

SWLRT Business Advisory Committee Meeting

June 26, 2013



Today's Topics

- Welcome and Introductions/Approve Minutes
- Hennepin County Works Update:
 - **5** TSAAP Open House Summary
 - § Mind-Mixer Demonstration
 - **§** Focus Group Outreach
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process
- Technical Issue Presentations/Discussion:
 - § Minnetonka/Hopkins Bridge
 - **§** Operations and Maintenance Facility Candidate Sites Update

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- **§** Freight Rail and Station Open Houses
- Mid-Year Check-in/Discussion
- Success Measures Update
- Member and Committee Reports/Public Forum
- Adjourn



Community Works Update



beyond the rails

building the

SWLAT line

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the engineering and

line.

construction of the LRT

Council website for info on

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- Southwest LRT Community Works **Beyond the Rails**
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quick facts

By 1999, U.S. public transit systems were corruing more than 9 billion trips, the highest level of ridership in nearly 40 years. source: American Public Transportation Asso see more facts

Southwest LRT Map...

ROUTE

>> Give us your ideas about the areas around the stations

Get to know the station areas:

 Station Area Profiles Future Plans - May/June Open

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.

In addition to adding another great way to get around town, 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 iat will turn new opportunities into realities. This effort is calle/ Southwest LRT Community Works program, and this nformation about this program.

Other partners include the Metropolitan Council (the Council will

Watershed District, SouthWest Transit, the Minneapolis Parks and

design, construct, and operate the line), the Minnehaha Creek

partners work together through the Southwest LRT Community

Recreation Board, and the Urban Land Institute - MN. These

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Southwest Corridor-wide



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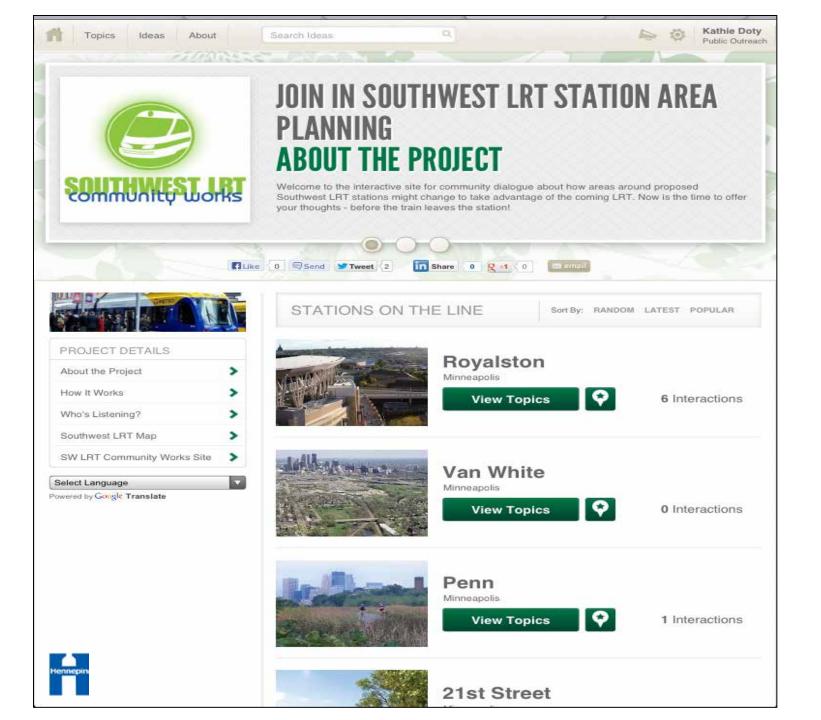
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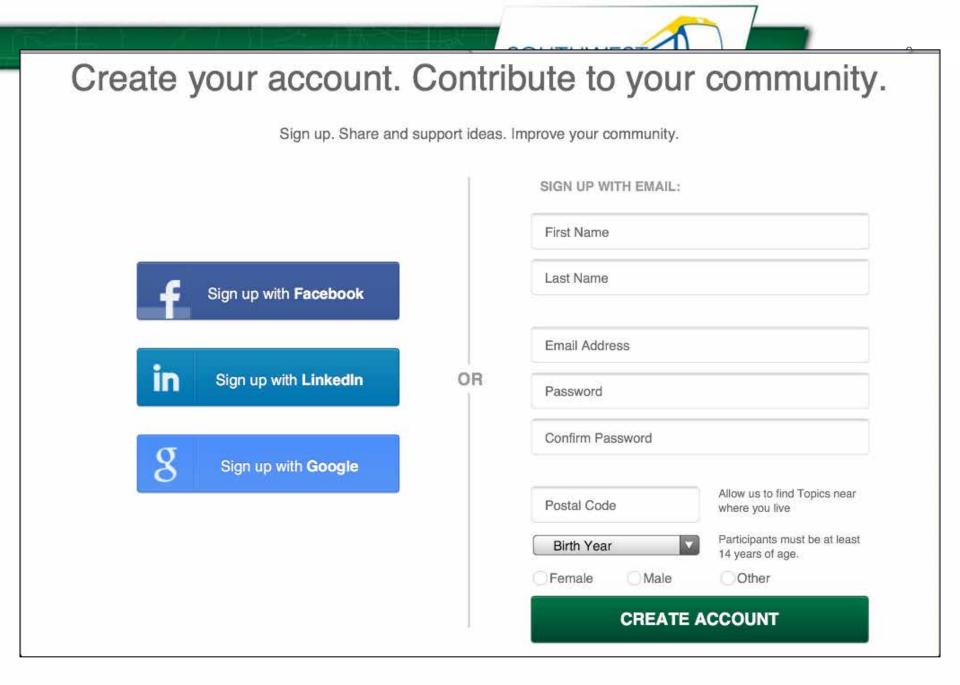
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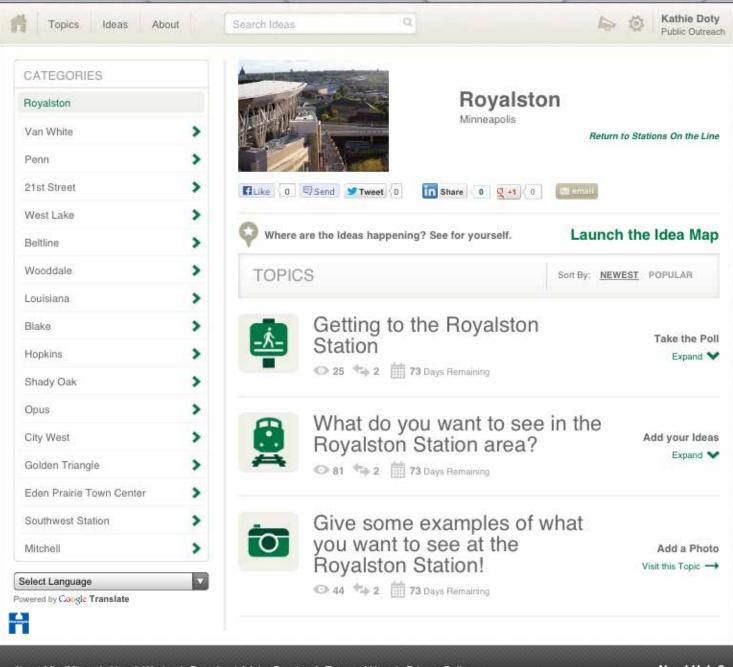
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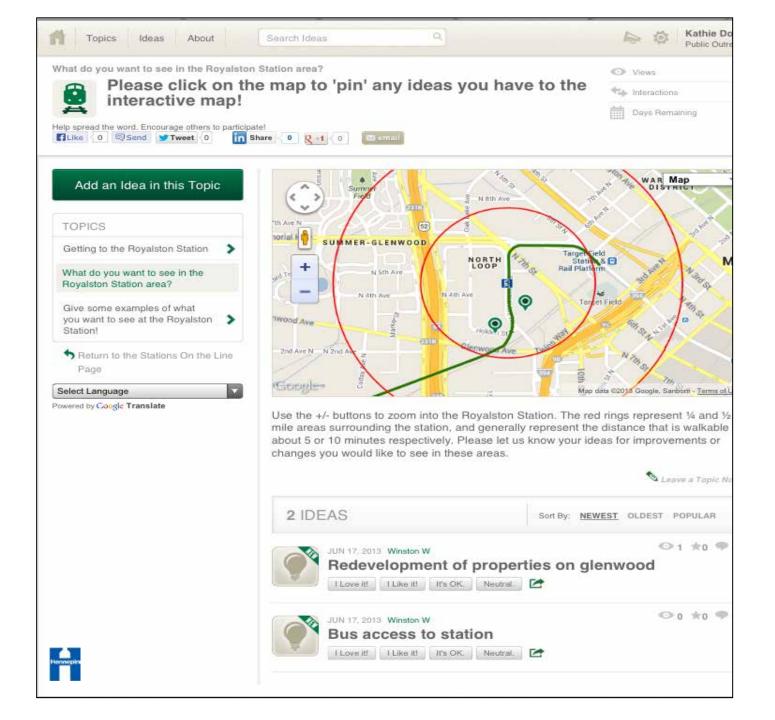


