



Brooklyn Park Community Meeting – March 19, 2015

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Do the proposed crossings meet your needs? Why or why not?

004

Light at Maplebrook Pkwy onto W. Broadway, also light onto 85th Ave. So you can go north or south on W. Broadway. Again concerned about privacy for homes along west Broadway with no berm or trees between their decks/homes & the public & cars along the road & biking paths. NEED to have privacy on the DECKS.

005

Keep traffic lights to a minimal.

006

Yes

007

No sure. Not much has been addressed for station N of 610 (Oak Grove Pkwy).

009

Lived at Maplebrook 13 yrs – I walk all over the neighborhoods in area – never see people biking – would rather save homes – no bike paths please.

010

Like the full signal light at north entrance to Maplebrook Estates.

011

No – All crossings need to be able to go and turn both ways along W. Broadway.

013

No. I only need a sidewalk on one side with a 10 foot trail on the other side.

014

Keep or improve all existing trails & add new crosswalks/trails where needed.

017

I oppose the LRT. I oppose the Met Council.

018

Want none of this!



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021

Yes

022

Humble idea and the community does not support this idea. People w/money that don't care about the impact on homes and families want this!

023

I like the idea of a sidewalk so people can walk to the bus! The light rail can go away. Why would you want to build something that no one use? If we make money by LRT, show me!

What environmental elements are most important to you? Why?

001

Noise, bright lights, vibrations, increased traffic.

002

Noise. Buy enough property so the residents do not have to live with [illegible] vibration and noise.

004

Run off from the roads onto property, salt, how will that affect lawns.

005

Be environmental conscience – keep land acquisition to a minimal, we won't get it back. Any wetland movement needs to be in wetland/animal friendly area. Not the run off ditch for roadkill.

007

We recently built a home (Oxboro Creek subdivision 5th addition) north of 610 which backs up to Rush Creek regional trail. We enjoy the peace and quiet of the biking and walking trail – a little bit of wilderness in the city. Many people make use of these trails. Our concern is noise from the bells of the light rail near the Oak Grove intersection. We are hoping the noise does not carry to the bike trail, walking trail, and our property. Listening to bells every 10 minutes 21 hours a day would not be pleasant. There is also a lot of wildlife living in this area and I wonder how this will impact them.

008

I live along the proposed route. I concerned about the tracks not being cleaned of shopping bags, litter, papers, etc. Keep it looking clean. Its in a residential neighborhood, please.

009

Maplebrook – older homes – noise – vibrations. We already have a lot of flooding issues.

010

Save more land = size down more. 0 boulevards, 0 trails – 1 trail only on East side of West Broadway.

011

Noise, trees destroyed, vibration, crime. Note BP businesses are skilled labor – and want cars - this is not inner city.



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013

Traffic congestion – ease of crossing W. Broadway on foot.

014

Ensure noise stays at a minimum. Support 4 lanes to reduce congestion, noise & pollution.

016

8 ft trails, not 10'.

017

LRT & buses? Bicycles should pay a fee.

018

Want none of this!

019

Noise & vibration. How close it is to houses.

020

Noise, traffic, damage to property.

021

A healthy looking neighborhood.

023

My family! The City and Met Council seem to care about bird, water over the people. Why not build it out on Hwy 81.

Why do you want decision-makers to know about property impacts?

001

*Loss of value/re-sale. *Excess homes in the market for sale in B.P. because of this.

004

Noise with having the hub station on 85th due to housing and trains running every 10 min – How much impact on car travel on W Broadway & 85th when cross arms come down – what is the wait and description to automobile traffic. Access to W Broadway from Maplebrook Estates. Maplebrook Estates – huge impact, noise & congestion – how will it affect property values & also safety of homeowners with all the people getting off & on the train. Safe neighborhood to traffic & access to homes.

007

If the noise from the bells carries to our property, it will have a negative impact on our property value.

009

Values?? Noise – vibrations



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010

No 10' trails on both sides. Only need (1) 8' trail on east side of West Broadway (side where college, library & Target are on).

011

Rather have my townhome taken then live by LRT. No LRT on W Broadway residential street. Note: This is not a business area like University LRT. LRT should not go past residential homes – move LRT away from homes.

013

Please keep negative Impacts to a minimum for property owners.

016

Property close should be bought out.

018

West Broadway is good right now. Road repair only. "Take it off West Broadway"

019

I know I don't want to live that close to roadway and I don't think I should be ask to. My yard would be only 20 ft & with my deck of 10 ft I think that is too close.

020

I feel that the proposed road, rail, and path are much too close to my home. It would impact my enjoyment as use of my property. The damage of construction would not only affect value but become a safety issue. I would have no privacy.

022

We live on the Candlewood/West Broadway corner. This LRT would go right through my 4 children's (3, 5, 6 & 7) backyard. It would take away many homes in a nice neighborhood. It's not safe to put a huge LRT right through a quiet neighborhood period. The construction alone is a safety issue and loud. West Broadway is not University like in St. Paul it's a neighborhood.

