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SWLRT Community Advisory Committee Meeting

March 28, 2013





Today's Topics

- Approve January meeting minutes and February meeting summary
- Station Area Action Plans (TSAAP) Update
- Operations and Maintenance Facility (OMF) – Technical Issue #23 Workshop
- Freight Rail Co-location/Relocation – Technical Issue #21 Workshop
- Member and Committee Reports
- Public Forum

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TSAAP Overview – Station Outreach Activities



Transitional Station Area Action Plans (TSAAP)

- Intended to promote opening day readiness by bridging the gap between current conditions and future needs by addressing:
 - Station platform locations
 - Park and ride sites
 - Future development potential
 - Access and circulation planning
 - Infrastructure planning
 - Creative stormwater management solutions

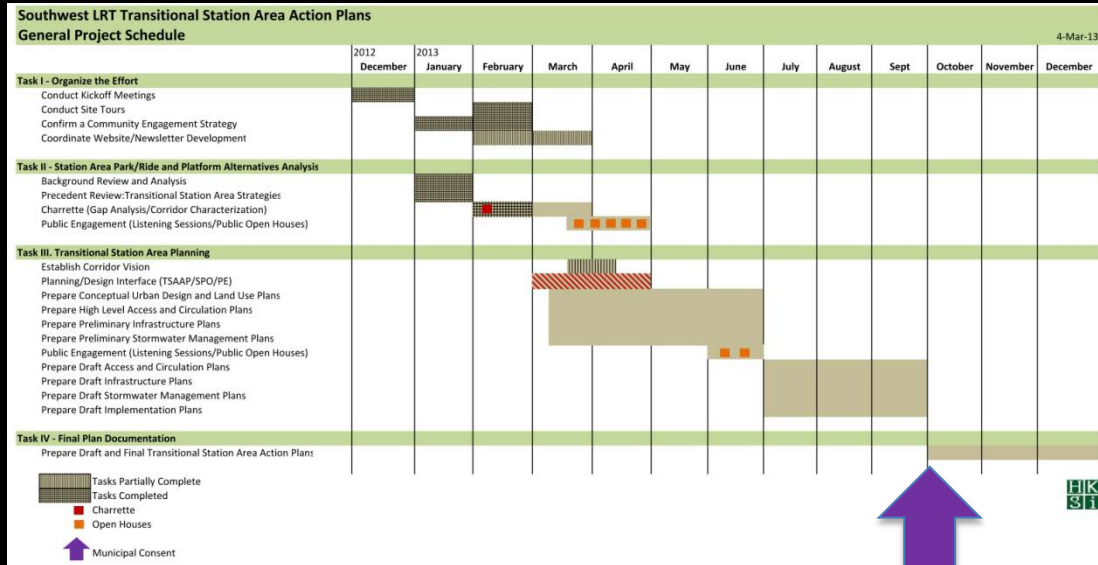


TSAAP and SPO/PE Teams – a Coordinated Effort

- TSAAP and SPO/PE teams have weekly coordination meetings.
- SPO/PE teams attended TSAAP charrettes.
- TSAAP/SPO/PE teams had debrief meeting post-charrette.
- PE Teams each have community liaisons that interact regularly with the TSAAP team and local community staff members.



TSAAP and SPO/PE Teams – a Coordinated Effort





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Initial Station Area Concepts

