



# Community Advisory Committee

September 11, 2017



# Today's Topics

- Hennepin County Community Works Update
- New Starts Update
- Bassett Creek Storm Sewer Update
- West Broadway Stations



# Hennepin County Community Works Update





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# Bottineau Community Works



Three major work areas:

- FTA Pilot Program for TOD
- McKnight Intersections
- Blue Cross Blue Shield

# Bottineau Community Works

## FTA Pilot Program for TOD

- \$1.2M awarded in October 2016
- Grantee/Fiscal Agent: Metropolitan Council, Metro Transit TOD Office
- Sub-Recipient/Project Manager: Hennepin County Community Works
- 2 year grant period (from April 2017)

## Focus areas:

### Housing and Zoning

- TOD zoning, market/site feasibility, etc.
- Gaps analysis following inventory work

### Infrastructure

- Pedestrian access/safety, bike connections, mobility options (bus circulator, bike/car share), wayfinding

### Innovative Financing

- Financing tools to implement development envisioned in SAPs

### Community Engagement

- Strategic and inclusive engagement integrated with other tasks to maximize community and project outcomes

### Economic Development

- Support for small/minority businesses in the corridor

## FTA Pilot Program Next Steps:

### Housing, Zoning & Market Analysis

- RFP for consultant services July/August
- Consultant selected: Perkins + Will
- Contract going to HC Board on September 26, 2017

### RFPs for additional work forthcoming

### Innovative Financing work being led by Metropolitan Council

Economic Development work will be coordinated with McKnight Intersections grant work, BPO business support and existing work in the Corridor.



# Bottineau Community Works

## McKnight Intersections

- \$550,000 awarded in May 2017
- 18 month grant period
- Focus areas:
  - Arts & Placemaking
  - Small Business Support
  - Tying Theory to Practice



# Bottineau Community Works

## Blue Cross Blue Shield

- Final year of 5 year grant program
- Focus areas:
  - Health Equity Engagement Cohort (HEEC) – facilitated by Nexus Community Partners
  - Bike/Ped Demonstration Projects
  - Advancing health equity strategies from station area planning



# Bottineau Community Works Bike & Pedestrian Demonstration Projects:

## Projects currently underway:

- **Golden Valley:** improve crossing from bus stop to Courage Center
- **Robbinsdale:** install temporary bike racks in parking spaces for event; could be made permanent
- **Brooklyn Park:** pedestrian enhancements between farmers' market at Dragon Star and Starlite Transit Center

## Potential Future projects:

- **Mpls:** exact project TBD – looking at opportunities at Van White and Queen Avenue
- **Crystal:** exact project TBD – possible Bass Lake Road pedestrian improvements

## Opportunities for involvement:

- Participate in demonstration projects and evaluation process.