023

How does this impact my value of life? It will change my family life in a bad way. We do not want a LRT to drive by our house, blocking our view and endanger our kids. Have you heard all the robbing, accident on LRT on TV? We will leave Brooklyn Park if this goes thru.

What safety and security factors are most important to you?

005

Who are the intended users? This will change your security measures.

007

Safety at intersections, particularly at the 610/Broadway intersection, which we use daily.

009

Crime & Safety at Maplebrook – I already don't feel that safe in BP.



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011

Ambulance, fire and police need to cross media everywhere for safety.

013

Who will be using the light rail.

014

Clean, secure stations with periodic police presence.

019

No privacy

020

Too easy for people to come into and touch my property.

023

LRT are not as smart as buses! It has no driver and can't stop as fast! It will bring people with no business to our area.

What do you see as potential community benefits and/or concerns about light rail transit?

001

None (community) and noise @ the stations (LRT).

003

If there is not 100% fare participation, some are cheating, not following the rules. If they do that, they're likely to do so elsewhere & crime will increase even more than it already is in Brooklyn Park.

005

Light rail is intended for commuters – this is not a LRT for that.

007

Concerns about safety on the light rail.

010

Safety concerns

011

No benefits – We don't want it

013

I do not see any benefits.

018

Fire Met Council!!!



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019

They would benefit greatly from the light rail

022

Cut the LRT through business area's not through homes. Please tell my 4 small children why you are taking away their big yard and putting a loud train outside their bedroom window.

023

In NY, LA, maybe. I don't see and benefit but fatten the Met Council. Stop trying to urbanize people. Just leave us alone.

What do you think about the 2-lane option? Why:

001

If it takes less property – 2 lanes.

005

Keep at a 2-lane, eliminate ½ the stoplights. Keep the traffic flowing.

007

4 lane seems better.

009

Better option – less property acquisitions

010

Like this

011

No LRT

012

Either one – it will impact me greatly with either one. I live at 7508 Maplebrook Pkwy. (Take my house).

013

I am for the 2-lane option because it could lessen impacts for property owners.

016

BAD

019

To

021

I think it will be too congested.



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022

West Broadway is a horrible option for a LRT. The Candlewood Dr. neighborhood is not uptown or University it's for families.

023

No!

What do you think about the 4-lane option? Why:

002

Plan for the future not revise to later.

003

Moves traffic better & 40-50 mph speed limit.

007

The 4 lane option seems best to reduce congestion.

009

NO

010

0

011

No LRT but 4-lane for car okay.

012

Either one – it will impact me greatly with either one. I live at 7508 Maplebrook Pkwy. (Take my house).

013

I do NOT care for this option.

014

4 lane seems to make most sense to alleviate congestion.

016

Most road is 4 lane, 2 ea/way. Now why would you go less.

019

Four lane are great for the traffic

021

I like it better than the 2 lane.

023

Open up the street to 4 lane for driving and no LRT.



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What questions do you still have about the road or LRT?

001

LRT should NOT be on West Broadway.

003

Why can't ridership fees be 100%? The project is called Bottineau Project. Why doesn't it stay on Bottineau Blvd/81? This is NOT a good route. We were NOT given a choice on this. Why not? Current speeds on W. Brdwy are 40-50 mph. I understand they're be reduced. This sill create more congestion, as will no right turn lane (4 lane).

005

This should be a trolley line to fill a community needs.

007

Very little has been said or shown about the station north of 610 at Oak Grove parkway, and also the maintenance facility which is supposed to be built north of Oak Grove. What is the location of this facility and how much noise will this generate. Where will the Park and Ride be located for the Oak Grove Station?

009

Not against light rail – just don't understand why it has to go through such a residential area – you are affecting so many families – would you like to be one of us??

011

Why did they decide all of a sudden not to take townhomes? We do not want to live near LRT 2nd on same road.

014

More info on station north of 610 – Impacts of noise, traffic, etc.

015

I am for the road improvement, but not the LRT. The busy streets & noise from blowing their whistles, the fire trucks & police whistles. Our quiet neighborhoods will be gone, plus no sleep for some of us. Put the LRT down N 81 – so it can go to Roger & further to relieve some of the traffic coming on 94.

019

Why are we being ask to live so close to the LRT

020

Do authorities care about quality of life and property

021

I'm concerned about the trains running until 1:00 AM and dropping people off where there is no parking.

022

Why would you not take the road over by Target and cut it down through Walmart/Fleetfarm. By the business it's all woods back there and then cut back over by the college.

