



**Southwest Light Rail Transitway (SWLRT)  
Community Advisory Committee Meeting  
October 25, 2016  
Southwest Project Office  
6465 Wayzata Blvd, Suite 500  
St. Louis Park, MN 55426  
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

**Meeting Summary**

**In Attendance:**

CAC Members/Alternates: Co-chairs Jennifer Munt, Russ Adams; Brian Kirk, Craig Westgate, Doug Peterson, Jeff Strate, Jody Strakosch, Lee Munich, Christopher Bates

Agency Staff and Guests: Sam O'Connell, Dan Pfeiffer, Jim Alexander, James Mockovciak, Ryan Kronzer, BRCC's Ann Beuch, Eden Prairie's David Lindahl, Nkongo Cigolo

**I. Welcome and Review of Meeting Summary**

CAC Co-chair Munt opened the meeting. Minutes from September 27, 2016 were approved.

**II. Project Update**

Jim Alexander provided the SWLRT Project Readiness update. Three major construction contracts: Civil, Systems and Operations and Maintenance Facility. Two additional contracts for Fare Collection and Light Rail Vehicles will be satisfied by a request for proposal. Procurement Schedule Look-Ahead, Construction Sequencing and Phasing were also covered. For additional information, see presentation at <https://metro council.org/getdoc/8f793588-8173-4589-80bf-d9766e42ae5d/Presentation.aspx>.

Questions were raised about the number proposals received for Light Rail Vehicles and about the number of Light Rail Vehicles to be purchased. Mr. Alexander responded that only one proposal was received from Siemens for 27 Light Rail Vehicles; added that original plans called for 30 Light Rail Vehicles, but the number was reduced to 27 during the budget reduction exercise. Members wondered whether there were any improvements to the Light Rail Vehicles to impact people with disabilities. Mr. Alexander pointed out that seating arrangements on SWLRT trains would allow enough room for wheelchair accessibility.

Members raised concerns about how damage claims would be handled and whether the Metropolitan Council would be taking any measures to warrant prompt action from the contractor. Mr. Alexander responded that SWLRT staff will be working directly with the contractor to ensure due process and that the contractor is following up on all claims. Our team of outreach coordinators will be working directly

with stakeholders to help address issues. In addition, as written in the specifications, the project will require that a preconstruction survey be performed along the entire corridor to document existing conditions of properties along the alignment.

Additional questions included truck access to trail corridor and interface with pedestrian/bicyclist traffic; access will be finalized once the contractor gets on board and project is looking at implementing trail detours in various locations.

### **III. Construction Sequencing Overview**

Ryan Kronzer provided an update on the construction phasing at for the SouthWest Transit Station. Members wondered whether businesses at the SouthWest strip mall would need to be relocated. Businesses in the strip mall will remain; the Culvers, however, will be relocating around fall of next year. Additional questions included whether the SouthWest Station staging was final or it would be amended upon securing a contractor. Stating for SouthWest Station is set as the intent is to keep SouthWest Transit running during construction.

### **IV. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and Workforce Programming and Outreach**

Andrew Larson discussed the Project Goals, DBE Monitoring System, upcoming Great Minds Retreat; the Joint DBE/Workforce Oversight Committee, Bid Stage DBE outreach in December, and, the Workforce outreach efforts underway.

Members wondered whether the DBE goals on the SWLRT would impact DBE outcomes on the Blue Line Extension project as it is likely that they may be in construction at the same time. There will be some level of collaboration but both projects are on separate timelines.

### **V. Construction Outreach and Communications**

Sam O'Connell provided an overview including the project's hiring and communication plans and announced that the upcoming construction contractor event will be held on December 5. Ms. O'Connell introduced the plan to develop localized community committees during the construction phase.

### **VI. Member and Committee Reports/Public Forum**

Members asked that co-chairs shared today's discussion with the Corridor Management Committee to ensure that City Council members, Mayors and the Chamber of Commerce are apprised of all of their concerns.

### **VII. Adjourned**