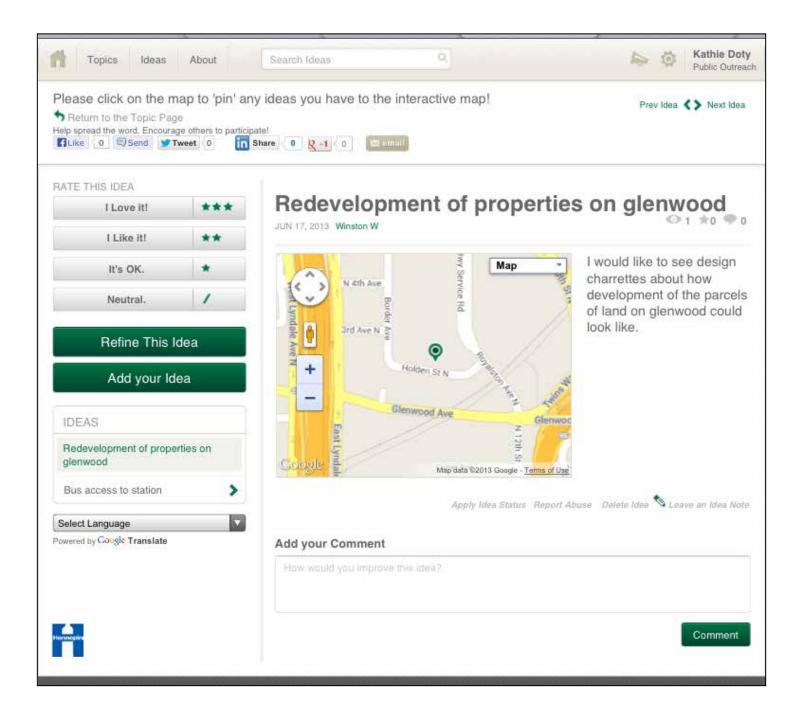
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Hennepin

WHO'S LISTENING?

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Kathie Doty

Public Outreach

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Officials & Staff

Hennepin County & Partner Cities: Minneapolis, St. Louis Park, Hopkins, Minnetonka & Eden Prairie

Ideas submitted through MindMixer will be incorporated into the Station Area Planning process

Station Area Planning Site



TSAAP Listening Sessions

- Summer 2013
- Ten to fifteen participants
- Meet with traditionally underrepresented populations
- Take place within the regularly occurring meetings of the host organizations





SWLRT Project Development Technical Issues

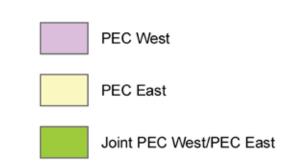
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Technical Issues:

- 1. Eden Prairie Alignment
- 2. Nine Mile Creek Crossing
- 3. Golden Triangle Station
- 4. Shady Oak Road & TH 212 Crossing
- 5. City West Station & TH 62 Crossing
- 6. Opus Station
- 7. Opus Hill/Minnetonka-Hopkins Bridge
- 8. Shady Oak Station

