Meeting Summary

1. Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions
Chair Zelle, Metropolitan Council, called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Chair Zelle welcomed the CMC members and allowed new members to introduce themselves. Chair Zelle welcomed the public and encouraged members of the public to submit comments to Nkongo Cigolo.

Chair Zelle noted the January CMC was cancelled due to weather, but the project staff sent out a written report. He also noted that the governor is supportive of additional transportation funding and has advanced the idea of a metro area sales tax for transit. The Chair also mentioned that some of the CMC members who are not present are in St. Cloud promoting electric buses with Vice President Harris.

A member of the public asked Chair Zelle if there was any mention of the audit at the meeting he was present at prior to the CMC meeting. Chair Zelle stated that he is aware of the audit of the Green Line extension but that was not discussed at that meeting.

2. Approval of October 13, 2022 Meeting Summary
Mayor Bill Blonigan, City of Robbinsdale, moved to approve the October CMC meeting minutes. Council Member Robert Lilligren, Metropolitan Council, seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were approved.

3. Community and Business Advisory Committee Reports
Jason Greenberg, Community Advisory Committee, provided an update, including discussion around getting more members of the public to attend Blue Line public meetings. There are questions and curiosity around the anti-displacement work. Chair Zelle thanked Jason.

Dr. Tara Watson, Business Advisory Committee, provided an update, including the committee’s desire that the project team create a tracker of community feedback and the ways that feedback is being addressed. Dr. Watson mentioned concerns around specific topic related to stops, anti-displacement, alternative methods of engagement, the number of stations, and impacts to businesses. She stated these are things that are
unknown, and we will not know for a while. Dan Doerrer, Business Advisory Committee, stated there is a level anxiety about the unknown and noted that when things are presented members of the public assume these are decisions that are already made. The general tone of feedback was, as business owners, we just want to know the dialog is happening. Staff explained that feedback has informed design changes and how ideas are applied to the process.

Council Member Robert Lilligren asked Dr. Watson when she mentioned alternate ways of engagement, what those specific suggestions were that emerged. Dr. Watson responded that it was included in the committee report. [staff note: the BAC meeting summary notes from 2/7 include a common theme of business owners wanting more feedback when they have a comment or a question at our outreach events. The listening session format does not provide the closure or dialog that the BAC would find beneficial.] Dr. Watson added that the project team has to be deliberate about what they’re doing, and they have to be there for the corridor before, during, and after the project.

Ricardo Perez, Blue Line Coalition, stated that he is concerned that Latino voices are underrepresented in the formal groups and engagement efforts, and that he would like to see an effort to engage with the Latino community.

4. Project Update
Christine Beckwith, Metropolitan Council, gave the project update. Chris shared that the project is working on a supplemental draft and final environmental impact statement. She said that this is still the same project just reimagined within a new alignment.

Dan Soler, Hennepin County, explained that the current environmental document is a supplemental draft environmental impact statement (SDEIS), to the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) completed in 2016. Dan explained that it was the decision of the Hennepin County Board and Metropolitan Council to continue to advance the extension of the Blue Line that would extend from the Target Field Station through the communities, if we could find and determine a route that didn’t use the Burlington Northern Railroad. Dan added that last summer is when the project started the work for the SDEIS.

Chris explained the SDEIS began back in July and noted that municipal consent will not happen until a year from now. Chris shared that engineering is ongoing and will continue. She added that communities are working on station area planning and outcomes will be implemented into the design. Chris said that there’s always been a risk management process on transitways projects that is extensive. She added that the project team and policymakers will discuss risks more publicly going forward under the Met Councils new Transitway Advancement Policy. Risks will be more transparent going forward so project partners should expect to hear more about risks as part of the advancement of Blue Line.

Chris presented the project goals. She said that these were utilized for the route modification and the original Blue Line project. These guide project decisions. Dan noted that while this is an LRT project, it is a still a transportation project and there are other community goals related to climate and equity in addition to transportation goals.

Chris presented the outreach and engagement plans, which will include an open house in each community in addition to the other engagement efforts. Chris presented the 2023 workplan and explained that the June recommendation from this committee is designed to get the recommendation into the final review that the FTA will look at. They will start the final review in July. Chris added that the project is working toward a 30% design for the fall which then will kick off the municipal consent process. Chris added that the anti-
displacement group will begin phase 2 in the spring. Chris shared some photos of engagement efforts the project team participated in over the past year. Dan emphasized that the project team is continuing to look for new ways to do engagement and explained that the project team has several members on the cohort.