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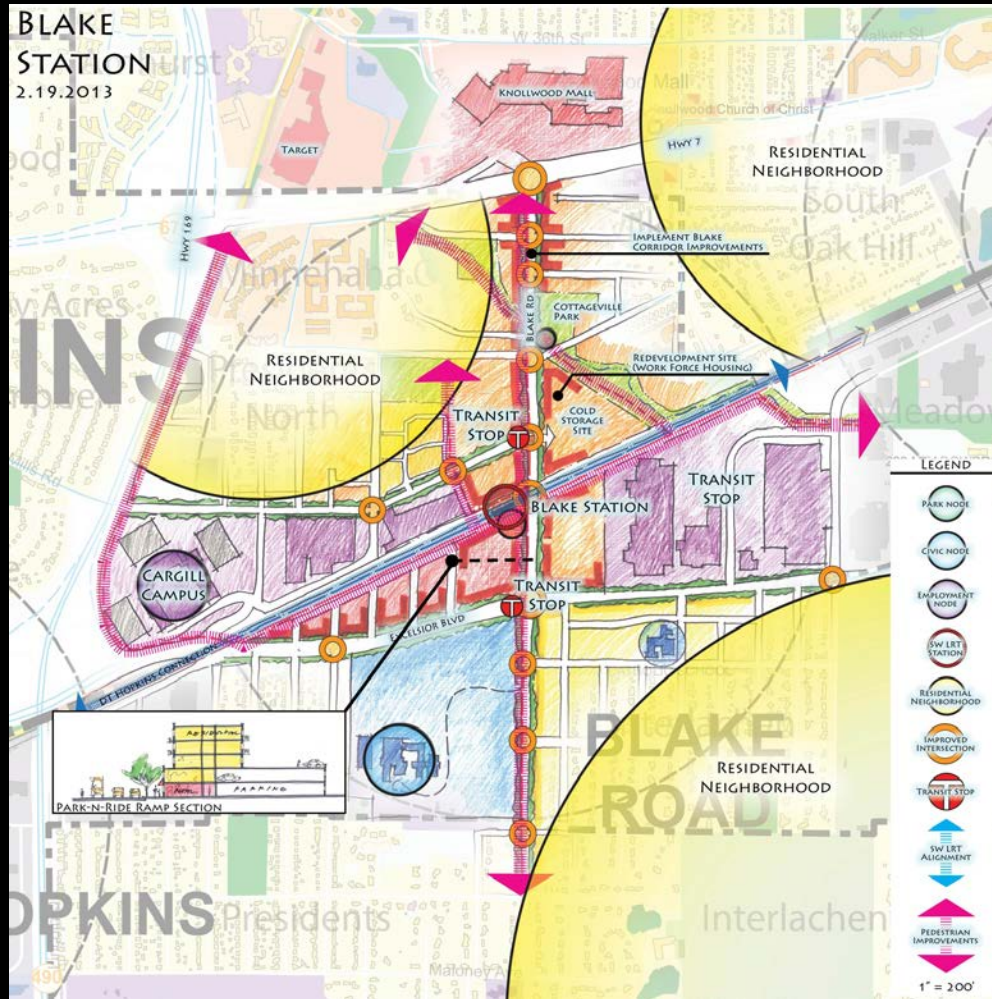
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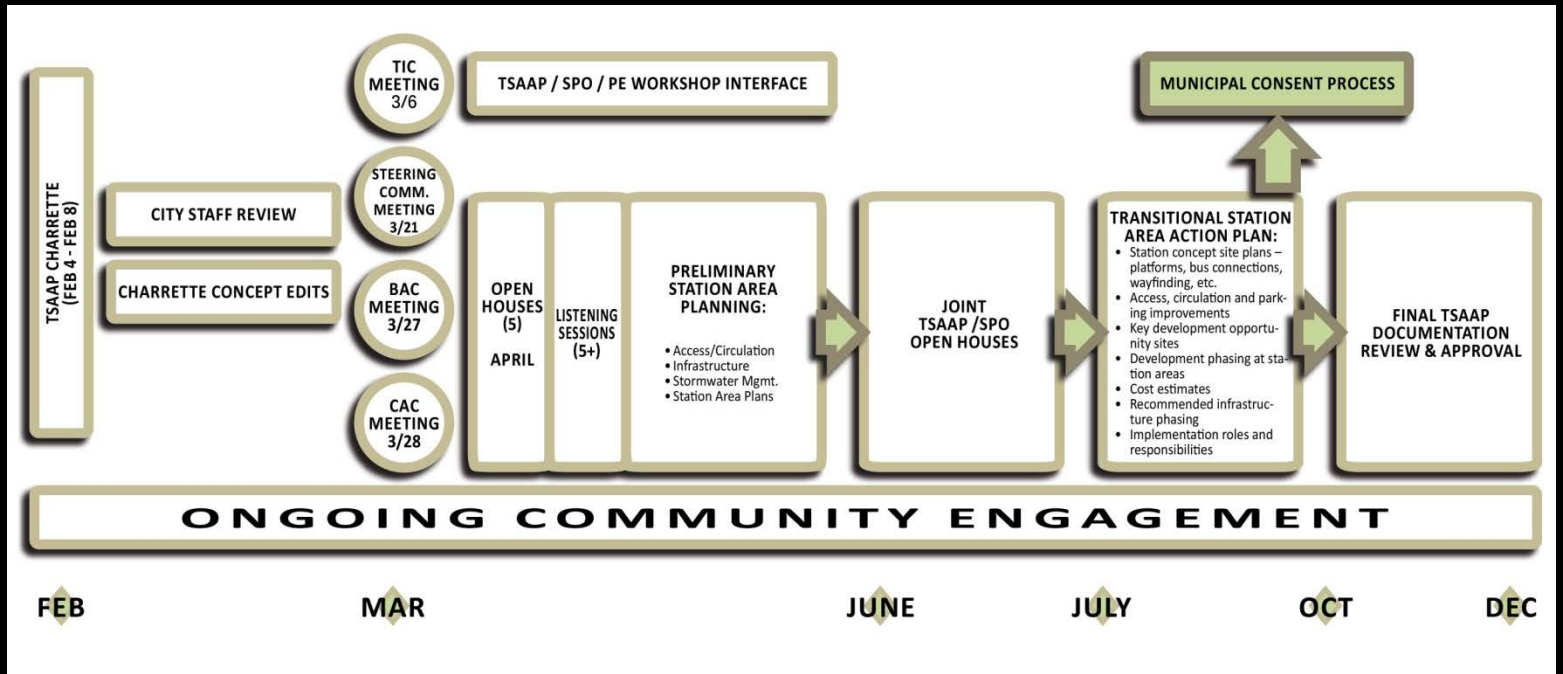


