

SOUTHWEST

Green Line LRT Extension



Community Advisory Committee

January 24, 2017



Today's Topics

- Project Readiness Update
- Construction Outreach and Communications Overview
 - Communication Information Workgroups



Hopkins Area Visualization

Project Readiness Update

Contractor Open House



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

Jan 10: Great Minds Workshop



Great Minds Workshop

- 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



Typical LRT Construction Sequencing



Utilities

- Excavation
- Relocation / installation



Site Prep

- Clear buildings
- Establish work zones, detours



Structures, Track, Stations

- Track beds
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- Buildings
- Roadwork
- Trails



Systems

- Overhead catenary
- Safety & security
- Ticket vending



Testing

- Safety
- Communications
- Operator training

Outreach & Communications

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Southwest LRT Construction Phasing

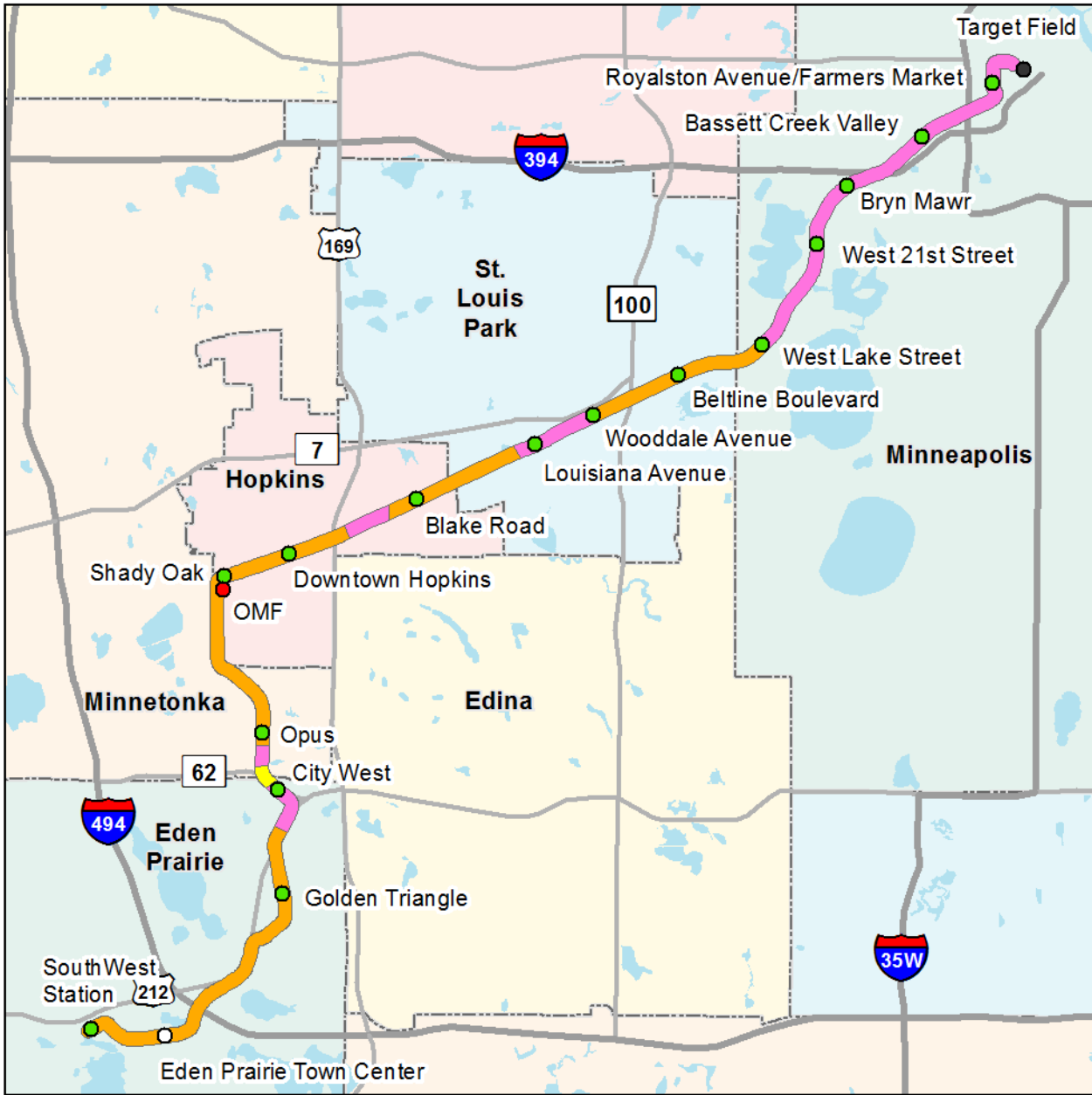
LRT Stations

- New
- Deferred
- Existing

Civil Construction Phasing

- Start: Second half of 2017
Completion: Mid 2019
- Start: Second half of 2017
Completion: Late 2019
- Start: Second half of 2017
Completion: Early / Mid 2020