023

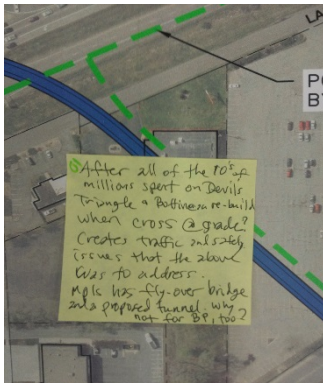
How about a vote? Let open for a vote for the people.



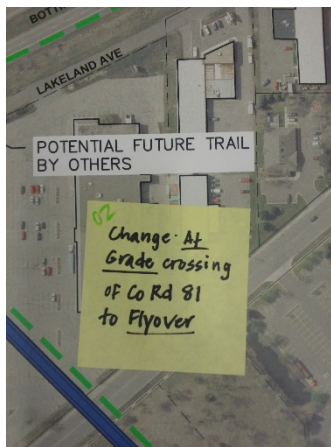
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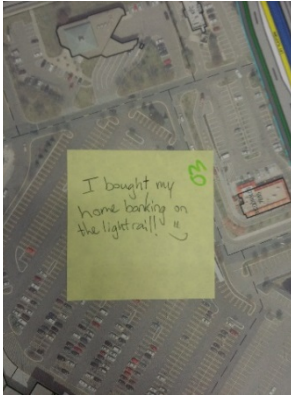
1. After all of the 10's of millions spent on Devils Triangle a Bottineau re-build when cross @ grade? Creates traffic and safety issues that the above was to address. Mpls has fly-over bridge and a proposed tunnel. Why not for BP, too?



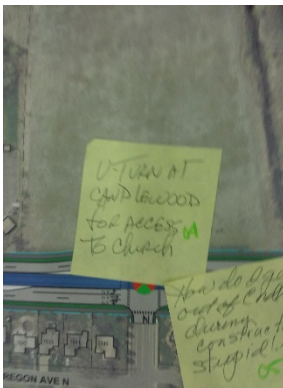
2. Change At Grade crossing to Co Rd 81 to Flyover



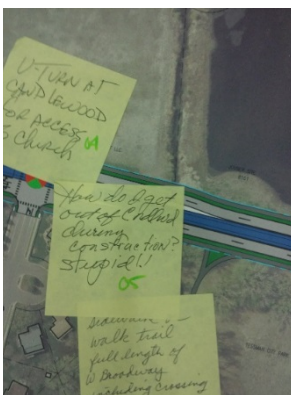
3. I bought my home banking on the light rail! 😊



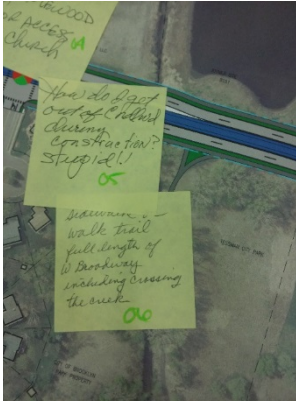
4. U-Turn at Candlewood for access to church



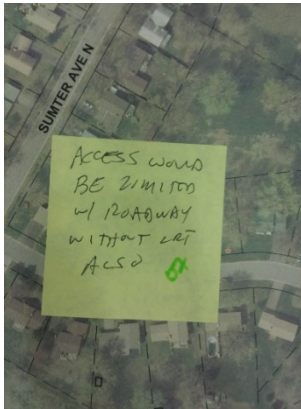
5. How do I get out of Cndlwd during construction? Stupid!!



6. Sidewalk walk trail full length of W Broadway including crossing to creek



7. Access would be limited with roadway without LRT ACSO



8. Move Road

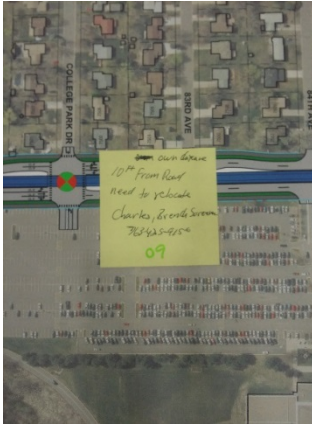




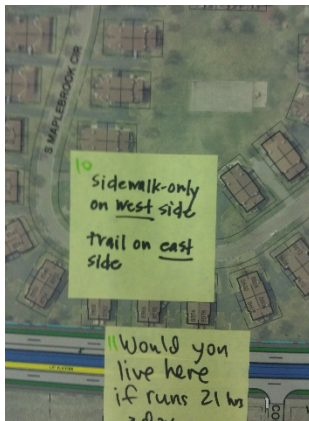
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9. Own daycare 10FT From Road need to relocate