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Blake Station - Hopkins

TSAAP Process





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Public Engagement

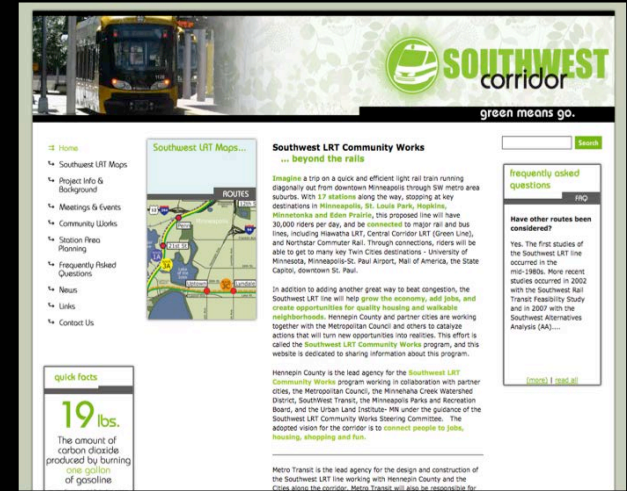


Public engagement activities included as part of the Transitional Station Area Action Plans (TSAAP)

- Charrette results open houses (5 – one in each community)
- Listening sessions (8 total)
- Joint TSAAP/SPO open houses (2 – east and west portions of corridor)
- Meetings with city councils, boards and commissions (10 – two per community)
- CAC meetings
- BAC meetings
- Steering Committee meetings
- Corridor Management Committee
- TIC meetings
- Business Investment Partnership meeting

A Collective Effort...

- Website – re-focus on Community Works
- Support for each city's outreach
 - Materials (e.g. Station Area Profiles)
 - Mobile displays
 - Online tools
 - Social media
 - Others
- Outreach to media – through Hennepin County Public Affairs and city protocols



A Coordinated Effort...