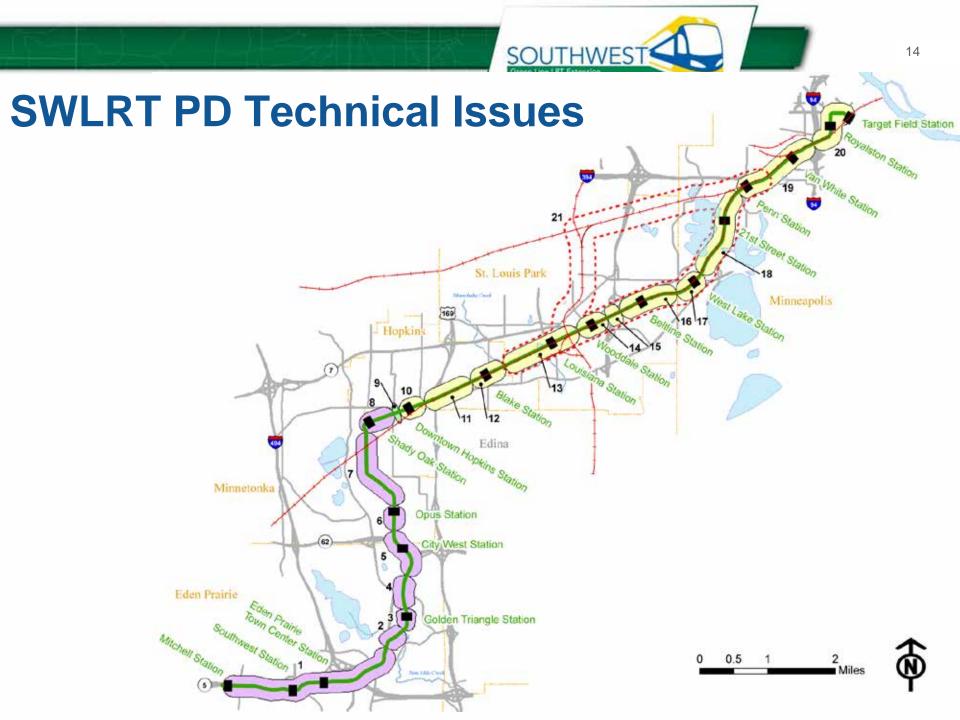
9. PEC West/PEC East Interface Point

- 10. Downtown Hopkins Station
- 11. Excelsior Blvd. Crossing
- 12. Blake Station
- 13. Louisiana Station
- 14. Wooddale Station
- 15. TH 100
- 16. Beltline Station
- 17. West Lake Station
- 18. Kenilworth Corridor
- 19. Bassett Creek Valley Corridor
- 20. Royalston Station/Interchange Project Coordination
- 21. Freight Rail Co-location/Relocation Alternatives



System-wide Technical Issues (not shown):

- 22. Traction Power Substation and Signal Bungalow Locations
- 23. Operation & Maintenance Facility (OMF) Location
- 24. Park & Ride, Kiss & Ride and Bus Layover Locations
- 25. Trails and LRT Interface Coordination



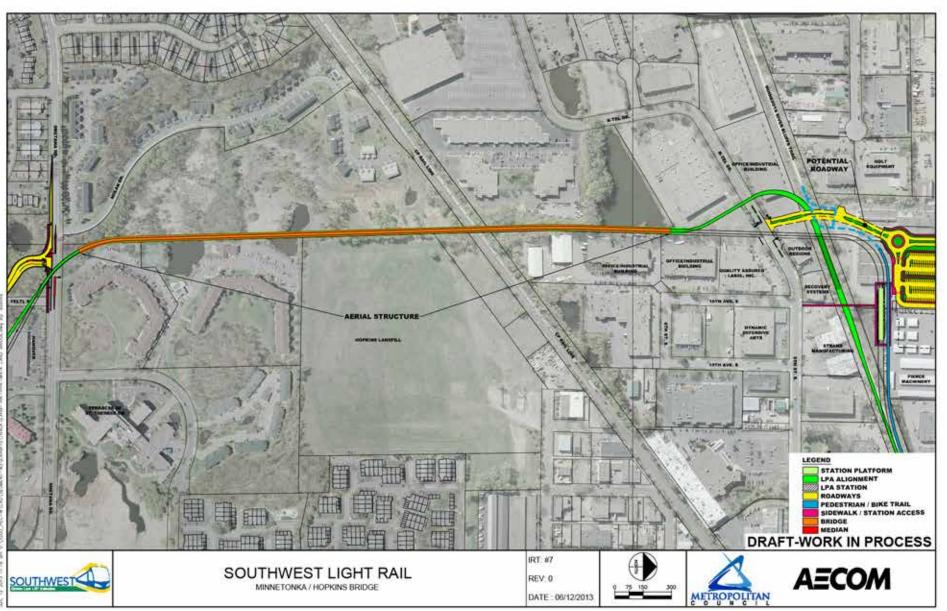


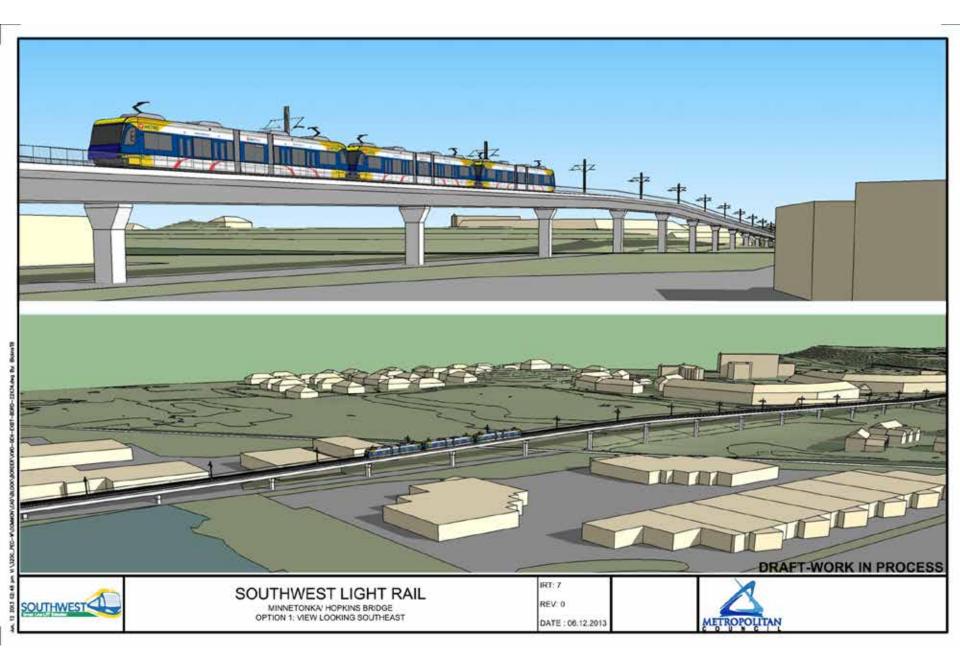
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Minnetonka/Hopkins Bridge Technical Issue #7