# Questions

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# New Starts Update

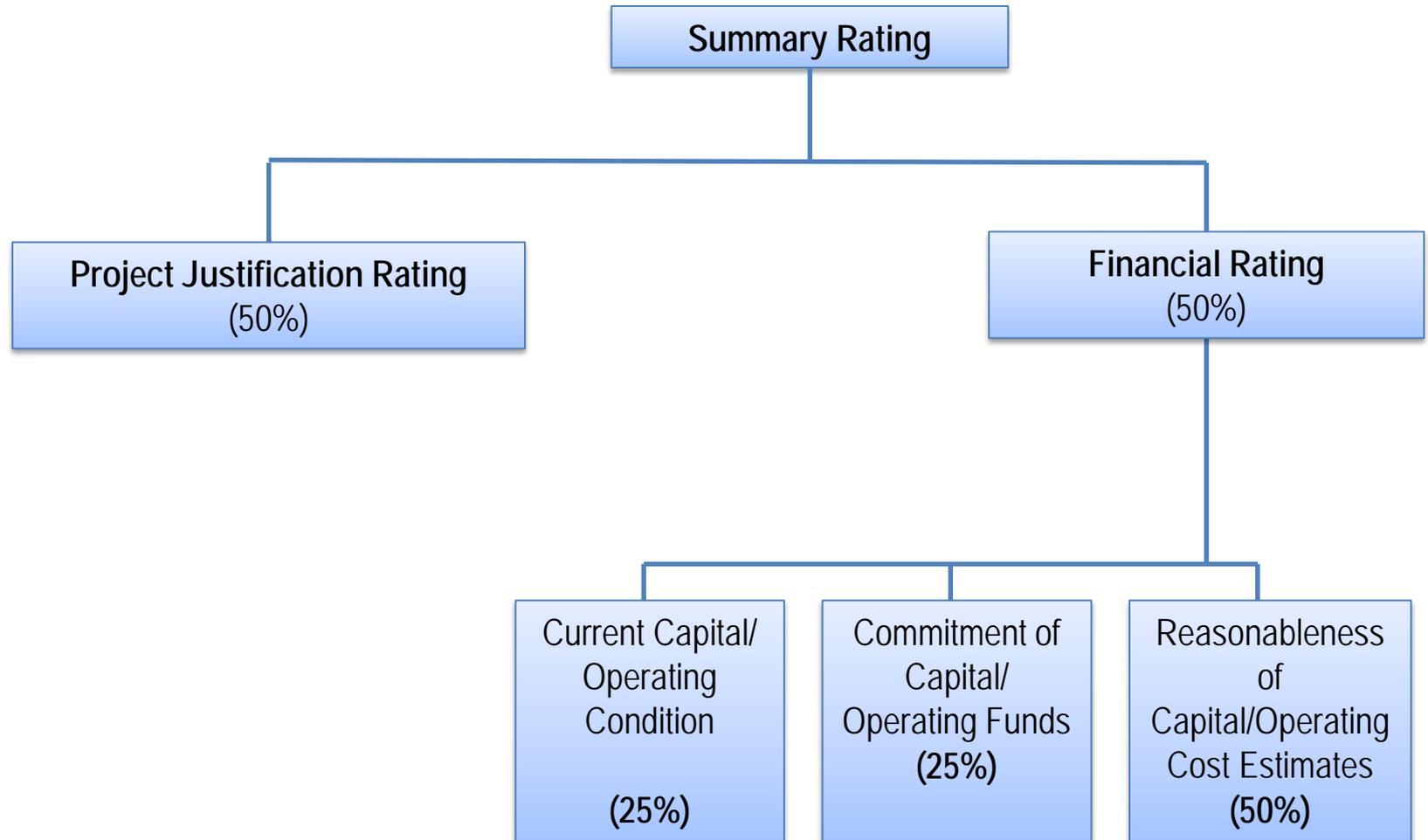


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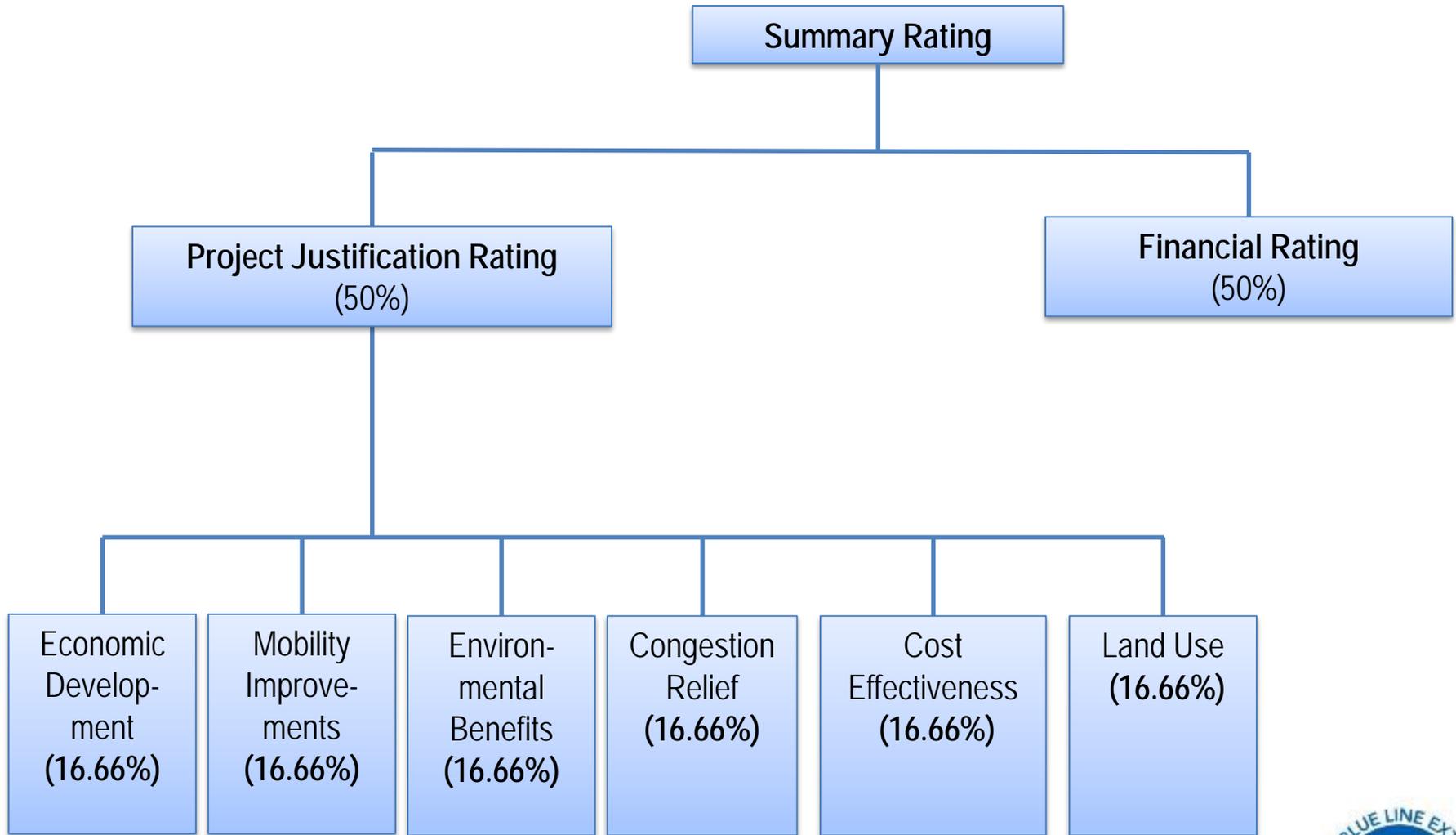
- Project received Medium-High rating in the FY 2018 FTA New Starts Annual Report
  - Based on New Starts application submitted September 2016
- Project submitted updated New Starts application on September 7, 2017
  - FY 2019 FTA New Starts Annual Report
  - Anticipate a Medium-High rating