- *Coordinate with LRT Project (SPO)*
 - Work with existing Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and Business Advisory Committee (BAC)
 - Coordinate major outreach efforts including open houses, listening sessions, etc.
 - Ongoing communications about messages
 - Work through Communications Committee
- *Coordinate with Corridors of Opportunity (CoO)*
 - Work with Community Engagement Team
 - Work with Grantees





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Activities

Open Houses

- Community-wide event
- Information stations (TSAAP and PE)
- One-on-one interactions



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Listening Sessions

- Ten to fifteen participants
- Deeper, more detailed conversations
- Additional opportunity to engage underrepresented populations



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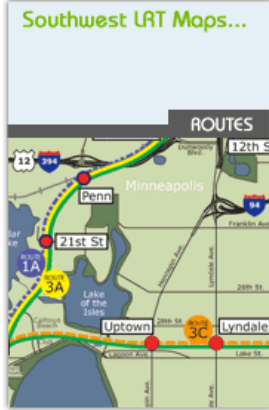


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Websites and Media



- Home
- Southwest LRT Maps
- Project Info & Background
- Meetings & Events
- Community Works
- Station Area Planning
- Frequently Asked Questions
- News
- Links
- Contact Us



Southwest LRT Community Works ... beyond the rails

Imagine a trip on a quick and efficient light rail train running diagonally out from downtown Minneapolis through SW metro area suburbs. With **17 stations** along the way, stopping at key destinations in **Minneapolis, St. Louis Park, Hopkins, Minnetonka and Eden Prairie**, this proposed line will have 30,000 riders per day, and be **connected** to major rail and bus lines, including Hiawatha LRT, Central Corridor LRT (Green Line), and Northstar Commuter Rail. Through connections, riders will be able to get to many key Twin Cities destinations - University of Minnesota, Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport, Mall of America, the State Capitol, downtown St. Paul.

In addition to adding another great way to beat congestion, the Southwest LRT line will help **grow the economy, add jobs, and create opportunities for quality housing and walkable neighborhoods**. Hennepin County and partner cities are working together with the Metropolitan Council and others to catalyze actions that will turn new opportunities into realities. This effort is called the **Southwest LRT Community Works** program, and this website is dedicated to sharing information about this program.

Hennepin County is the lead agency for the **Southwest LRT Community Works** program working in collaboration with partner cities, the Metropolitan Council, the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, SouthWest Transit, the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board, and the Urban Land Institute- MN under the guidance of the Southwest LRT Community Works Steering Committee. The adopted vision for the corridor is to **connect people to jobs, housing, shopping and fun**.

Metro Transit is the lead agency for the design and construction of the Southwest LRT line working with Hennepin County and the Cities along the corridor. Metro Transit will also be responsible for

quick facts

19 lbs.

The amount of carbon dioxide produced by burning **one gallon** of gasoline

frequently asked questions

FAQ

Have other routes been considered?

Yes. The first studies of the Southwest LRT line occurred in the mid-1980s. More recent studies occurred in 2002 with the Southwest Rail Transit Feasibility Study and in 2007 with the Southwest Alternatives Analysis (AA)....

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What are communities doing to implement smart growth? Show us!



PROJECT DETAILS

- [About the Project](#) >
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What Do You Think?



What is the most exciting thing you learned at the New Partners for Smart Growth Conference?

We encourage you to share some of the most exciting information or ideas you have learned about at the conference! What's the most interesting thing you...

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Other Media

- News Releases and Media Alerts
 - Media list established in previous stages of this project
 - Local and regional news outlets, websites and public access outlets
- Community Newsletter Articles
 - For all communities in corridor
- News Organizations
 - Many outlets have been following the news about SW LRT



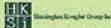
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COMMENT CARD

We want your opinions! Please use the box below for comments and thoughts regarding station concepts and open house materials. **THANK YOU.**

STATION AREA COMMENTS:

Lined area for writing comments.



BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE



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<http://www.southwesttransitway.org/home.html>

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Questions?