Commissioner Irene Fernando, Hennepin County, noted that Walgreens and Aldi recently announced closure. The Commissioner emphasized that “staying the course” means multiple decades and really solving for the services and assesses, and ensuring all neighbors get to live vibrantly. She added that the project will be asking question where the answers will be tender.

5. Environmental Update
Kelcie Young, Metropolitan Council, provided the environmental update. She gave an overview where the project is in the process. They are working on the document now with an anticipated publication in the fall. She noted that they are incorporating information from the anti-displacement work. Kelsey shared what is included in the SDEIS. She shared that Chapter 1 is the project purpose and need, Chapter 2 includes information about alternatives, and Chapter 3 includes transportation impacts. Mayor Bill Blonigan, City of Robbinsdale, noted that there is a heliport within the project area as well. Kelcie responded and confirmed that the team is aware. Ricardo Perez, Blue Line Coalition, asked what kind of information the project team is taking from the anti-displacement working group. Kelcie responded that it will be a summary of the process and feedback received from the community. They also want to incorporate what’s being heard in the community that are key concerns and sensitive areas of concerns related to displacement. Dr. Watson, Business Advisory Committee, asked if there are working groups or budgets addressing each of these topics. She stated she is concerned that when it’s time to make some of these commitments, there will not be adequate funds left over. Kelcie said that’s something to continue to work through with policy makers and the committee. The commitments that would land in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Amended Record of Decision would reflect commitments that we know we can fulfill. Nick Thompson, Metropolitan Council, asked what a commitment means in an environmental document and what is required. Kelcie clarified that the project needs to do ongoing tracking for any commitments that in the Amended Record of Decision. It’s a legally binding document the project needs to implement. It’s a key decision when commitments are memorialized in the FEIS.

Nick Landwer, Metropolitan Council, provided the engineering update. Starting in Brooklyn Park, Nick shared that it wasn’t impacted much by the freight rail decisions. Nick talked about the Design Decisions Document, which is a key tool to help feed decisions and communicate them with the public. The document will also be used as a tool as design progresses. In Brooklyn Park, the design can continue from where it was last left off from the FEIS in 2016. Nick noted that the whole corridor in Brooklyn Park will be funded as part of the project work. Mayor Bill Blonigan, City of Robbinsdale, asked if current plans make room for the turnstiles on station platforms in the future. Nick responded that the four stations have been designed to not incorporate the turnstile. If it comes about, it would be a design consideration to take a look at. Mayor Blonigan asked if there’s room to do it. Nick responded that they would have to take a look at it. Jason Greenberg, Community Advisory Committee, noted that one thing that came up during the CAC was that the pedestrian bridge over the railroad. He noted that the railroads cooperation should not be taken for granted. Council Member Robert Lilligren, Metropolitan Council, asked how long the ped bridge is. Nick responded the pedestrian bridge, in rough terms is about 150 feet long to get over the freight rail corridor to get to the station. A member of the public asked if it was handicap accessible. Nick confirmed that all project infrastructure would be.
Nichole Klonowski, City of Brooklyn Park, shared that the community has expressed concerns of safety and the perception of safety in and off the rail itself. She said they have asked for resources to tell the broader story of positive impacts the light rail will have on the community in response to people’s concerns and address concerns. She said there’s fear in the unknown of what it’ll bring to the community. The other issue that the community would like addressed is the east to west bus connections that are extremely limited. Nichole said that they were told it would be addressed closer to 2028 when the ridership is happening for this project, but it seems like a long wait. She said there was great conversation about the last mile connections, but the east to west connection is lacking. Chair Zelle, Metropolitan Council, thanked Nichole for the comment, and commented that east to west connections is a theme often heard in various places. Nick Thompson, Metropolitan Council, said that Metro Transit has a process underway called Network Now that’ll look at routes and there will be opportunity for public and community input.

Nkongo Cigolo, Metropolitan Council, shared that the project team continues to engage with communities in Brooklyn Park. He said that safety, pedestrian connections, and station connections are topics that continue to come up. Nkongo mentioned that the project is open to exploring new ways to reach out and connect with the community.