# New Starts Rating Components: Financial



# New Starts Rating Components: Project Justification



# 2017 New Starts Submittal Changes

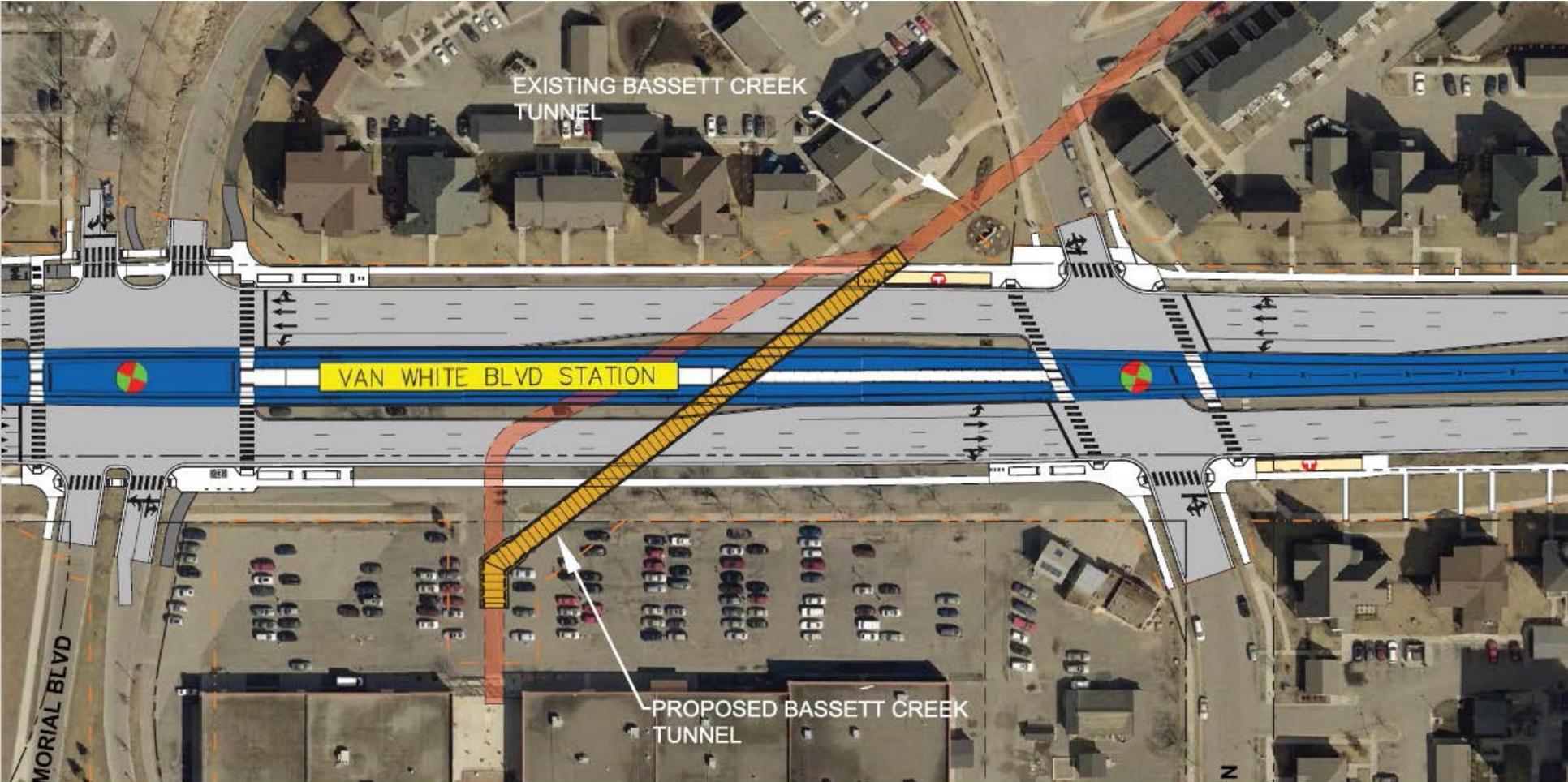
- Land Use and Economic Development
  - Discusses advancements since 2016
- Financial Management Plan
  - CTIB dissolution
  - Full local funding commitment
- Revised project schedule
  - Shift FFGA application from September 2017 to May 2018
- Ridership adjusted for reduction of Robbinsdale Park-n-Ride
  - 550 spaces to 400 spaces