10. Sidewalk-only on west side. Trail on east side.

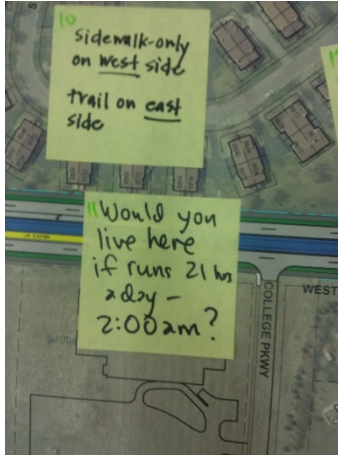




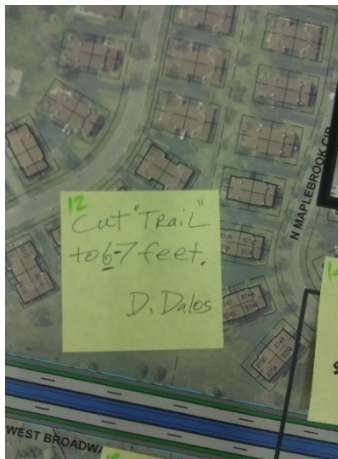
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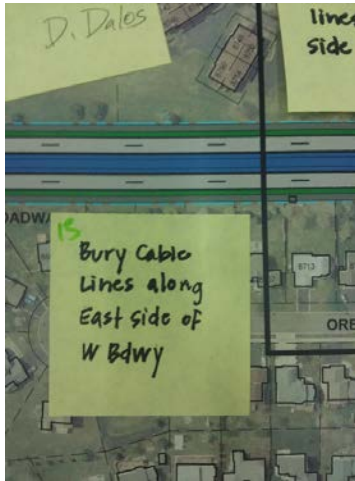
11. Would you live here if runs 21 hrs a day – 2:00am?



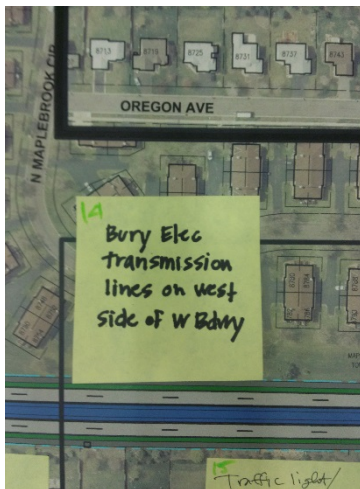
12. Cut "Trail" to 6-7 feet.



13. ? Bury cable lines along East side of W Bdwy



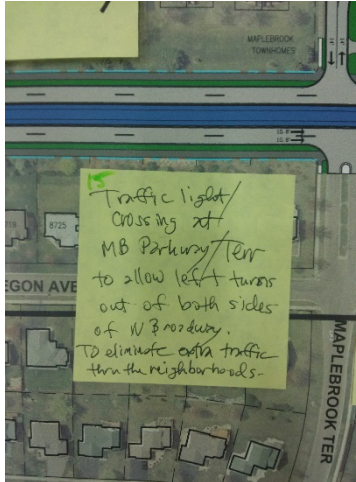
14. Bury Elec transmission lines on west side of W Bdwy



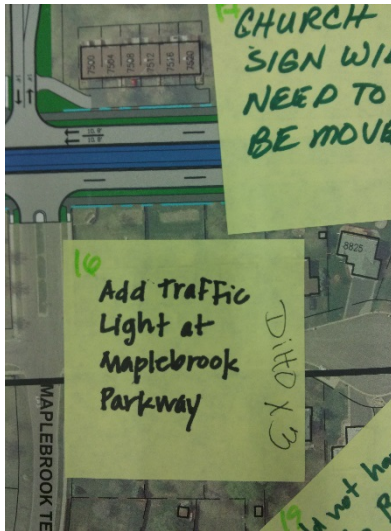
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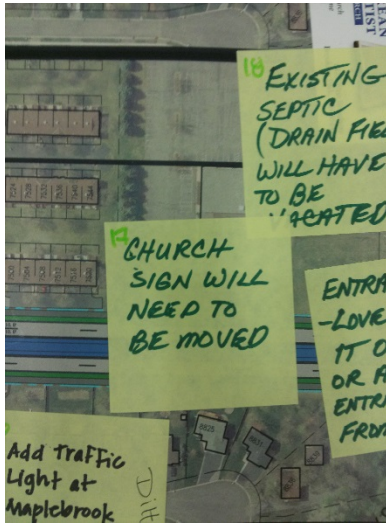
15. Traffic light crossing at MB Parkway/Terr to allow left turns out of both sides of W Broadway. To eliminate extra traffic thru the neighborhoods.