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Operations and Maintenance Facility – Technical Issue #23 Workshop



Operation and Maintenance Facility (OMF)

- OMF Activities:
 - LRV cleaning
 - LRV maintenance
- Central Corridor OMF:
 - 180+ jobs



Interior of Franklin (Hiawatha) OMF



OMF Initial Site Selection Criteria

- Site size of 10 to 15 acres
- Flat/rectangular site
- Efficient LRT train movements to/from
- Good roadway access to site
- Compatible with adjacent land use



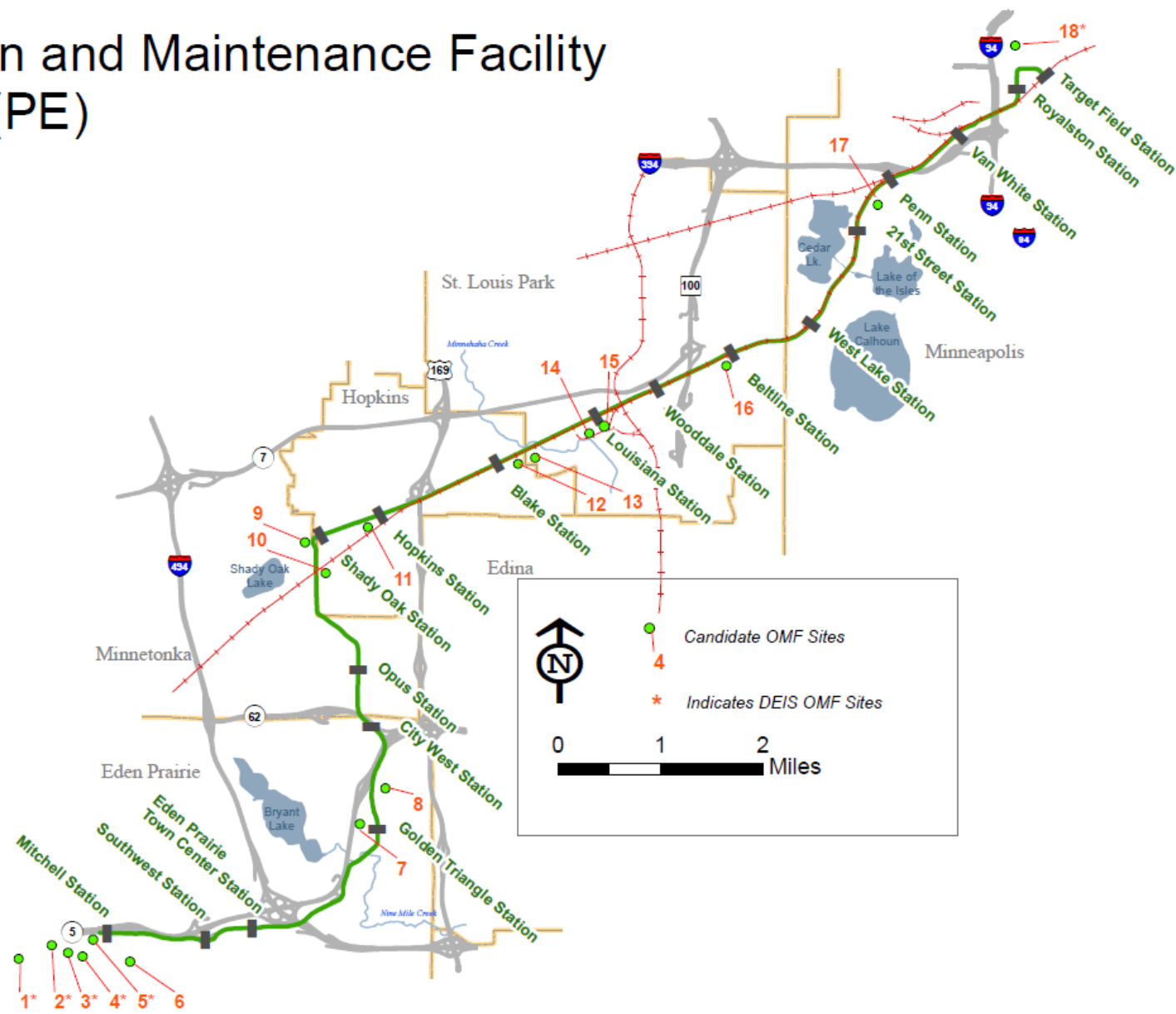
OMF Candidate Sites

OMF Site #	Description	City
1*	212 ROW	Eden Prairie
2*	Wallace Road	Eden Prairie
3*	City Garage West	Eden Prairie
4*	City Garage East	Eden Prairie
5*	Mitchell West	Eden Prairie
6	Mitchell East	Eden Prairie
7	Flying Cloud/W. 70 th Street	Eden Prairie
8	Shady Oak/W. 70 th Street	Eden Prairie
9	K-Tel	Minnetonka
10	7 th Street (Landfill)	Hopkins
11	11 th Avenue	Hopkins
12	Excelsior West	Hopkins
13	Excelsior East	Hopkins/St. Louis Park
14	Louisiana West	St. Louis Park
15	Louisiana East	St. Louis Park
16	Beltline	St. Louis Park
17	Penn	Minneapolis
18*	5 th Street North	Minneapolis

* From DEIS



SWLRT Operation and Maintenance Facility Candidate Sites (PE)





SWLRT OMF Evaluation Criteria

Operational Characteristics	
1	Site Configuration: operational effectiveness
2	Alignment Proximity/Connectivity: distance/connection to mainline
3	Alignment Location: geometric position on mainline
