

SOUTHWEST

Green Line LRT Extension



# Corridor Management Committee

January 4, 2017



# Today's Topics

- Chair's Update
- Project Readiness Update
- Construction Outreach and Communications Overview
- 2017 Meeting Schedule



# Chair's Update

# Contractor Open House



# Project Readiness Update

# 2016 Major Project Milestones Achieved

- July: FTA issued Final EIS Record of Decision
- Aug: Met Council
  - Secured full local funding commitment of \$928.8 million
  - Determined Final EIS adequate
  - Applied for Entry into Engineering
- Sept: SPO began a major hiring initiative to fill 71 positions in preparation for construction
- Oct: Met Council approved LRV contract award
- Dec: FTA approved Entry into Engineering and Met Council issued Limited Notice to Proceed for LRV contract

# Major Project Milestones

Element	Timeframe
Complete Civil Construction Package	January 2017
Complete Systems Construction Package	March 2017
Complete OMF Construction Package	May 2017
Anticipated Start of Civil Construction	Q3 2017
Anticipated Start of Systems Construction	Q3 2017
Anticipated Start of OMF Construction	Q3 2017
Full Funding Grant Agreement	Mid 2017
Heavy Construction	2017-2020
Revenue Service	2021

# Great Minds DBE & Workforce Construction Workshop



# Great Minds Workshop: Jan 10

- Discuss lessons learned from previous projects
- Brainstorm new ways to attract/retain Women and Minority Owned small businesses
- Develop innovative ways to achieving a diverse workforce
- Develop cooperative action plans
- Recruit volunteers for DBE/AA Joint Committee



# Joint DBE/Workforce Oversight Committee

- Membership to be identified from Great Minds participants
- Monthly contractor reporting on achievement



# Construction Outreach and Communications Overview

# Construction Outreach/Communication Plan

- Includes lessons learned/feedback from Blue and Green Lines
- Incorporates best practices from national, large-scale public works projects
- Developed in conjunction with SWLRT advisory committees
- Ensures clear, consistent project information throughout construction
- Describes methods/techniques to inform the public
- Includes metrics/evaluation

# Construction Outreach/Communications

- Best practices:
  - Outreach coordinators
  - Construction information workgroups
  - 24-hour construction hotline
  - Property/business owners meetings
  - Public open houses/meetings
  - Construction tours
  - Neighborhood updates
  - Social media/website/media
  - Weekly construction updates
  - Signage



# New Tools

- Construction cameras
- Construction tours
- Social media
- Mobile-friendly web tool



# Construction Communications

- Signage
  - Project sponsorship boards
  - Detours
  - Variable message signs



# Construction Communications

- Website
  - General construction information
  - Web-tool: updated Fridays with the upcoming week's construction activities
- Information “pushed” using other formats
  - Twitter
  - GovDelivery weekly emails
  - Text alerts



# Construction Web Tool Overview

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### Construction

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## CONSTRUCTION



Heavy construction on the proposed METRO Green Line Extension (Southwest LRT) Project is anticipated to begin in 2017. Utility relocation and preparation work would occur in some areas before the start of heavy construction.

### Construction Activity Updates

Construction of the METRO Green Line Extension (Southwest LRT) will begin in 2017. Pre-construction prep work and utility relocation will occur in some areas before the start of heavy construction. The Metropolitan Council will provide information on construction activities on this website, through the project newsletter, and by email – subscribe to our email list to receive updates. For information about construction impacts, [contact the Community Outreach Coordinator for your area.](#)

### Construction Management Staffing

The Metropolitan Council will hire 60 construction management professionals to supervise construction of the METRO Green Line Extension. Available positions will include engineers, construction managers, contract administrators, inspectors, and other professional staff. [Learn more about construction management staffing opportunities.](#)

# Construction Web Tool Overview

- Identifies location and impacts of construction activities
- Classifies into 3 types of alerts
  - Green square = Construction activity in the area, no impact to travel or access
  - Yellow triangle = Partial closure
  - Red dot = Full closure

# Full Website



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## SWLRT CONSTRUCTION ALERTS

### Metro Green Line Extension - Eden Prairie to Downtown Minneapolis

SWLRT desktop Layout

#### EDEN PRAIRIE

### SouthWest Station

**Activity Only** 11/21/2016 - 1/2/2017

Construction at SouthWest Station

Bus access maintained. Follow signs to bus station area

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### SouthWest Station west driveway from Technology Drive

**Full Closure** 11/21/2016 - 1/2/2017

Construction at SouthWest Station

Driveway closed; follow detour to east driveway

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### Prairie Center Drive south of Technology Drive

**Partial Closure** 11/21/2016 - 3/21/2017

Construction on Prairie Center Drive south of Technology Drive watch for lane closures; access maintained

Southbound right lane closed

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### Prairie Center Drive north of Singletree Drive

**Partial Closure** 11/21/2016 - 3/21/2017

Construction on Prairie Center Drive south of Technology Drive watch for lane closures; access maintained

