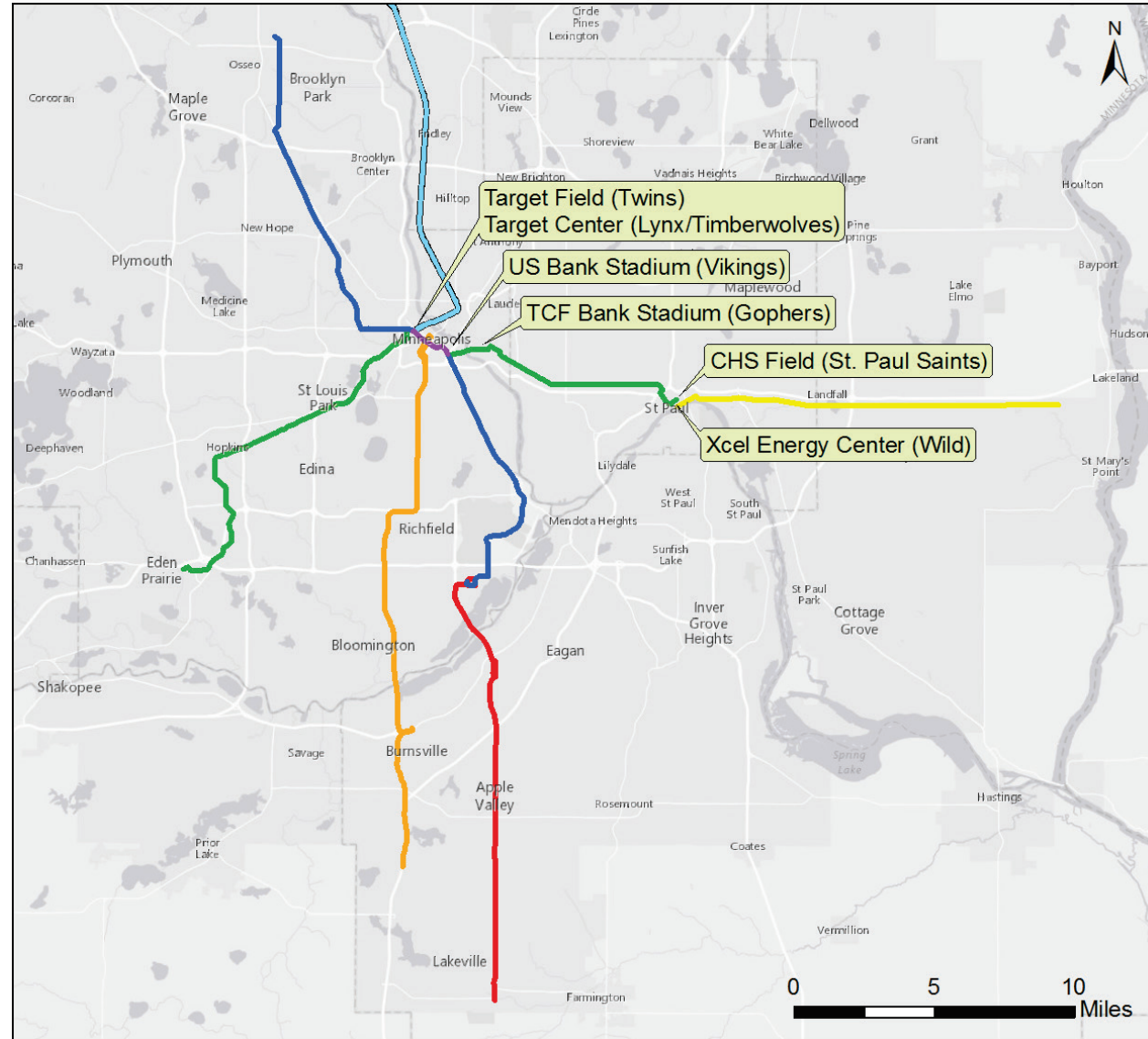
METRO System: Fortune 500 Companies

- 17 Fortune 500 Companies headquarters in Minnesota
- 16 are in the Twin Cities metro area
- 11 are on an existing or planned regional transitways