Nick reviewed the project’s next steps over the next year. Ricardo Perez, Blue Line Coalition, asked if it could be assumed that by fall of 2023, upon the public comment timing, there will be access to understand the impacts and mitigation that’s being put forward. At least for Brooklyn Park given it’s at ninety-five percent design. Nick responded, yes, the publishing document will be available to the public and for comment but the mitigation is actually fully fleshed out in the Final Supplemental EIS as it incorporates public comment. Commissioner Irene Fernando, Hennepin County, asked if the Final EIS will outline areas but not all mitigation measures. Nick clarified that the draft EIS will start to identify impacts and identify potential mitigations. The Final EIS will have what the mitigations are for impacts that are with the project. Commissioner Fernando said that the document is written for FTA as the primary audience. Council Member Lilligren said that the public is interested in who is making what decision and when and doesn’t feel it’s really reflected. Nick responded that it’s something the project will continue to try to make clear. Council Member Lilligren encouraged the project to be as transparent as possible with the decision-making processes as well as the federal process. Dr. Tara Watson, Business Advisory Committee, said that thirty percent design plan approval scared people. She said that it would be helpful to understand what thirty percent design really means. She said it doesn’t seem inclusive. Commissioner Fernando commented that thirty percent design initiates eligibility for the FTA work. It’s important to be clear to the audience about what residents and community need to know by the fall of this year and spring of next year so people can direct advocacy accurately. Nick responded that the project has it laid out in the process. Ricardo commented that the timeline is really helpful seeing anti-displacement work and engagement. He said that Nkongo is doing a great job and thanked him for being responsive.

7. **Anti-Displacement Update**

Catherine Gold, Hennepin County, gave the anti-displacement update. She shared a timeline of the anti-displacement work. She said that they are entering into the fourth all-day workshop. The group is getting into looking at the policies and making sure they’re addressing the concerns and looking at real-time examples of the policies and what they mitigate. Catherine said they will look at getting together in smaller groups that are city related to make sure policies are addressing concerns in each city because they may look different. From a corridor perspective, is everyone in alignment and agreement of the policies and what they’re set out to do. Catherine said that the workshops have been very engaging and a great experience. CURA will be putting out a formal report on the Phase 1 work and outlining the process and how the phase ended. Phase 2 will begin in May, focused on collaborative strategy and implementation.
Dr. Tara Watson, Business Advisory Committee, asked if the anti-displacement working group has the ability or flexibility. Catherine responded, yes, that the group may need to adapt and having flexibility and being open minded and understand whatever needs to be addressed is in the work. Council Member Robert Lilligren, Metropolitan Council, commented that meeting at the city level is a good idea. Working toward policy and implementation, resources will be important. Being there before, during and after is important. Council Member Lilligren asked where are we engaging those who have more of the resources tools to support implementation? Commissioner Fernando and Commissioner Lunde are working on county level tools. The sooner we engage the resource part of the work, the more implementable it will be in the future. Council Member Lilligren asked where do resources come into the picture. Catherine responded that the first phase was to not let resources be a barrier to address the problems. Going after what we are trying to mitigate was the first phase effort. Catherine said the resources will come from a number of funders that will be public and private. The second phase is when we go after funding. Council Member Lilligren added that when the subcommittee forms, resource people could start to be included. Catherine agreed that an advisory committee should be formulated to address that.

8. Next Meeting:
   March 9, 2023.

9. Adjourn
   Chair Zelle, Metropolitan Council, adjourned the meeting at 2:33 p.m.
To: Blue Line Extension Corridor Management Committee

From: Lyn-Park and Lyndale Neighborhoods

Re: Petitions Opposing Lyndale Route of Blue Line Extension

The Lyndale route of the Blue Line Extension would negatively affect the community by increasing traffic and disruption to school children at Franklin Middle School, Hall and Ascension Elementary schools, as well as elderly residents living in the senior high rise on 18th St.; potential increase in homeowner property taxes and decrease in property values leading to a decrease in generational wealth in a majority minority community; and loss of homeowners’ property to make room for the light rail which will require space from private properties. These are just a few of the many examples of how this route would negatively impact the residents of Lyn-Park and neighboring communities.

MET Council has other route options aside from the Lyndale route and we are imploring you to support the community by requesting the Blue Line Extension be routed elsewhere. Please stand in solidarity with your Lyn-Park constituents in our effort to save our neighborhood and the tremendous investments we’ve made in it.

Please find enclosed the petitions from the neighborhood opposing the Lyndale alignment. We sincerely hope you will be an advocate and voice for this community that has so much at stake.
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3. Elijah S. Jackson

4. Laura Robbins

5. Leanne Rose, 2nd Avenue

6. Eileen S. Fitch

7. Grace Fell

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