4	Site Access: access for operations staff
Site Characteristics	
5	Adjacent Land Use Compatibility
6	TOD/Mixed Use/Economic Development Considerations
7	Zoning
8	Site & Facilities Cost: facilities, grading, utilities, soils
9	Real Estate Acquisition: cost, complexity, legalities
10	Relocation Cost: displaced occupants and uses
11	Environmental Impact: wetlands, hazardous materials
12	Cultural Resources: cultural, historical
13	Stormwater Management: drainage, treatment



OMF Technical Issue #23 Workshop

- Seeking feedback on:
 - Opportunities
 - Challenges
 - Concerns



OMF Technical Issue #23 Next Steps

- Present to advisory committees for input:
 - BAC – March 27
 - CAC – March 28
 - SWCMC – April 3

- Narrow candidate list to 5 or 6 sites for input:
 - BAC – April 24
 - CAC – April 25
 - SWCMC – May 1

- Public open houses in cities where one or more of the 5/6 sites reside: May

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Freight Rail – Technical Issue #21 Workshop





Freight Rail Technical Issue #21 Workshop

- Background:
 - Co-location and relocation analysis required by FTA as a condition to enter PE
 - Part of the Metropolitan Council's due diligence and responsibility as project sponsor



Freight Rail Technical Issue #21 Workshop

- Review existing information:
 - Train Volumes
 - Preliminary co-location Kenilworth Corridor review
 - DEIS proposed freight rail relocation route