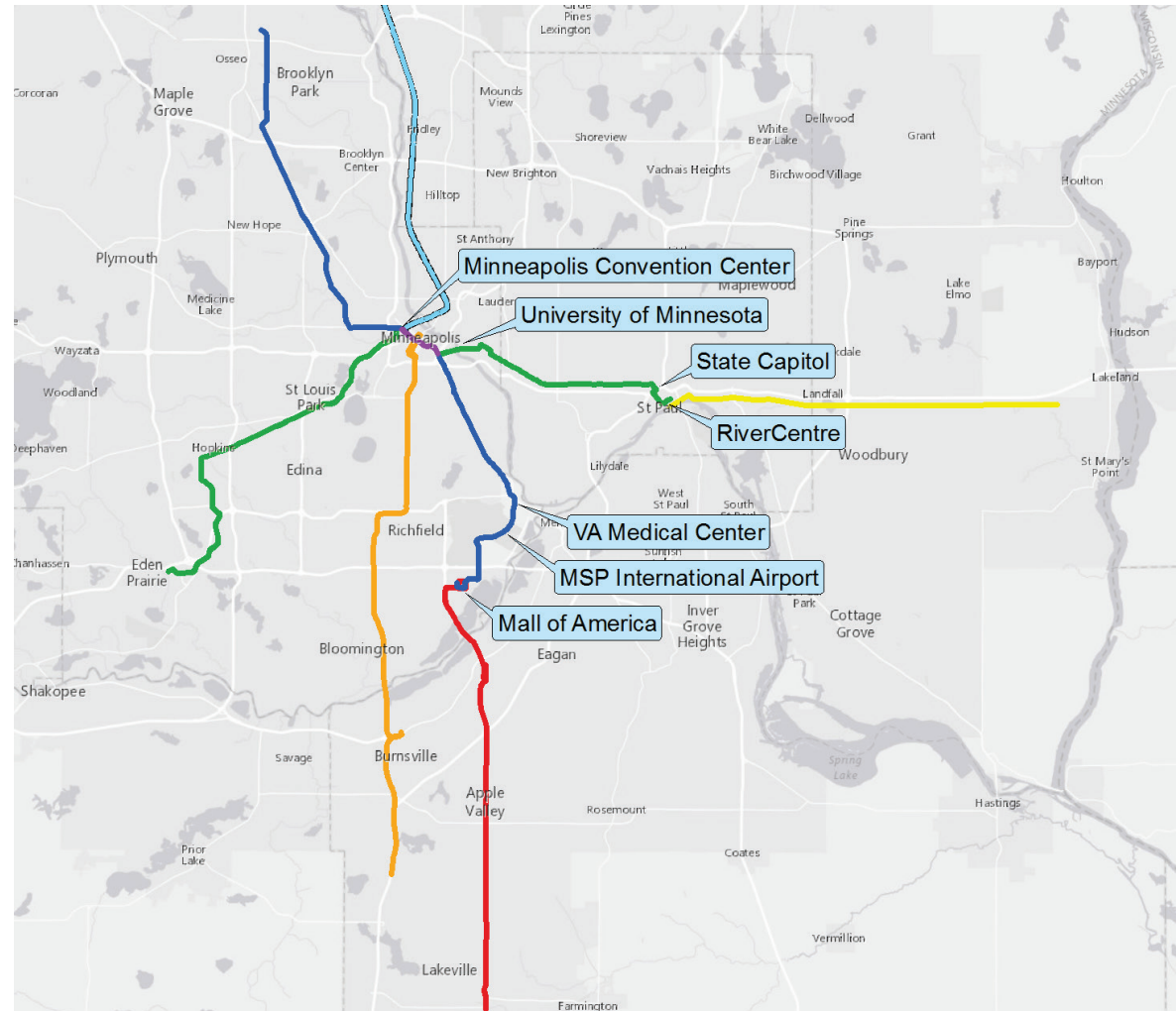
METRO System: Sports Venues

- Target Field
- Target Center
- US Bank Stadium
- TCF Bank Stadium
- Xcel Energy Center
- CHS Field