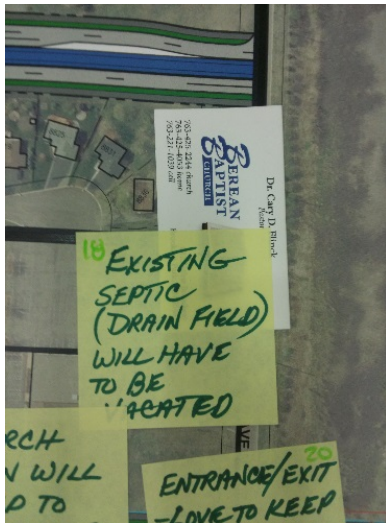
16. Add traffic light at Maplebrook Parkway. Ditto X 3



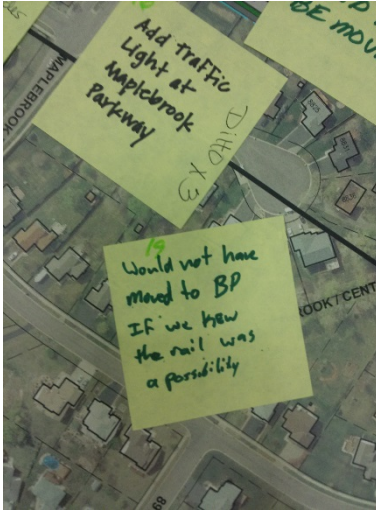
17. Church sign will need to be moved



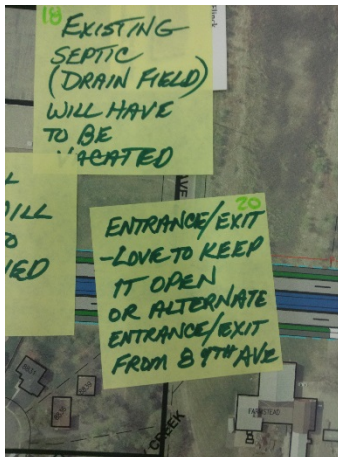
18. Existing septic (drain field) will have to be vacated



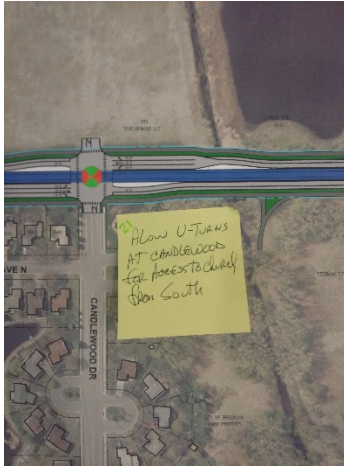
19. Would not have moved to BP if we knew the rail was a possibility



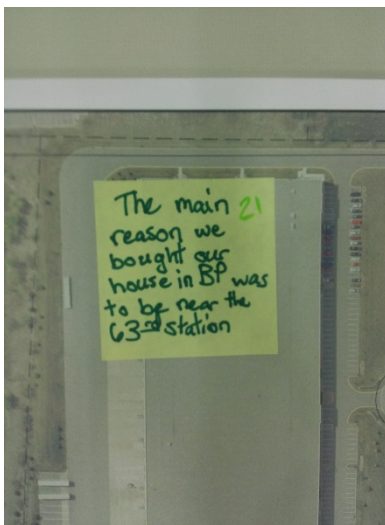
20. Entrance/Exit –love to keep it open or alternate entrance/exit from 8th Ave



21. (Comment A) Allow U-Turns at Candlewood for Access to church from South



21. (Comment B) The main reason we bought our house in BP was to be near the 63rd station

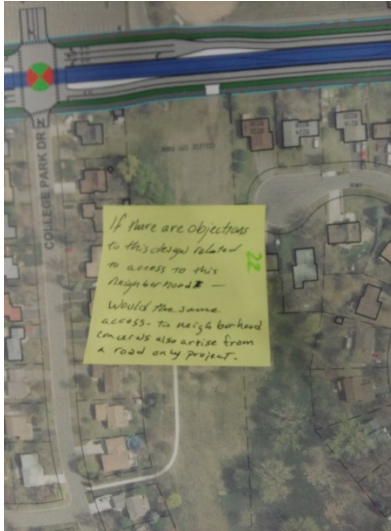




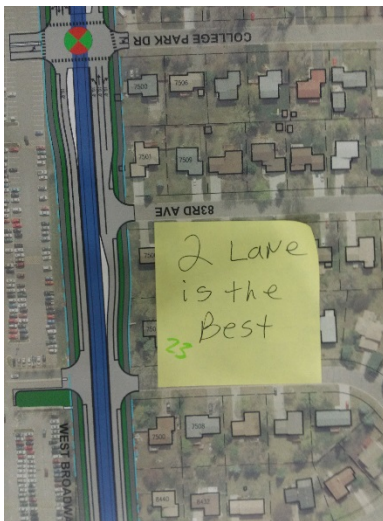
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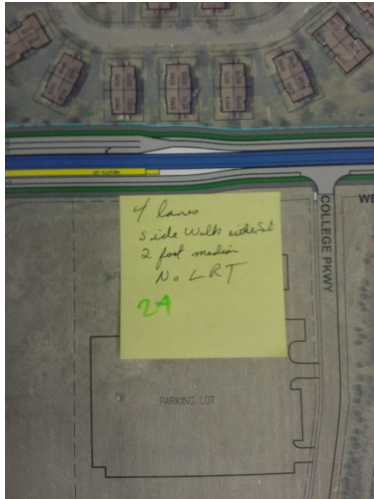
22. If there are objectives to this design related to access to this neighborhood—would the same access- to neighborhood concerns also arise from a road only project.