Freight Rail Technical Issue #21 Workshop

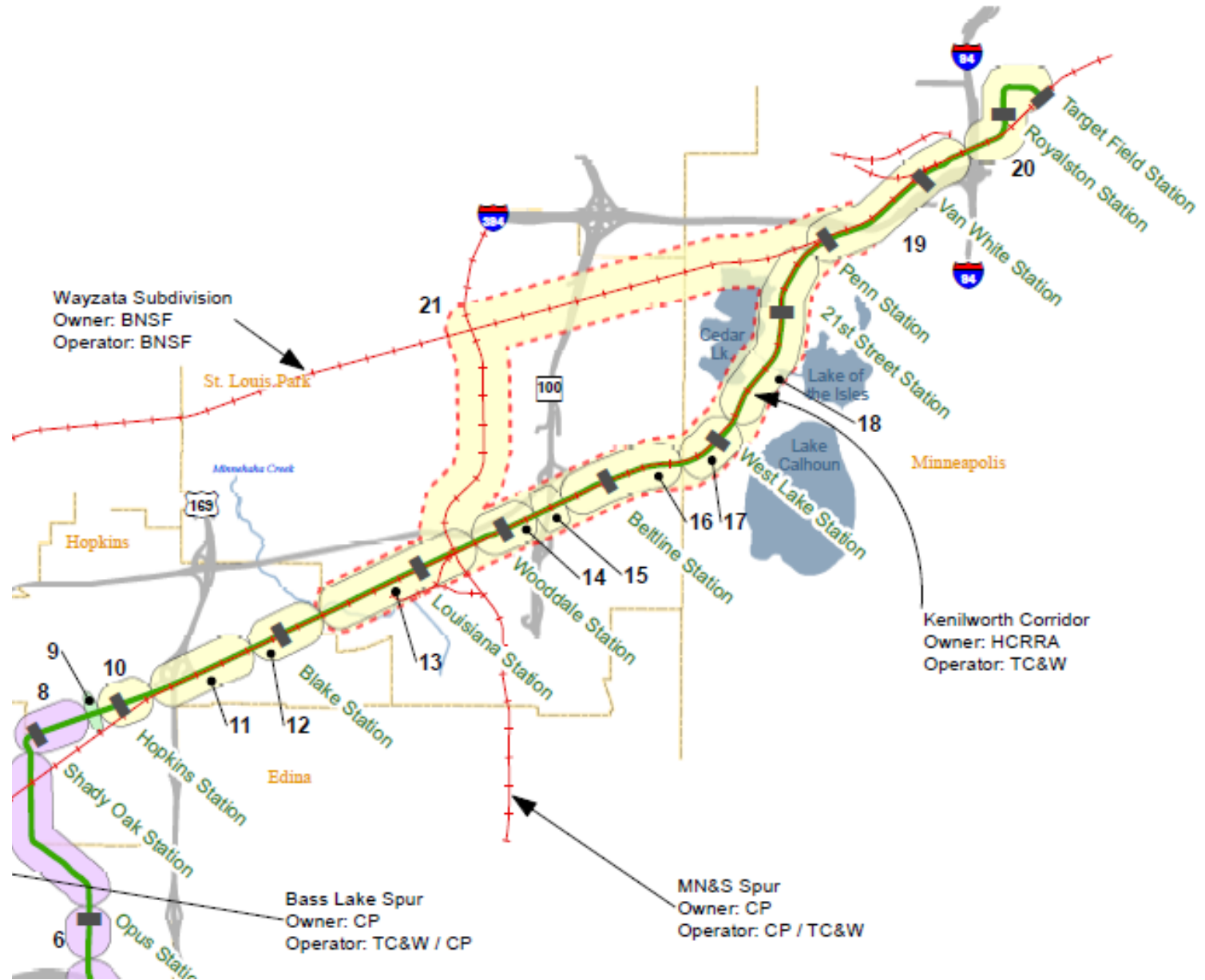
Existing Train Volumes

Railroad and Route	Avg. Weekly Trains	Avg. Number of Cars Per Train	Typical Commodities
TC&W/ Bass Lake and Kenilworth	14	65 – 75	Agri-goods
	3	80 – 125	Ethanol, Grain, Coal
CP/ MN&S	10	10 – 25	Local Services
BNSF/ Wayzata Subdivision	91	80 – 125	Wide Variety



Freight Rail Technical Issue #21 Workshop

- Overview of Track Characteristics:
 - Curvature
 - Maximum Grade
 - Maximum Compensated Grade (curvature + maximum grade)
- Challenges
- Opportunities





Freight Rail Technical Issue #21 Workshop

- Seeking feedback on:
 - Opportunities
 - Challenges
 - Concerns



Freight Rail Technical Issue #21 Next Steps

- Existing conditions workshop:
 - BAC – March 27
 - CAC – March 28
 - SWCMC – April 3

- Co-locate and relocation design workshop:
 - BAC – May 29
 - CAC – May 30
 - SWCMC – June 5

- Corridor-wide public open houses: June/July



Reports

- Member and Committee Reports
- Public Forum
- Next Meeting: April 25, 6:00 PM



More Information

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