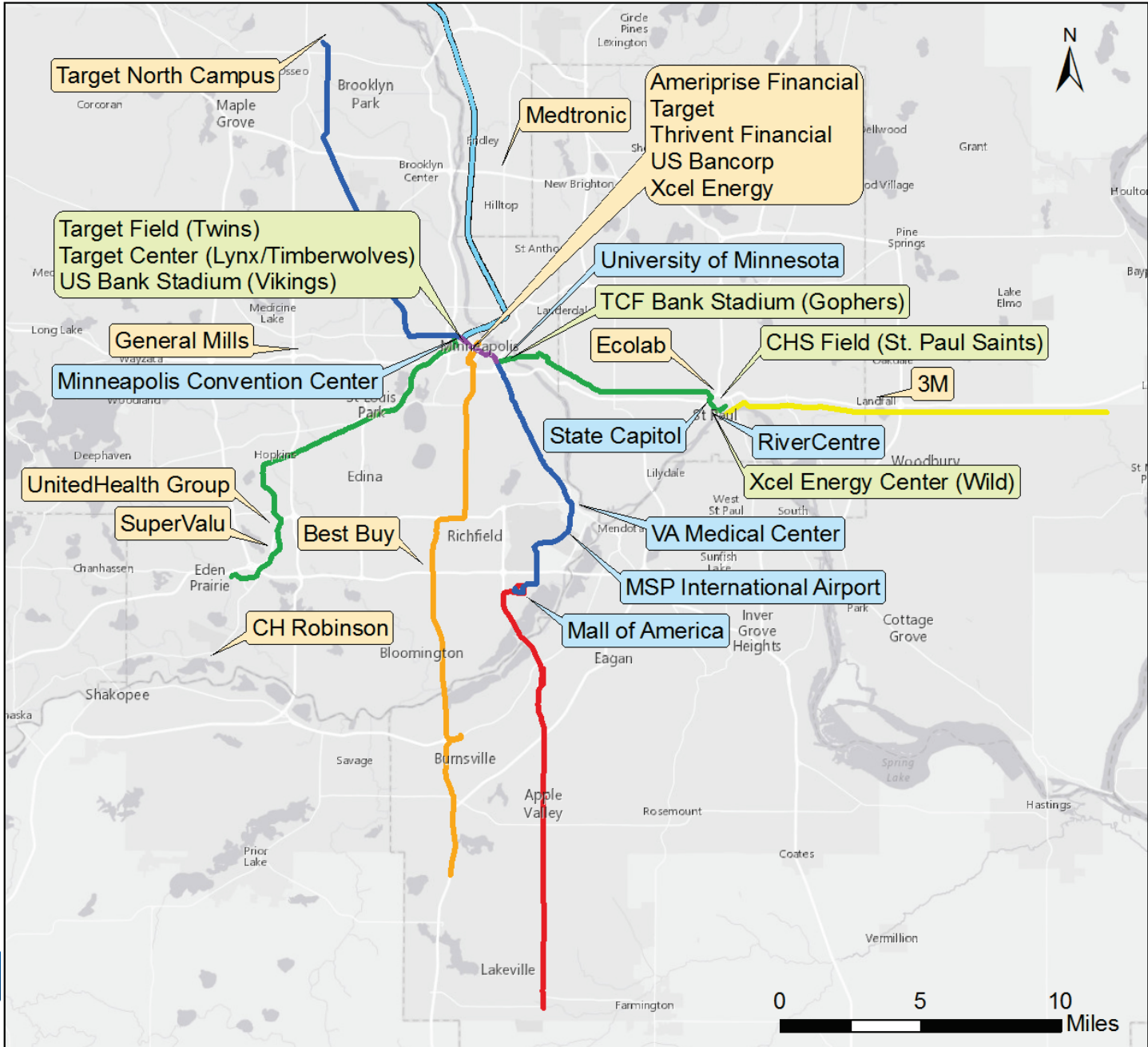


METRO System: Regional Attractions

- Mall of America
- MSP Int'l Airport
- VA Hospital
- University of Minnesota
- State Capitol