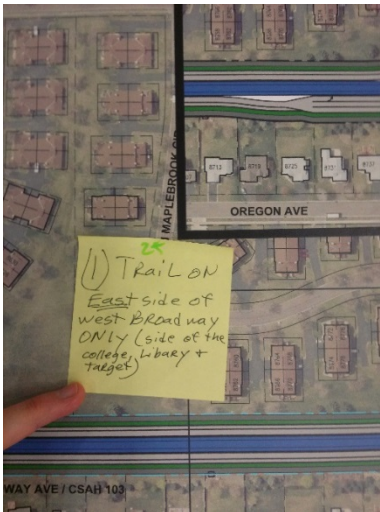
23. 2 Lane is the Best



24. 4 lanes side walk with sub 2 foot median No LRT



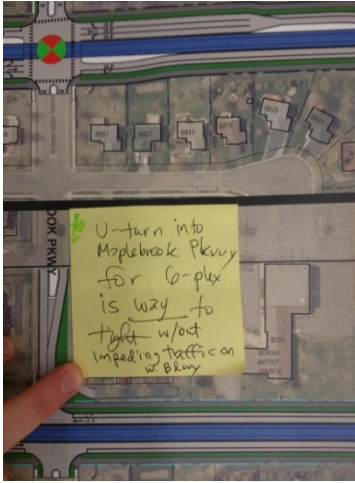
25. (1) Trail on East side of west Broadway Only (side of the college, library & Target)



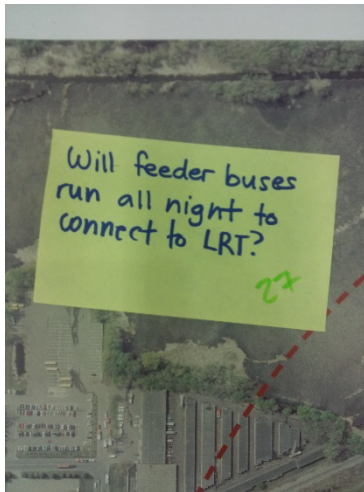
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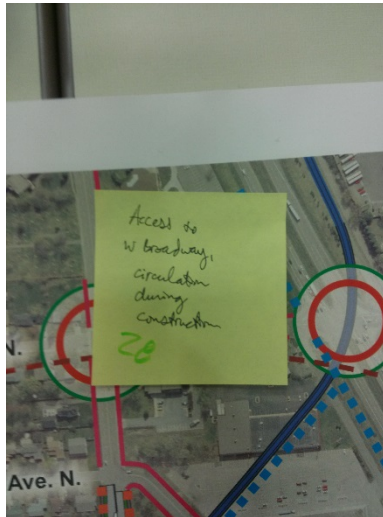
26. U-turn into Maplebrook Pkwy for 6-plex is way to tight w/out impeding traffic on W. Bdwy



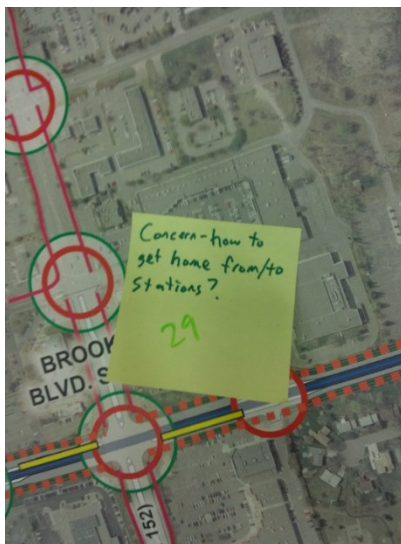
27. Will feeder buses run all night to connect to LRT?



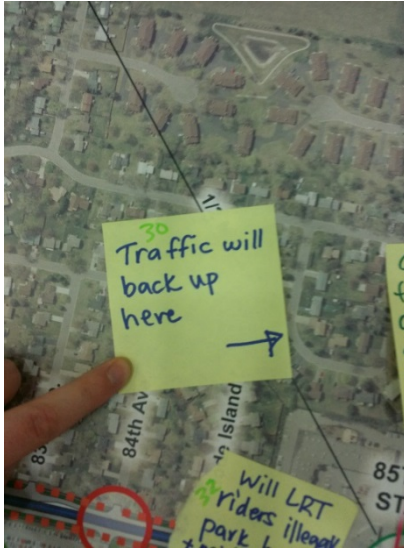
28. Access to W Broadway, circulation during construction