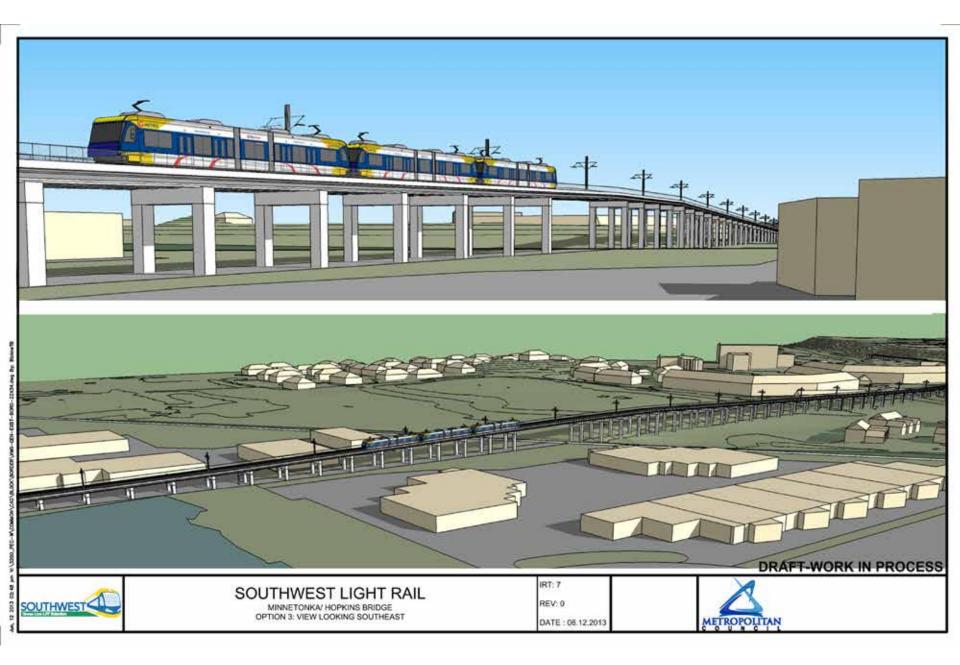


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Operations and Maintenance Facility (OMF) Technical Issue #23



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OMF Technical Issue #23: Site Selection Process Overview

- Tier 1 Identified 18 candidate sites (March)
- Tier 2 Identified 7 candidate sites (April/May)
- Tier 3 Identify 2-3 candidate sites (June)
- Tier 4 Identify recommended site (July)



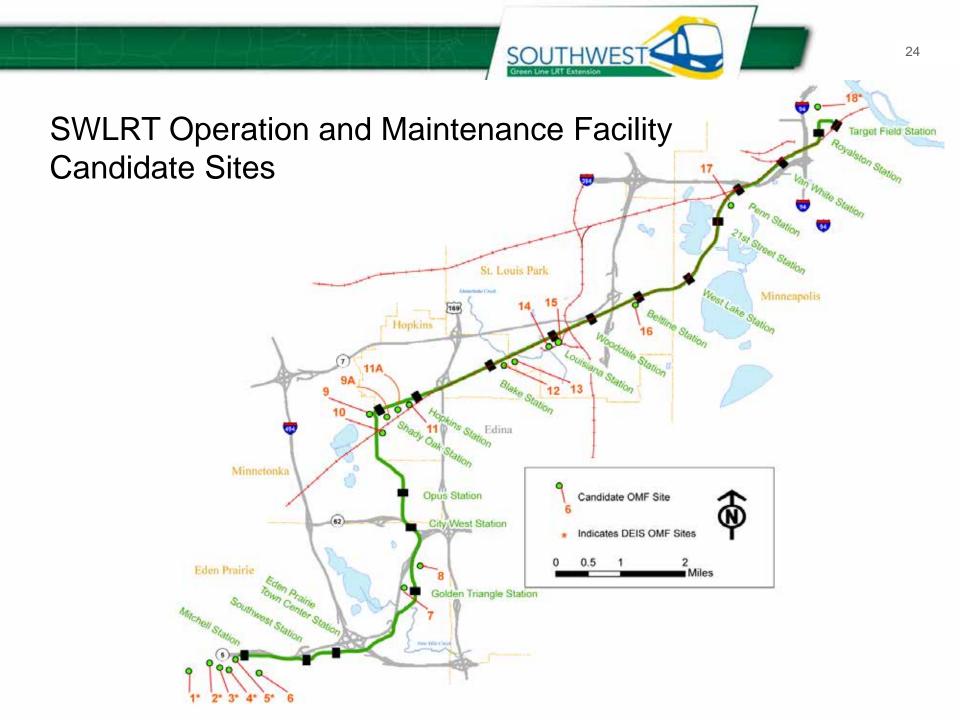
OMF Technical Issue #23: Tier 1 Site Selection Criteria

- Site size of 10 to15 acres
- Flat/rectangular
- Efficient LRT train movement
- Good roadway access to site
- Compatible with adjacent land use



OMF Technical Issue #23: Tier 1 18 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. 70th Street	Eden Prairie
8	Shady Oak/W. 70th 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





OMF Technical Issue #23: Tier 2 & Tier 3 Evaluation Criteria

Operational Characteristics

- **§** Site Configuration: operational effectiveness
- **§** Alignment Proximity/Connectivity: distance/connection to mainline
- **§** Alignment Location: geometric position on mainline
- **§** Site Access: access for operations staff

Site Characteristics

- **§** Adjacent Land Use Compatibility
- **§** TOD/Mixed Use/Economic Development Considerations
- § Zoning
- **§** Site & Facilities Cost: facilities, grading, utilities, soils
- **§** Real Estate Acquisition: cost, complexity, legalities
- **§** Relocation Cost: displaced occupants and uses
- **§** Environmental Impact: wetlands, hazardous materials
- **§** Cultural Resources: cultural, historical
- **§** Stormwater Management: drainage, treatment



OMF Technical Issue #23: Tier 2 Site Selection Process

- Prepared site summary sheets for all 18 candidate sites
- Identified 7 candidate sites
- Reviewed with TPAC, CAC, BAC, CMC, and individual cities
- Cities recommended two additional sites (9A and 11A)



OMF Technical Issue #23: Tier 2 Site Selection Process

- Developed concept layouts for 7 candidate sites; reviewed with Metro Transit Operations and Maintenance
- Combined candidate sites 3 and 4 into one site
- Combined candidate sites 12 and 13 into one site
- Held three public open houses
- Reviewed 7 candidate sites and layouts with cities; requested additional input from cities



OMF Technical Issue #23: Tier 2 7 Candidate Sites

Site Number

	Name (City)
3/4	City Garage West/East (Eden Prairie)
6	Mitchell East (Eden Prairie)
8	Shady Oak/Flying Cloud (Eden Prairie)
9	K-Tel (Minnetonka)
9A	K-Tel East (Hopkins)
11A	Eleventh Avenue West (Hopkins)
12 / 13	Excelsior West/East (Hopkins/St. Louis Park)