METRO System: Regional Destinations



2016 Project Overview: Key Activities and Milestones



Project Timeline

2014-2016

- Project Development

2016

- Environmental/Municipal Consent

2017

- Engineering

2018

- Full Funding Grant Agreement

2018-20

- Heavy Construction

2021

- Passenger Operations



Major Project Milestones

FTA Grants Entry to Project Development	Aug 22, 2014
Technical Issues (1-16) Resolution	Oct 29, 2015
Met Council Approves Municipal Consent Scope	Dec 9, 2015
Municipal Consent Starts	Dec 15, 2015
Municipal Consent Concludes	Mar 4, 2016
Publication of FEIS Notice of Availability	June 2016
Record of Decision	Aug 2016
Complete 30% Design	Q3 2016
FTA Grants Entry to Engineering	Q4 2016
Complete 100% Design	Q4 2017
Full Funding Grant Agreement	Q4 2017
Heavy Construction	2018-2020
Revenue Service	2021



2016 Activities

Activity	J a n	F e b	M a r	A p r	M a y	J u n	J u l	A u g	S e p	O c t	N o v	D e c
Project Development												
Municipal Consent												
Notice of Intent to Enter Engineering												
FEIS/Record Of Decision												
Project Development Continuance												
Entry to Engineering												



Municipal Consent Schedule

Dec 15, 2015: Plans delivered to city halls, community and reference libraries; posted on project website

Jan 19, 2016: Joint Met Council/Hennepin County/HCRRA Public Hearing

Open House: 5:00 PM, **Public Hearing:** 6:00 PM

Location: Hennepin County's Minneapolis Central Library

City/County	Open House/ Public Hearing	Committee/ Council/ Board Action
Brooklyn Park (Published)	Jan 25	Feb 22
Crystal (Published)	Jan 14: Open House Feb 2: Public Hearing	Feb 16
Robbinsdale	Feb 16	March 2
Golden Valley (Published)	Feb 2	Feb 16
Minneapolis (T&PW) (Published)	Feb 2 (Public Hearing Only)	Feb 2
Minneapolis (Council)	n/a	Feb 12
Hennepin County	Jan 19	TBD
Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority	Jan 19	n/a



NOTE: Dates are tentative until officially noticed by city/county.

Design Resolution Schedule: January

- Municipal Consent Check-In
- PE Plans/Schedule
- BNSF Update
- Utilities
- Bridges Design
- Noise Walls
- Pedestrian Facilities
- Grade Crossings
- Secondary Platform Access

Minneapolis	Brooklyn Park	Golden Valley	Crystal	Robbinsdale
• Olson Memorial Hwy Corridor Design	• Xylon Ave • 63rd Pedestrian Overpass • OGP Roadway Network • Target Campus Parking • Parking Ramp/Site Plan	• GVR/TWP Intersection • Golden Valley Rd Station	• Bass Lake Road Pedestrian Overpass	• 45 ½ Ave At-Grade Crossing

Design Resolution Schedule: February

- Signal/Communication House Locations
- Water Resources
- Bus Stops/Passenger Drop-Off
- Station Design

Minneapolis	Brooklyn Park	Golden Valley	Crystal	Robbinsdale
• Bassett Creek Tunnel • Pedestrian Facilities	• West Broadway Corridor Design • Lakeland Ave Access at 73rd Ave • OMF Site Plan	• Bassett Creek Channel Realignment	• West Broadway At-Grade Crossing	• Parking Ramp/Site Plan



Design Resolution Schedule: March

- Noise Walls
- TPSS Locations
- Bicycle Facilities
- Fencing
- Bridge Design

Minneapolis	Brooklyn Park	Golden Valley	Crystal	Robbinsdale
• 7th Street/OMH Intersection • Xcel Transmission Line • OMH Median Treatments	• Trail Facilities • WB Median Treatments • Parking Ramp/Site Plan	• Bridges Design Update • Xcel Transmission Line	• Park & Ride	• 36th Ave Bridge Update • Grimes Pond Update • 42nd Ave/West Broadway Intersection • Parking Ramp/Site Plan



Design Resolution Schedule: April/May

- Utilities
- BNSF Update
- Landscape/Vegetation
- Lighting
- Retaining Wall Design
- Traffic
- Station/Platform Design
- Station Site Plans



Hennepin County Community Works Update



[Link to Hennepin County presentation](#)



Discussion:

**What topics should CAC
discuss/cover in 2016?**

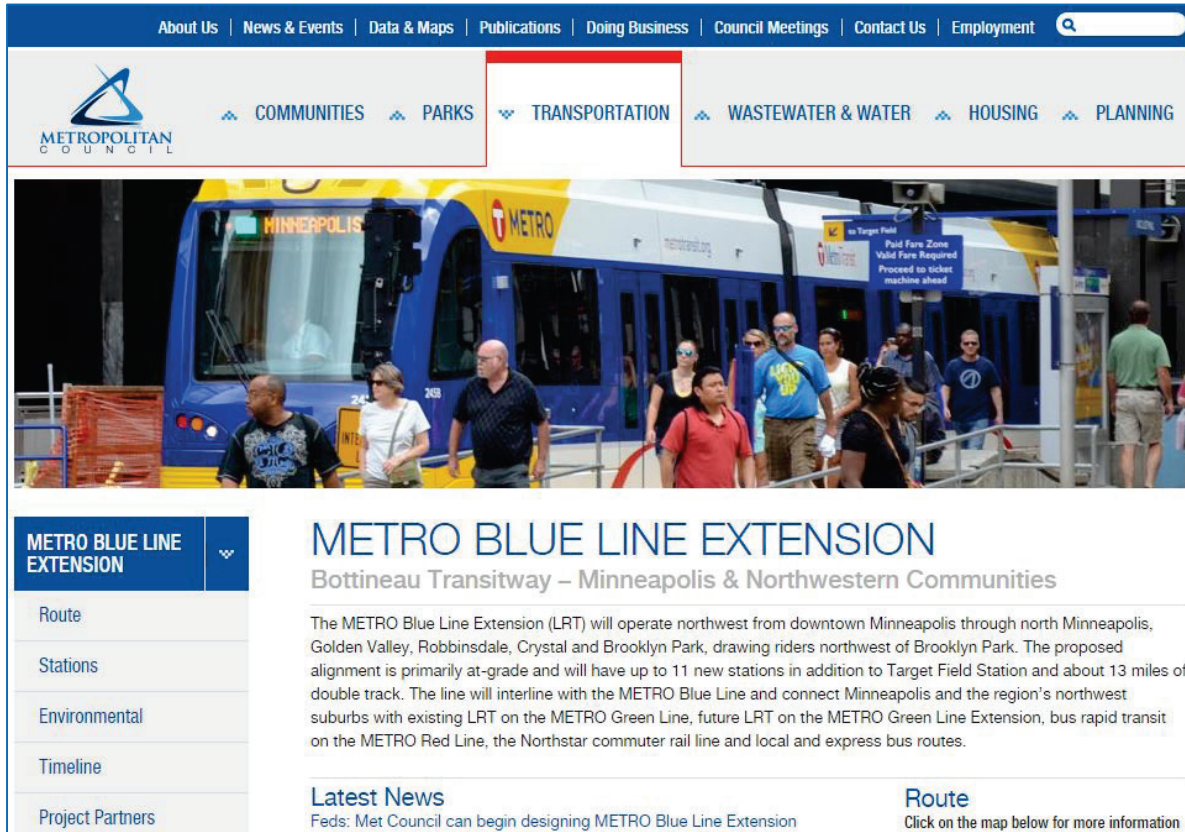


2016 Meeting Schedule

- Mondays from 6:00 to 8:00 PM
 - February 8
 - March 7
 - April 11
 - May 9
 - June 6
 - July 11
 - August 8
 - September 6 (moved to Tuesday)
 - October 10
 - November 7
 - December 5



More Information



The screenshot shows the Metropolitan Council website with a navigation bar at the top containing links: About Us, News & Events, Data & Maps, Publications, Doing Business, Council Meetings, Contact Us, and Employment. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with categories: COMMUNITIES, PARKS, TRANSPORTATION (highlighted with a red border), WASTEWATER & WATER, HOUSING, and PLANNING. The main content area features a large photo of a blue and yellow METRO light rail train at a station with passengers waiting. Below the photo is a section titled "METRO BLUE LINE EXTENSION" with a sub-header "Bottineau Transitway – Minneapolis & Northwestern Communities". A sidebar on the left lists links: Route, Stations, Environmental, Timeline, and Project Partners. The main text describes the project: "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." Below this text are two sections: "Latest News" with the headline "Feds: Met Council can begin designing METRO Blue Line Extension" and "Route" with the text "Click on the map below for more information".

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METRO BLUE LINE EXTENSION

Bottineau Transitway – Minneapolis & Northwestern Communities

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Latest News
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Route
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