● Operation and Maintenance Facility (OMF)



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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- Construction Alerts
- Construction Alerts Map

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- Publications & Documents
- Contact Staff
- Council Fact Sheets

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

- [MAP IT](#)
- [MORE INFO](#)

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

- [MAP IT](#)
- [MORE INFO](#)

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

- [MAP IT](#)
- [MORE INFO](#)

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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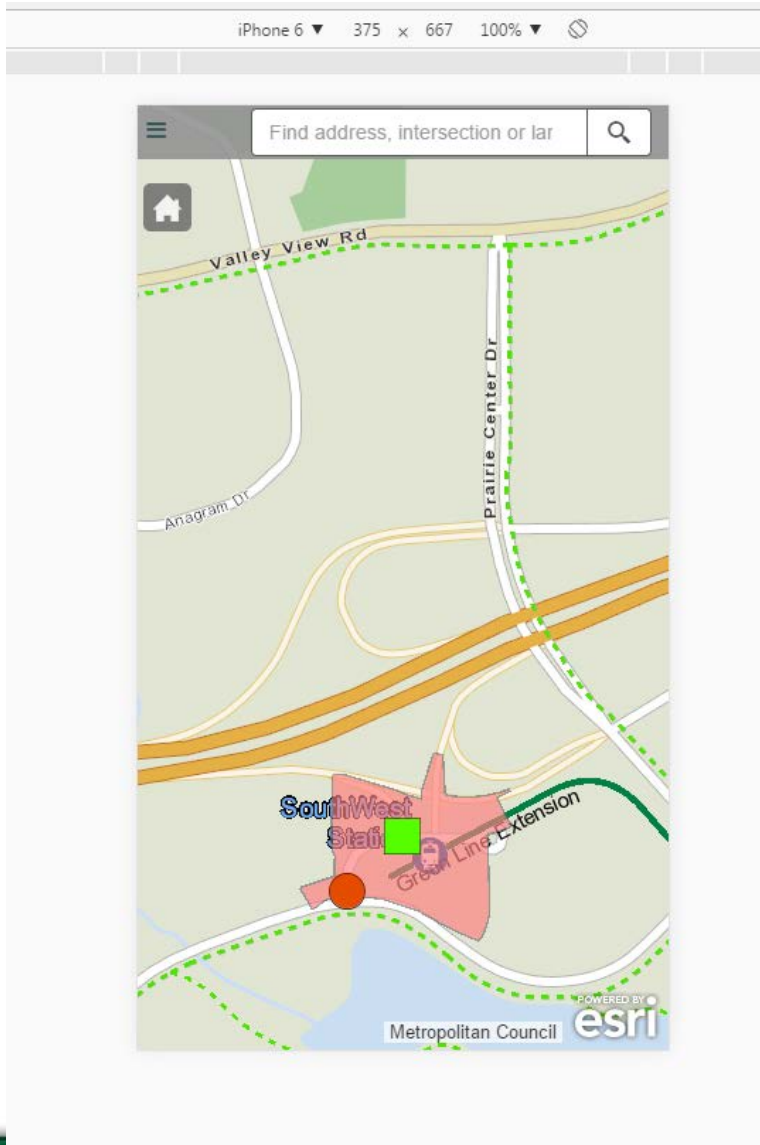
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About

Web App Description. Needs work.

The map displays the Green Line LRT Extension route in orange. Key features include: a red square construction activity area at the intersection of Technology Dr and Prairie Center Dr; a red circle (full closure) at the intersection of Technology Dr and Prairie Center Dr; a yellow triangle (partial closure) at the intersection of Technology Dr and Prairie Center Dr; a red square construction activity area along Technology Dr; a yellow triangle (partial closure) at the intersection of Technology Dr and Prairie Center Dr; a green square (activity in the area) at the intersection of Technology Dr and Prairie Center Dr; a red square construction activity area along Technology Dr; a yellow triangle (partial closure) at the intersection of Technology Dr and Prairie Center Dr; a green square (activity in the area) at the intersection of Technology Dr and Prairie Center Dr. The map also shows various streets such as Valley View Ave, Executive Dr, Anagram Dr, Equitavia Dr, Cochran Ln, Technology Dr, Prairie Center Dr, Plaza Dr, Regional Center Rd, Middle Rd, Commonwealth Dr, Singletree Ln, Anderson Lakes Pkwy, Erwin Ct, and Raymond Ln. A search bar is located at the top right, and a legend is on the left. The map is titled 'LRT Construction Activity' and includes navigation controls like zoom in (+), zoom out (-), and home.