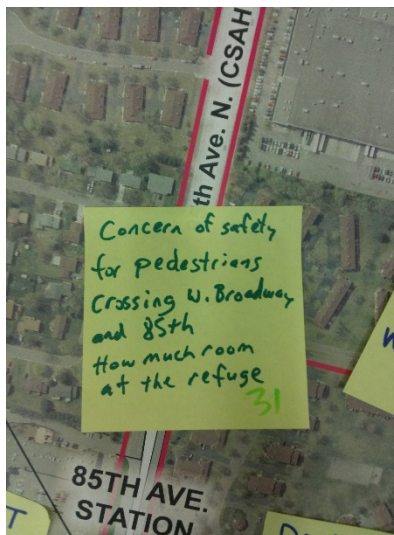
29. Concern-how to get home from/to stations?



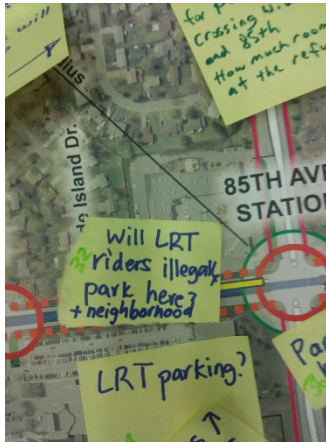
30. Traffic will back up here



31. Concern of safety for pedestrians crossing W. Broadway and 85th. How much room at the refuge

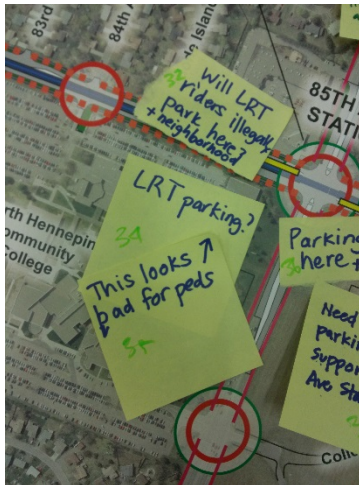


32. Will LRT riders illegally park here & neighborhood?

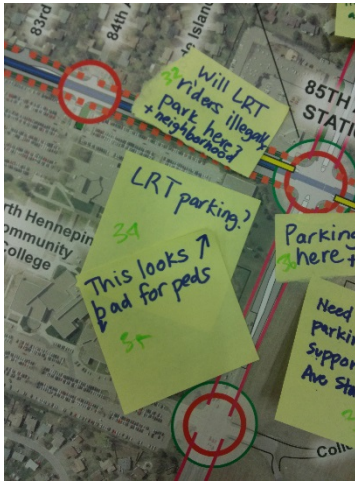


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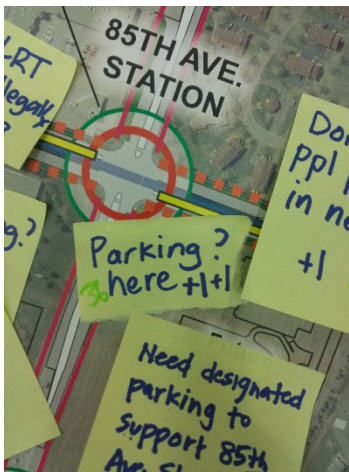
34. LRT parking?



35. This looks bad for peds



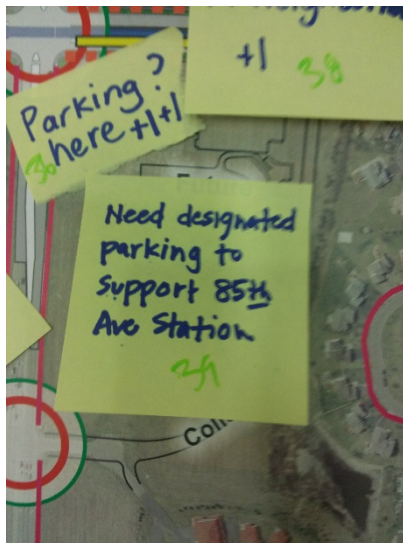
36. Parking here? +/+/



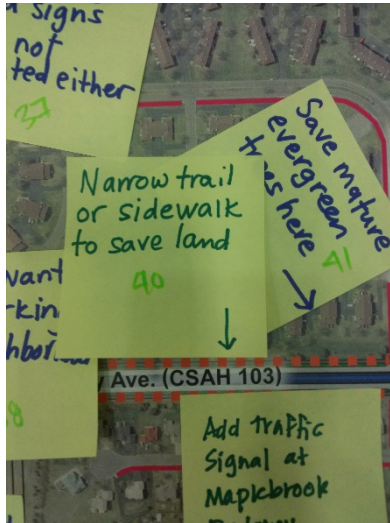
37. Permitting and signs are not wanted either