OMF Technical Issue #23: Tier 3 Site Evaluation Process

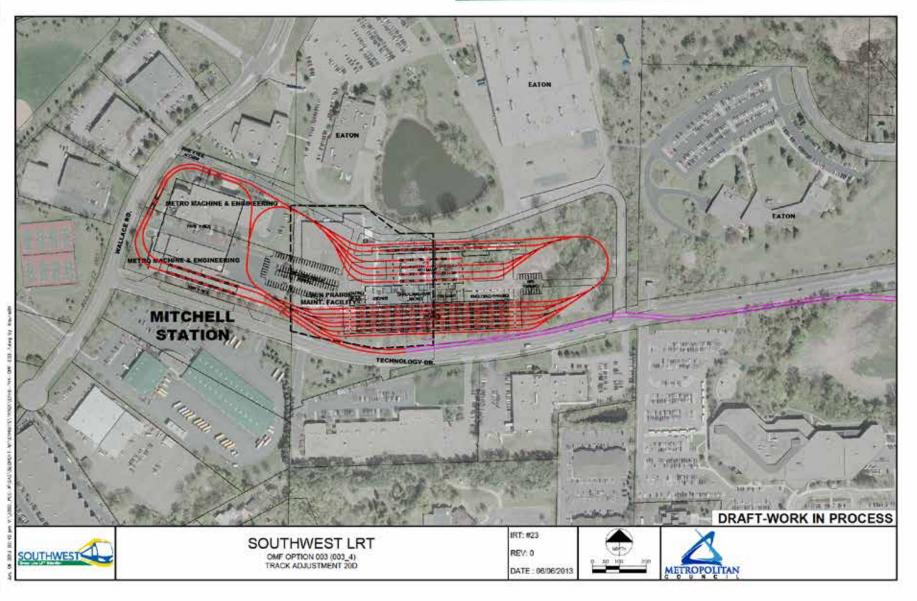
- Conducted additional evaluation using the 13 criteria
 - Solution Developed preliminary cost estimates
 - Seconfirmed land use and zoning requirements
 - § Reviewed available development agreements
 - § Evaluated environmental considerations
- Reviewed findings with cities



OMF Technical Issue #23: Tier 3 Site Evaluation Process

- Common factors to all 7 candidate sites
 - **§** Site size and geometry meet space program needs
 - § Require private parcel acquisition
 - Use not represented in comp plans or zoning requirements
 - § Pose tax base impacts







OMF Technical Issue #23: Tier 3 Site 3/4 - City Garage

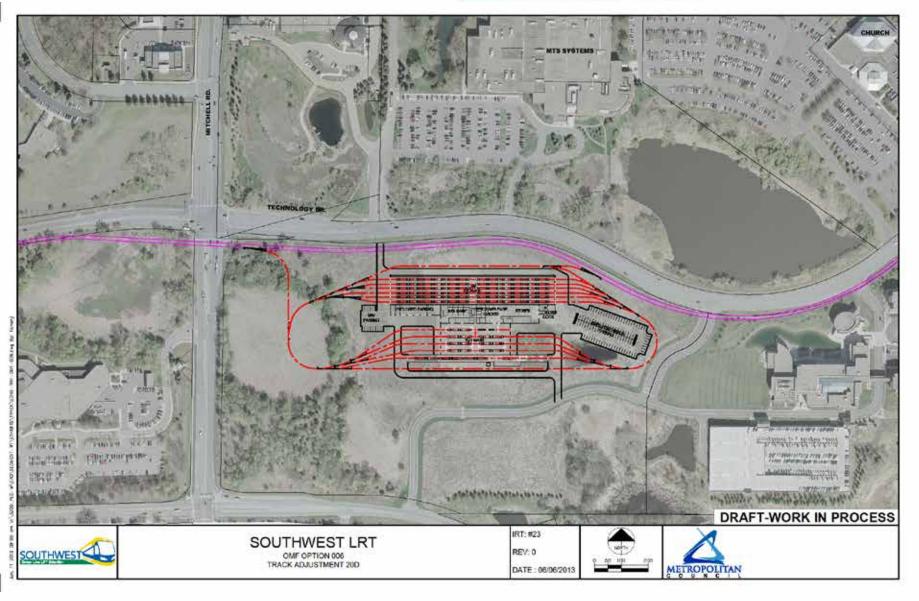
Strengths:

- Consistent with land use guiding and zoning
- Acceptable to City with conditions
- Opportunity to include station and park-and-ride facilities on site

Weaknesses:

- Site dependent on Eden Prairie alignment (Technical Issue #1)
- Wetland impacts
- Noise and vibration impact concern to Eaton property
- End-of-line location poses operational limitations
- Requires coordination with station and park-and-ride facilities







OMF Technical Issue #23: Tier 3 Site 6 - Mitchell East

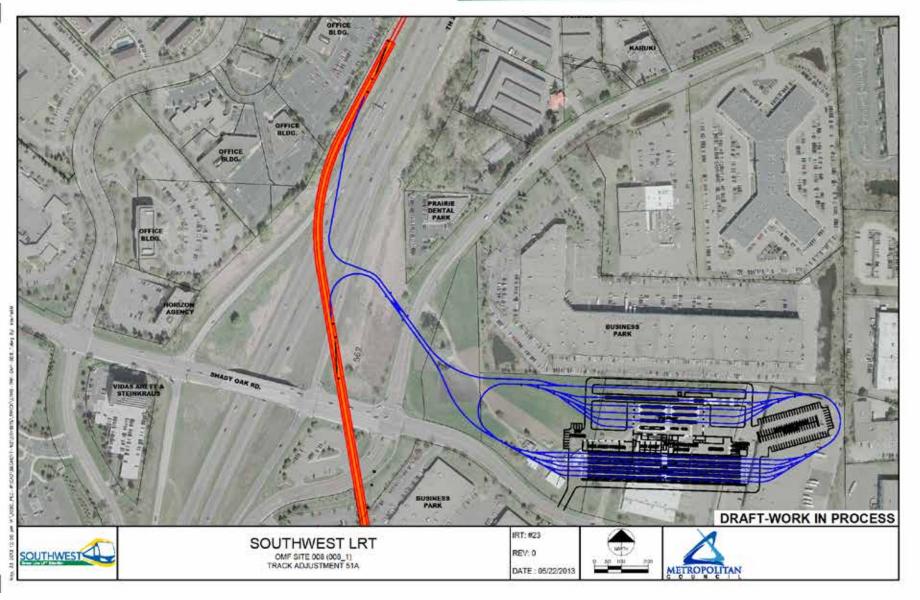
Strengths:

Undeveloped property

Weaknesses:

- Site dependent on Eden Prairie alignment (Technical Issue #1)
- Operator relief access
- Wetland impacts
- Not consistent with City and property owner development plans (AUAR, PUD)
- Residential use to the south







