



Jan. 7, 2014 Minneapolis Town Hall Meeting Table Discussion Questions

Freight Rail

1. When it comes to freight rail, what are you most concerned about? Why?
2. The Met Council has identified proposed metrics based on community feedback (see Proposed Metrics handout) that will be measured or quantified in the report. Which are you most concerned about? Are there others that you would like to see in the report?
3. We've heard concerns about freight rail and safety. It is proposed that the reports identify metrics such as proximity to homes and schools as well as at grade crossings. Are there any other safety metrics you think should be included?
4. What else do you want decision makers to know that should inform the freight rail study?

Water Resources

1. When it comes to our water resources, what issues are you most concerned about? Why?
2. The Met Council has identified proposed metrics based on community feedback (see Proposed Metrics handout) that will be measured or quantified in the report. Which are you most concerned about? Are there others that you would like to see in the report?
3. What else do you want decision makers to know that should inform the water quality study?

Vegetation, Greenscape, Trails

1. When it comes to vegetation, greenscaping and trails, what issues are you most concerned about? Why?
2. We've heard community concerns about preserving the character of the corridor. What does "corridor character preservation" mean to you?
3. We've heard concerns about the aesthetics of crashwalls and fencing. Can you tell us more about those concerns? Do you have other concerns?
4. For either the relocation or shallow tunnels alternatives, a landscaping plan will be developed. What do you think should be included in the landscaping plan? **OR** What should the role of stakeholders be in addressing landscaping and greenscaping?
5. What else do you want decision makers to know about your thoughts on this topic?

Light Rail Transit – Ridership and Route

1. When it comes to light rail ridership, what are you most concerned about? Why?
2. When it comes to the selected route, what are you most concerned about? Why?
3. We've heard that there are concerns that SWLRT doesn't benefit or serve Minneapolis residents or businesses. Can you tell us more about those concerns? What are the benefits that counter-balance these concerns?
4. The next ridership projection will be developed later this year after the project scope is established; what would be an effective way to communicate new ridership projections?
5. What else do you want decision makers to know topics?

Light Rail Transit– Tunnels

1. When it comes to light rail tunnels, what are you most concerned about? Why?
2. We've heard that there are concern about impact on water resources with the shallow tunnel option. Do you have the same concern about a deep tunnel? What aspect of water resources are you most concerned about?
3. We have also heard concerns relating to the tunnels about preserving the character of the corridor. What does "corridor character preservation" mean or look like to you?
4. What else do you want decision makers to know about light rail in a tunnel?

Other

1. When it comes to the Southwest LRT project, what are you most concerned about? Why?
2. What do you want decision makers to know about your concerns regarding Southwest LRT?