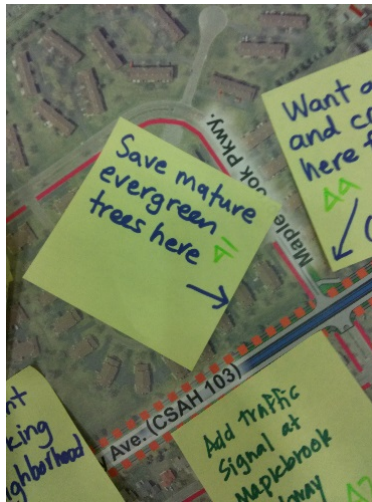
39. Need designated parking to support 85th Ave Station



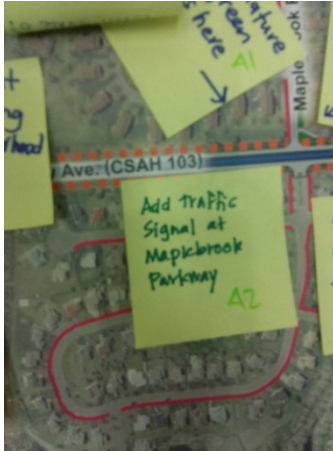
40. Narrow trail or sidewalk to save land



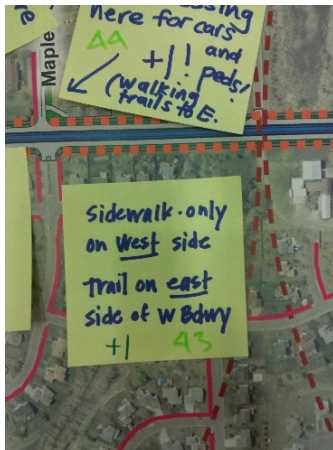
41. Save mature evergreen trees here



42. Add traffic signal at Maplebrook Parkway



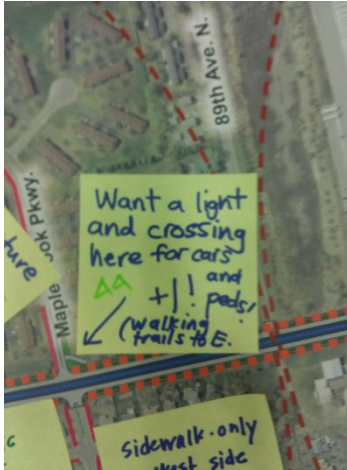
43. Sidewalk only on west side. Trail on east side of w BDWY +1



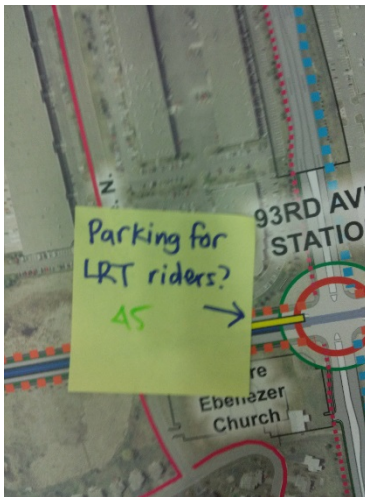
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44. Want a light and crossing here for cars and peds? +1! (walking trails to E.



45. Parking for LRT riders

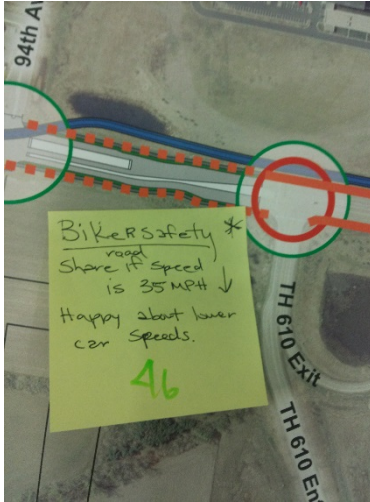




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46. Biker safety * share road if speed is 35 MPH. Happy about lower car speeds.





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What part of the meeting was most valuable to you?

001

Open House: Topics/staff discussion/ask questions

002

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003

Introduction Presentation

Open House: Topics/staff discussion/ask questions

004

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Other: Dissolve the Met Council. No LRT anywhere. Not profitable, always subsidised.



What part of the meeting was least valuable to you?

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Property Acquisition 101

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Property Acquisition 101 (not applicable to me)

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Property Acquisition 101

What was not covered that you would have like to see addressed at future meetings?

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Sound

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Need for LRT on W. Broadway – is there need?

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More info on station and maintenance station N of 610. Map of this area.

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How all of the butt-hurt people should have come to planning meetings years ago to complain about West Broadway.

007

No comment

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Parking for light rail riders



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

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

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

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4, Yes

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4-With the open house stations

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I felt like decision makers and staff listened to me.

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4-At the open house stations



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The meeting was well-facilitated.

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Other Comments

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I would like to have more info about the environmental impact study that was done.

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I prefer 4 lane option