OMF Technical Issue #23: Tier 3 Site 8 - Shady Oak/Flying Cloud Drive

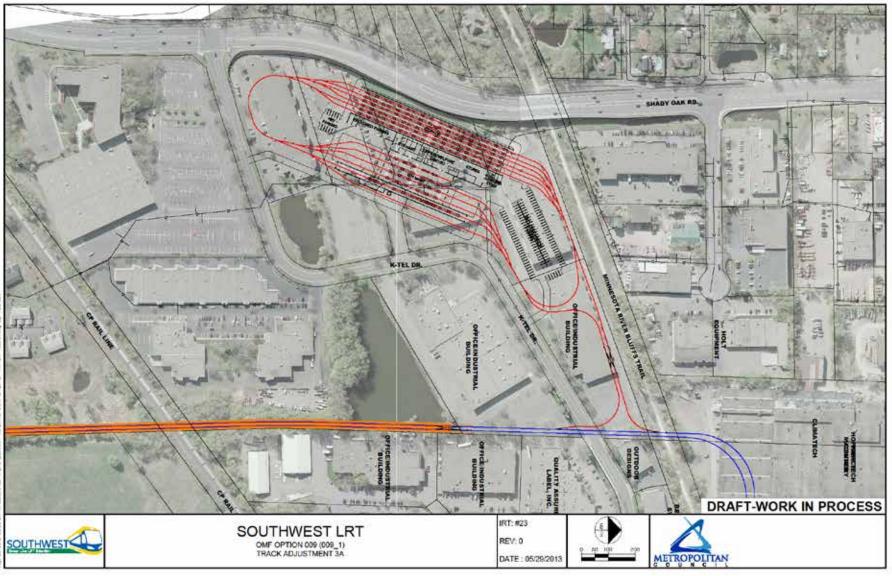
Strengths:

 Consistent with land use guiding and zoning

Weaknesses:

- Not consistent with City reuse/redevelopment plans
- Operator relief access
- Requires significant lead track structure







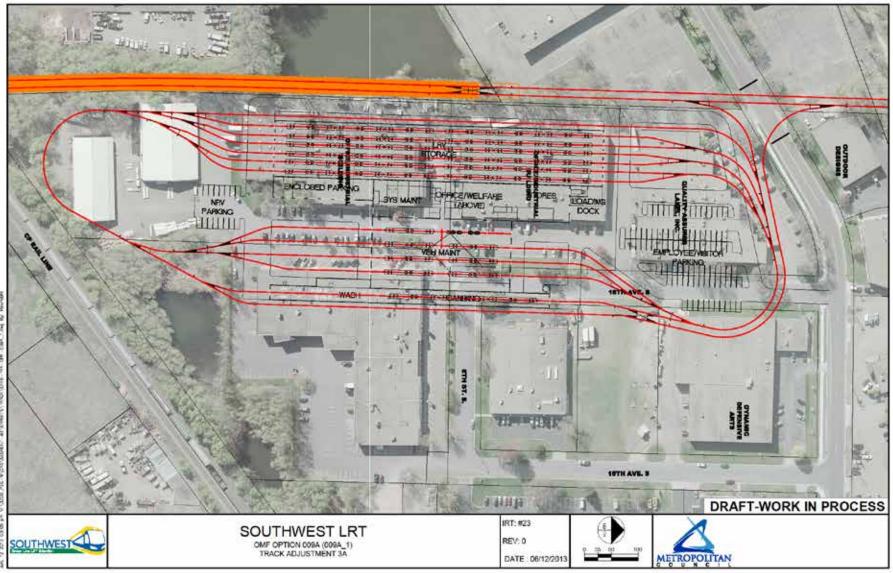
OMF Technical Issue #23: Tier 3 Site 9 - K-Tel

Strengths:

 Consistent with land use guiding and zoning

- Requires sewer interceptor relocation
- Residential use across Shady Oak Road to the west
- Sensitive medical assembly facility to the south







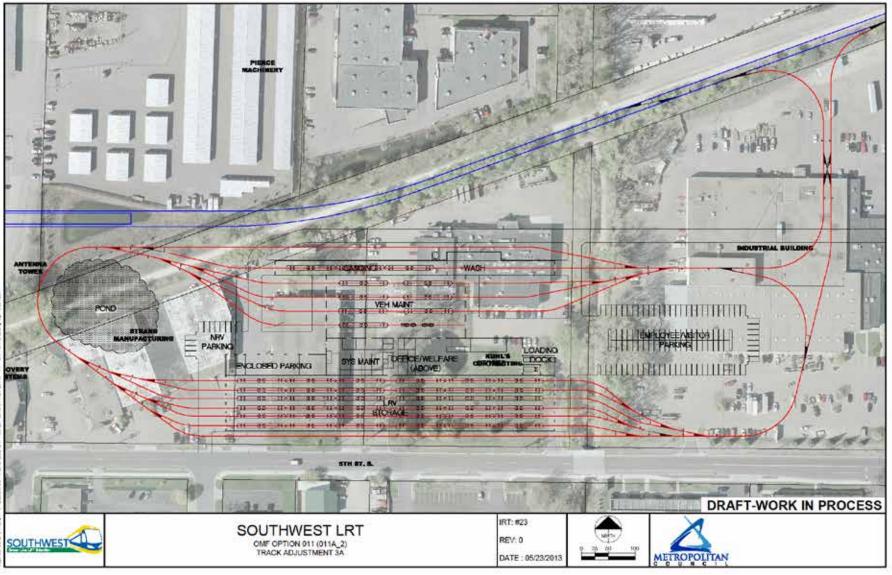
OMF Technical Issue #23: Tier 3 Site 9A - K-Tel East

Strengths:

- Consistent with land use guiding and zoning
- Operator relief access
- Freight rail and proposed LRT alignment buffer south and west property borders
- Redevelopment potential of remnant areas

- Wetland impacts
- Flood-prone conditions
- Geotechnical considerations in southern portion of site







