Business Advisory Committee

October 24, 2018
Today’s Topics

• Welcome
• Approval of Minutes
• Project Update
  ▪ Twin Cities & Western Railroad/Surface Transportation Board's Findings
  ▪ FTA's Risk Assessment Report
  ▪ New Starts Application
  ▪ Award of Letter of No Prejudice: Status
• Getting Ready for Construction
Project Update: Ready to Build!

- Secured full agreement with Twin Cities & Western Railroad (TCWR)
- Received a favorable ruling on all outstanding issues from the U.S. Surface Transportation Board (STB)
- Obtained a dismissal of the TCWR lawsuit from the U.S. District Court
- Secured all local funding for the $2.003B Project budget
- Received concurrence from the FTA in its Risk Assessment that the Projects’ budget, schedule and contingency levels are acceptable
- Received bids for major contracts totaling 83% of biddable work
- Submitted New Starts Application
Twin Cities & Western Railroad/Surface
Transportation Board's Findings
Current Freight Rail Owners, Carriers & Operators

- **Glencoe Junction**
  - Property Owner: TCWR
  - Common Carrier: TCWR
  - Rail Operator: TCWR

- **Bass Lake Spur**
  - Property Owner: CP
  - Common Carrier: CP
  - Rail Operator: TCWR

- **Bryn Mawr Station**

**Kenilworth Corridor**
- Property Owner: HCRRA
- Common Carrier: HCRRA
- Rail Operator: TCWR/CP
Future Freight Rail Owners, Common Carrier & Operators

- **Kenilworth Corridor**
  - Property Owner: Metropolitan Council
  - Common Carrier: HCRR
  - Rail Operator: TCWR/CP

- **Bass Lake Spur**
  - Property Owner: Metropolitan Council
  - Common Carrier: HCRR
  - Rail Operator: TCWR

- **Glencoe Junction**
  - Property Owner: TCWR
  - Common Carrier: TCWR
  - Rail Operator: TCWR

- **Southerly Connector**
  - Property Owner: Metropolitan Council
  - Common Carrier: HCRR
  - Rail Operator: TCWR

- **Bryn Mawr Station**

- **Louisiana Avenue Station**

- **Downtown Hopkins Station**

- **MN&S Spur**
Recent Freight Rail Actions

- April 4: Council filed petition with Surface Transportation Board with proposed changes to ownership and common carrier
- April 24: TCWR opposed the petition
- June - July: STB led mediation between Council and TCWR
- July 23: Council reached agreement with TCWR
- Aug 23: STB ruled favorably on agreements related to Bass Lake Spur and Kenilworth Corridor
FTA's Risk Assessment Report
FTA’s Risk Assessment Report Findings (Aug)

- FTA concurs with the current project contingency at 14%; therefore contingency does not need to be increased and the project budget remains at $2.003B
- Project Management Oversight Contractor report states:
  - Cost estimate was well prepared and that it was mechanically and fundamentally sound
  - Project schedule, with revenue service date in 2023, is mechanically sound and meets technical requirements
  - Project risk register and management plan was professionally developed and maintained
New Starts Application
New Starts Application Submittal (Sept)

• Annual submission is required for all projects nationally that are in the New Starts program
• Application includes a summary of achievements from the previous submittal in Sept 2017, including: updates to FTA’s master template, current budget, managements plans, current detailed schedule
• FTA uses the information to rate projects based on a variety of factors including ridership, economic development and congestion relief
• Projects must have a “medium” rating to be considered for a federal grant; SWLRT has a medium-high rating, and we do not expect that to change
Letter of No Prejudice
Letter of No Prejudice (LONP)

• Federal policy:
  ▪ LONP authority allows an applicant to incur costs on a project utilizing non-Federal resources, with the understanding costs incurred subsequent to the issuance of the LONP may be reimbursable as eligible expenses should FTA approve the project at a later date

• Aug 29: Council submitted a FTA LONP request for the Civil Construction in the amount of $187.3M
  ▪ Begin construction activities: mobilization, pre-construction inspections, utility relocations, freight rail phasing/shutdowns, winter calendars & highway/road closures
LONP Scope

• Mobilization
• SouthWest Station
• Bridges
  ▪ Prairie Center Dr
  ▪ I-494
  ▪ Valley View Rd
  ▪ Nine Mile Creek
  ▪ 212/Shady Oak Rd
  ▪ Minnetonka/Hopkins
  ▪ Excelsior Blvd
  ▪ Kenilworth Channel
  ▪ Glenwood Ave
• Freight Rail Trackwork
• Kenilworth Tunnel
**Overall Project Schedule**

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Getting Ready for Construction
Construction Outreach & Communication

• Same as Green Line:
  ▪ Construction open houses/meetings
  ▪ “What to Expect During Construction”
  ▪ 24-hour hot line
  ▪ Dedicated Outreach Coordinators
  ▪ Website
  ▪ Media campaign
  ▪ Signage

• New Activities
  ▪ Web tool
  ▪ Public tours
  ▪ Social media
  ▪ Videos
  ▪ Mobile office
  ▪ Construction cameras (proposed)
Communications and Outreach

• Hold community open houses/info sessions:
  ▪ Neighborhoods
  ▪ Community gathering locations
  ▪ Businesses

• Meet with property owners to discuss concerns
Claims Process Overview

• Claims process developed to address communication and timeliness issues from previous projects
• Contractor will conduct pre-construction surveys; seek permission to:
  ▪ Inspect and photograph interior/exterior structures to establish a basis of comparison
• Met Council staff provides oversight

Crews documenting existing conditions of buildings before construction began on Green Line.
Construction Web Tool Overview

Construction

SOUTHWEST LRT

Construction Management Staffing
Construction Professionals Career Fair
Construction Contract Procurement
Contracting Open House

Contact Southwest LRT
Southwest LRT News
Project Funding
Project Documents

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 00 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
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

**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

**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

**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
Mobile Friendly Web Tool
Construction Outreach & Communication

• Communications Steering Committee (CSC)
  - Membership: city, county, MnDOT, Met Council, watershed/park district staff
  - Role/function: Cross-promote construction information through multi-platforms
  - SPO role/function: Chairs/provides staff support
Construction Outreach & Communication

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

Design/Engineering

Construction

Opening Day of LRT Service

CAC
BAC
CSC
TPAC

CSC
CIWs

Opening Day Committee
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