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
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

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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
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- Establish work zones, detours

Structures, Track, Stations
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Outreach & Communications
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

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
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
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

- Design/Engineering:
  - CAC
  - BAC
  - TPAC
  - CSC

- Construction:
  - CSC
  - CIW

- Opening Day Committee:
  - Opening Day of LRT Service
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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