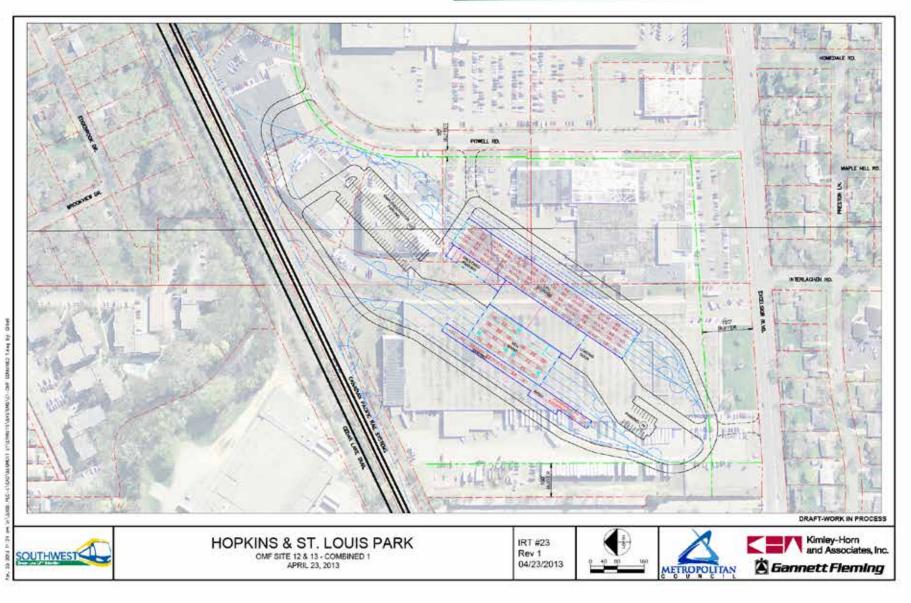
OMF Technical Issue #23: Site 11A - 11th Avenue West

Strengths:

- Consistent with land use guiding and zoning
- Operator relief access

- Nine Mile Creek crosses site
- Known site contamination
- Potential development impact to Shady Oak Station area







OMF Technical Issue #23: Tier 3 Site 12/13 - Excelsior

Strengths:

- Redevelopment potential of remnant areas
- Operator relief access

- Environmental Justice concerns
- Neighborhood opposition
- Multi-family residential use to the west
- Single family residential use to the south
- Not consistent with land use guidance and City redevelopment goals



OMF Technical Issue #23: Tier 3 Preliminary Cost Estimates

	Delta to LPA
Name (City)	(MM)*
City Garage (Eden Prairie)	\$30 - \$35
Mitchell East (Eden Prairie)	\$25 - \$30
Shady Oak/Flying Cloud Drive (Eden Prairie	\$45 - \$50
K-Tel (Minnetonka)	\$50 - \$55
K-Tel East (Hopkins)	\$35 - \$40
11 th Avenue West (Hopkins)	\$40 - \$45
Excelsior (Hopkins/St. Louis Park)	\$45 - \$50
	City Garage (Eden Prairie) Mitchell East (Eden Prairie) Shady Oak/Flying Cloud Drive (Eden Prairie K-Tel (Minnetonka) K-Tel East (Hopkins) 11 th Avenue West (Hopkins)

* Year of Expenditure (YOE) \$'s



OMF Technical Issue #23: Tier 3 Recommended Two Candidate Sites

Site	
Number	Name (City)
3/4	City Garage (Eden Prairie)
9A	K-Tel East (Hopkins)



OMF Technical Issue #23: Next Steps

- Present top two candidate sites / seek input
 - **SWLRT Business Advisory Committee June 26**
 - **SWLRT Community Advisory Committee June 27**
 - SWLRT Corridor Management Committee July 10
- Continue design refinement environmental evaluation June/July
- Present recommended site / seek input
 - § Business Advisory Committee July 24
 - **Sommunity Advisory Committee July 25**
 - **SWLRT Corridor Management Committee August 7**
 - **§** Metropolitan Council August

Continue design refinement – environmental evaluation



A Look Ahead: Design & Engineering

- Q3 2013: Submit Municipal Consent SWLRT Plans for City and County Review
- Q4 2013: Complete Municipal Consent Approval Process
- Q1 2014: Finalize 30% Design Plans and Specs



June 13 Freight Rail Open Houses

- Location: Benilde-St. Margaret's School, St. Louis Park
 - <mark>§</mark> 8:00 9:30 AM
 - 🗧 4:30 7:00 PM
- Over 300 attendees







Freight Rail Open Houses – June 13





Freight Rail Open Houses: Feedback

Corridor-wide

- Support for LRT
- Minimize property acquisitions
- Select the best investment vs. what is the least costly option

Co-location

- Tunnel options seen as a "win-win" for both communities
- Minimize impacts to parkland/trails

Relocation

- Minimize impacts to schools and local businesses
- Increased elevation of freight trains perceived as a safety issue
- Freight structures viewed as dividing the community



Station Open Houses

- Station Open Houses: June 17 – June 26
 - § June 17: Minneapolis
 - **§** June 17: Minneapolis
 - June 18: Minnetonka/Hopkins
 - 5 June 20: St. Louis Park
 - **§** June 24: Minneapolis
 - **§** June 26: Eden Prairie







National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Update



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NEPA Update

- FTA and Met Council intend to develop a Supplemental DEIS (SDEIS)
 - S Evaluate potential new environmental impacts
 - Solution Notice of Intent will be published in the Federal Register and EQB Monitor
 - Solution Strategy Strategy
- Final EIS will incorporate responses to comments received on the DEIS and SDEIS



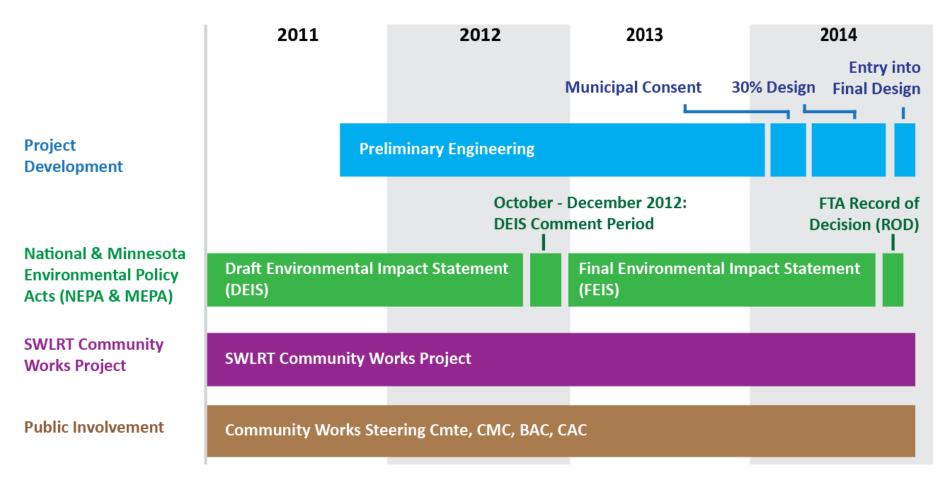
Mid-Year Check-in / Discussion



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Project Development Overview

















Meeting Frequency and Length

• Are meetings frequent enough? Too frequent?

