

# **Meeting Evaluation Summary**

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# Brooklyn Park Community Meeting – March 5, 2015

## "What part of the meeting was most valuable to you?" focused on the following themes:

- Small group/roundtable discussion (overwhelming response)
- Information how plan progresses
- To be heard/having a chance to voice concerns
- Meeting neighbors and hearing from others
- Maps and large visual aids
- Add two lane roadways
- Learning more about the status of the project
- Information on 2-lane vs 4-lane
- Provided new information

### "What part of the meeting was least valuable to you?" focused on the following themes:

- Only about the road not LRT
- Some of the visuals hard to understand
- Same topics discussed repeatedly & answers still not given
- Not hearing from others in the room
- Value of our property/not knowing what will happen to property
- Opening presentation (reduce the amount of time used to add more time for open sessions)
- The closing
- Room too small, too noisy, hard to hear
- Small group discussion, "hostile" participants
- Doesn't make any difference what the citizens want, project will move forward regardless

# "What was not covered that you would have like to see addressed at future meetings?" focused on the following themes:

- LRT is a done deal say it & move on
- Stoplights
- More detail on environmental impact and next steps in that process
- Noise/vibration issues
- Impact on housing prices
- Property impact and process for purchase
- 2 lane vs. 4 lane decision list of pros/cons
- Parking
- LRT most important part of the conversation untouched
- Traffic impacts, accessibility, turns
- Safety
- Construction impacts
- Landscape, fencing, lighting details
- Fire station on Brooklyn Boulevard/EMS Services



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### Please rate the following aspects of your meeting experience on the below scale:

- 1 Strongly agree
  - 4 Disagree 5 - Strongly Disagree
- 2 Agree 3 – Neutral

I felt like I could share my thoughts openly and honestly.

- 1 Strongly agree (24)
- 2 Agree (12)
- 3 Neutral (1)
- 4 Disagree(1)
- 5 Strongly Disagree (1)

Yes (3) You resent my opinions (All political) Yes, but doesn't make any difference.

### I felt like decision makers and staff listened to me.

1 – Strongly agree (14) 2 - Agree (16) 3 - Neutral (4)4 - Disagree(2)

5 – Strongly Disagree (0)

No (1) Yes (2) Yes but nothing can be done it was decied 10 yr. ago Decision makers No; Staff Yes

#### The meeting was well-facilitated.

1 – Strongly agree (15) 2 - Agree (14)3 - Neutral(7)4 - Disagree(0)5 – Strongly Disagree (0) Yes (6)

#### **Other Comments:**

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This is a combined project. Why wasn't the table meetings about both road & LRT.

008 Let's move on

012

This was first time I felt like [the facilitator] listened & heard me & cared - w/no political BS.



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### 013 Do this & include LRT! Bike paths also a big plus.

014

Very well organized meeting

018 Thank you!

019

I liked the break-out meetings. Please finish this as soon as possible. I prefer the 4-lane option.

023

Need to talk about the value of LRT.

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Room wasn't big enough. General questions from the audience on presentation.

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Thank you! Would have liked something similar when deciding BRT vs LRT.

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The "train" has already left the station. Were only talking about minor window dressing issues. The overall project is a go no matter what.

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Need bigger space for new meeting next.