Center lane closures

# Full Website Map

Legend

☰ LRT Construction Activity

Find address, intersection or lar

**LRT Construction Activity**

Intersection Notes

- Full Closure
- ▲ Partial Closure
- Activity in the area - no impact to travel

Construction Activity Area

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Bikeways

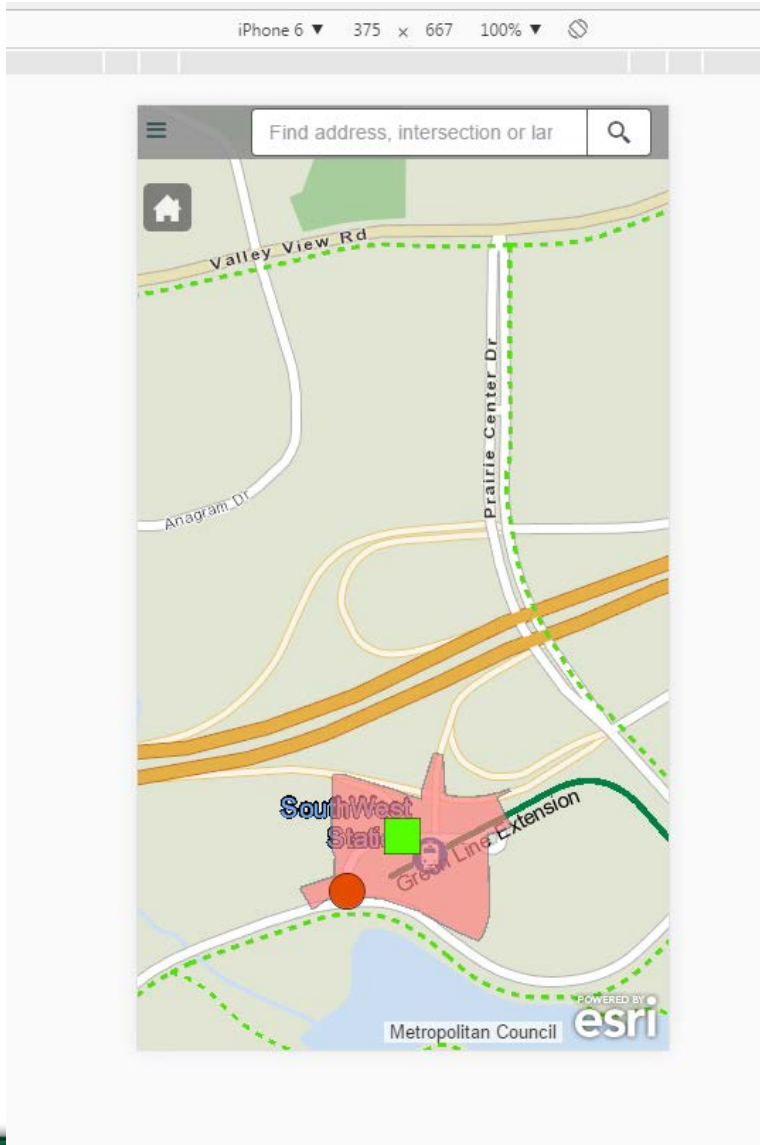
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**About**

Web App Description. Needs work.

The map displays the Green Line LRT Extension route in orange. Key features include: a red square construction area on Technology Dr; a red circle (Full Closure) at the intersection of Technology Dr and Prairie Center Dr; a yellow triangle (Partial Closure) on Prairie Center Dr; a green square (Activity in the area) on a road to the east; and a red shaded area along the route to the east. A search bar is located in the top right, and map navigation controls are on the left. The map is titled 'LRT Construction Activity' and includes an 'About' section with the text 'Web App Description. Needs work.' The Esri logo and 'Metropolitan Council' are visible in the bottom right corner of the map area.

# Mobile Friendly Web Tool



### SWLRT CONSTRUCTION ALERTS

Metro Green Line Extension - Eden Prairie to Downtown Minneapolis

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**Hwy 62 east of Shady Oak Road**  
**Activity Only** 11/22/2016 - 11/20/2018  
 LRT tunnel under Hwy 62 construction; traffic on Hwy 62 maintained.  
 Watch for slow shifts. Access maintained.

**Yellow Circle Drive**  
**Full Closure** 11/28/2016 - 1/16/2017  
 LRT tunnel under Yellow Circle Drive  
 Yellow Circle Drive closed; follow posted detour.

**Opus Station**  
**Activity Only** 11/28/2016 - 7/24/2017  
 Opus Station Area construction; access maintained.  
 LRT station construction.

**Felt Road and Smetana Road Intersection**  
**Full Closure** 11/28/2016 - 2/27/2017  
 LRT track and Felt Road bridge construction; follow posted detour route.  
 Felt Road Closed at Smetana Road; follow posted detour route.

**Opus Hill between Bren Road West and Smetana Road**  
**Activity Only** 11/28/2016 - 2/20/2017  
 LRT track construction; trail access maintained.  
 Trail access maintained.

**K-Tel Drive/5th Street west of 16th Avenue**  
**Full Closure** 11/28/2016 - 1/16/2017  
 LRT track construction at K-Tel Drive/5th Street.  
 K-Tel Drive/5th Street closed; westbound K-Tel Drive detour northbound Shady Oak Road to eastbound Excelsior Boulevard to southbound 11th Avenue to 5th Street; westbound 5th Street detour northbound 11th Avenue to westbound Excelsior Boulevard to southbound Shady Oak Road to eastbound K-Tel Drive.

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SEARCH

# Next Steps

Q1  
2017

- Present construction outreach/communications plan to advisory committees and city councils
- Test tool with focus group, modify per feedback
- Launch construction outreach campaign
- Initiate sign up campaign #1

Q2  
2017

- Host community construction open houses
- Web-tools goes “live” 2 weeks prior to utility construction start

Q3  
2017

- Initiate sign up campaign #2

# 2017 CMC Meeting Schedule

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- First Wednesday of month 10:00 - 11:30 AM
- Tentative dates reserved at St. Louis Park City Hall
  - March 1
  - April 5
  - May 3
  - June 7
  - July 5
  - August 2
  - September 6
  - October 4
  - November 1
  - December 6



# More Information

- Online:  
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