• Are meetings long enough? Too long?



Meeting Format

- Which meeting format have you liked the most? Least?
 - Presentations followed by Q&A
 - Break outs groups
 - § Group discussion

• How can we improve the format?



Meeting Agenda

 Is there balance between Engineering and Community Works topics?

• Does the order of agenda work?

• What else would you like to see on the agenda?



Anything else you'd like to share?



SWC LRT Business Advisory Committee

Success Criteria for near term impact and long term results



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SWC LRT BAC Success Criteria

BAC Scope

The Southwest Light Rail (SWLRT) Business Advisory Committee (BAC) is established to promote business community involvement for the SWLRT project. BAC Input in the SWLRT process is beneficial to adjacent businesses, properties, and communities and the SWLRT Project Office.

SWC LRT BAC Success Criteria

BAC Purpose

The SWLRT BAC will serve as the voice for the business community and address concerns during the engineering and construction phases of the light rail line. It shall be composed of business leaders representing businesses and property owners impacted by the light rail route. The BAC will report to the SWLRT Management Committee on light rail design and construction issues and will report to the SWLRT Community Works Steering Committee on issues related to land use and transit oriented development. The purpose of establishing a BAC for the SWLRT is to:

- 1. Identify business related concerns/issues related to construction and operation of the light rail line
- 2. Identify strategies to avoid, minimize and mitigate the impacts of LRT construction on residences and businesses
- 3. Provide input on station location, design, and construction to reflect the needs of the business community (e.g., employees, customers, deliveries, etc.)
- 4. Provide input on station area (1/2 mile radius of stations) vision and character for development from a business perspective with a specific focus on business retention and commercial development
- 5. Advise on communications and outreach strategies focused on the business community
- 6. Review and comment on major initiatives and actions of the Southwest Community Works initiative
- 7. Serves as an information resource and liaison to the corridor business community to maximize ridership

SWC LRT BAC Success Criteria

BAC Member Expectations

- Attending a majority of the meetings
- Identifying and respond to issues affecting businesses impacted by the project
- Assisting in the development of recommendations to minimize the impact of affected businesses during the engineering and construction phases of the project
- Elevating awareness of business mitigation issues to the community during public forums/hearings
- Actively participate in discussion by sharing ideas and expertise

Understand SWC Impact to the Region

- Advance economic growth opportunities and business retention
 <u>Priorities:</u> Support regional economic growth opportunities
- Inform constituents and community regarding these opportunities <u>Priorities</u>:
 - Support \$1.25 B capital project
 - Support regions existing 210,000 jobs with additional 62,000 new jobs by 2030
 - Support estimated 30,000 weekday riders by 2030.

Advocate for and support increased ridership

• Work with communities to support and increase ridership

<u>Priority:</u> advocate with member constituents and broader region regarding benefits of SWLRT

Connect new job opportunities with broader region (job fairs, for example)

<u>Priority:</u> Identify opportunities to maximize the connection between potential employers and employees in the corridor

Improve Regional Economic Development and Retention Opportunities

• Support municipalities and development companies

<u>Priority:</u> Provide access to construction and development RFP's

• Approach development opportunities holistically

Priorities: Leverage local input

Develop legacy viewpoints to support an integrated transit throughout the metro region

Focus on SWLRT opportunities and advocate regionally for integrated transit

Priorities:

- S Leverage current Chamber of Commerce advocacy efforts
- S Leverage Citizen Advisory Committee opportunities
- **Ø** Utilize BAC approach that can be replicated for future LRT initiative
- Communicate and advocate for funding mechanisms

Be informed on current and relevant information so members can effectively communicate to constituents and broader advocacy opportunities

 Provide relevant, meaningful and timely information/presentations to members

Priorities:

- Provide accurate meeting minutes
- Proactively provide agenda information prior to meetings
- Provide such information that can be easily and readily disseminated to respective constituents
- Ø Inform members of relevant, real-time information as appropriate

Provide opportunities for meaningful, active input throughout process

Develop timely agenda topics that support active BAC input and discussions

Priorities:

- Develop meaningful agenda topics with SWLRT Project Office based on SWLRT initiatives and activities
- Solicit input of BAC members on timely discussion topics

Raise consciousness of broader metro transit services and linkages to SWLRT

Support broader awareness opportunities within the community

Priorities:

Develop agenda topics to understand the connection between SWLRT and the rest of the transit system
Be open to communicate with the broader business community about the interconnections between different modes of transit
Provide consistent BAC reports to SWLRT Management Committee as well as SWLRT Community Works Steering Committee
Others....?



Member and Committee Reports/Public Forum

- Member and Committee Reports
- Public Forum
- Next Meeting:
 - § CAC: July 25
 - § Time: 6:00 8:30 PM
 - § Location: Southwest Project Office
 - § BAC: July 31
 - § Time: 8:00 9:30 AM
 - § Location: Southwest Project Office



Minneapolis Stations: Royalston, Van White, Penn, 21st St, West Lake, Beltline, Wooddale, Louisiana

St. Louis Park &



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Minnetonka, Hopkins & Edina Stations: Blake, Hopkins, Shady Oak, Opus



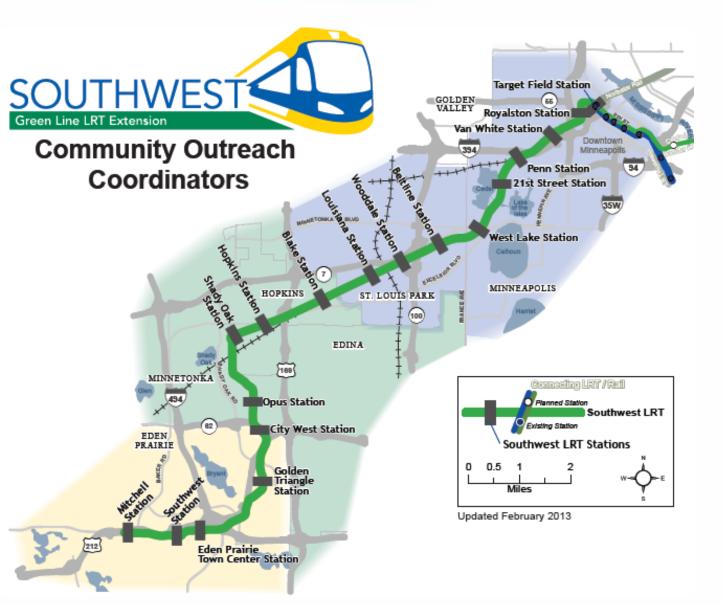
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