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 - 11/20/2017
 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-Tal Drive/5th Street west of 16th Avenue
Full Closure 11/28/2016 - 1/16/2017
 LRT track construction at K-Tal Drive/5th Street.
 K-Tal Drive/5th Street closed; westbound K-Tal Drive detour northbound Shady Oak Road to eastbound Cyclotron 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 westbound K-Tal 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

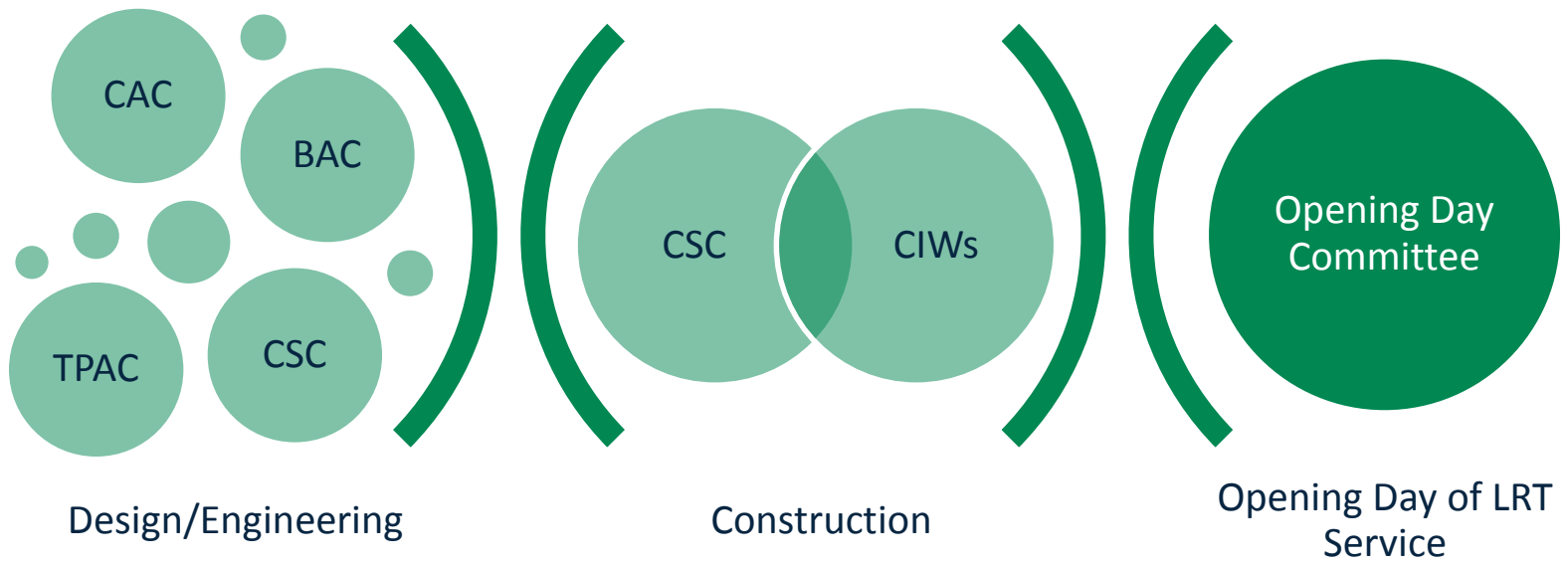
Q2
2017

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

Q3
2017

- Initiate sign up campaign #2

Construction Outreach & Communications



Construction Outreach & Communications

- Communications Steering Committee
 - Membership: city, county, MnDOT, Met Council, watershed/park district staff
 - Role/function: Cross-promote construction information through multi-platforms
 - SPO role/function: Chairs and provides staff support

Construction Outreach & Communications

- Construction Information Workgroups (CIWs)
 - Membership: CAC/BAC members, community/neighborhood groups, city staff
 - Role/function: ensure construction communications is being coordinated/shared in a timely and user-friendly manner; assist SPO in evaluating construction outreach and communication efforts
 - SPO role/function: Convenes and provides staff support

More Information

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