# Bassett Creek Storm Sewer Update



# Bassett Creek Storm Sewer Overview



# Construction Overview

- Two bid packages:
  - Material procurement
  - Tunnel construction
- July 31, 2017: Material procurement contract awarded to Max Steininger, Inc.
- August 25, 2017: Tunnel construction awarded to Minger Construction Companies, Inc.



# Construction Overview

- Fall 2017: Utility installation across Olson Memorial Highway (OMH)
  - Precast box culvert
  - 2 – 42” MCES conveyance pipes
  - Closure of OMH to start after Oct 27, 2017 allowing completion of I-94 work
  - Closure date(s) have been coordinated with MnDOT, Hennepin County and City of Minneapolis
  - Up to 12 day closure of OMH between West Lyndale Avenue and Van White Memorial Boulevard
  - Minger anticipates working 24 hours a day / 7 days a week during the closure of OMH



# Construction Overview

- Winter 2017 / 2018: Cast in place concrete and in-place lining of MCES sewer
  - North closure concrete placement between OMH and Heritage Park townhomes occurring with lane closures on OMH
  - South closure concrete placement requires helical pile installation in the Summit OIC parking lot
  - MCES lining includes 36" pipe installed within existing egg shaped sanitary sewer
- Spring 2018: Cleanup and restoration



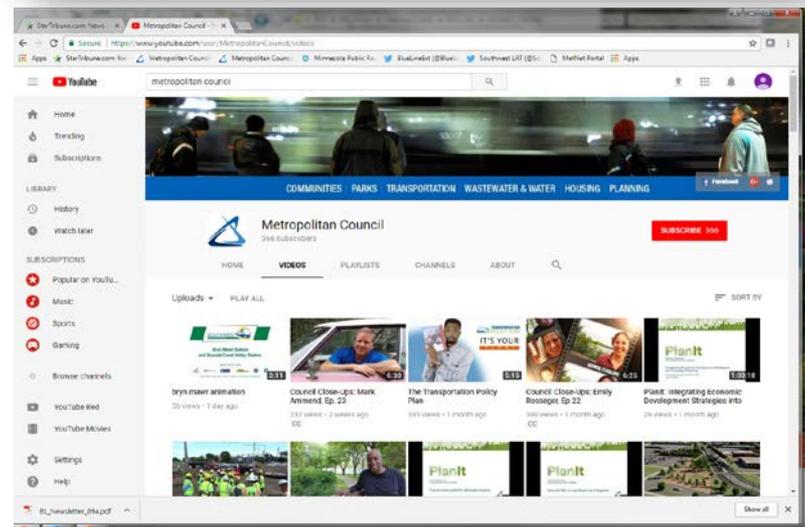
# Public Outreach and Communications

- Key outreach & communication messages
  - Project description
  - Duration of construction
  - Detours for vehicles, trail users, bus riders
  - Where to get more information
  - Who to contact if you have any questions



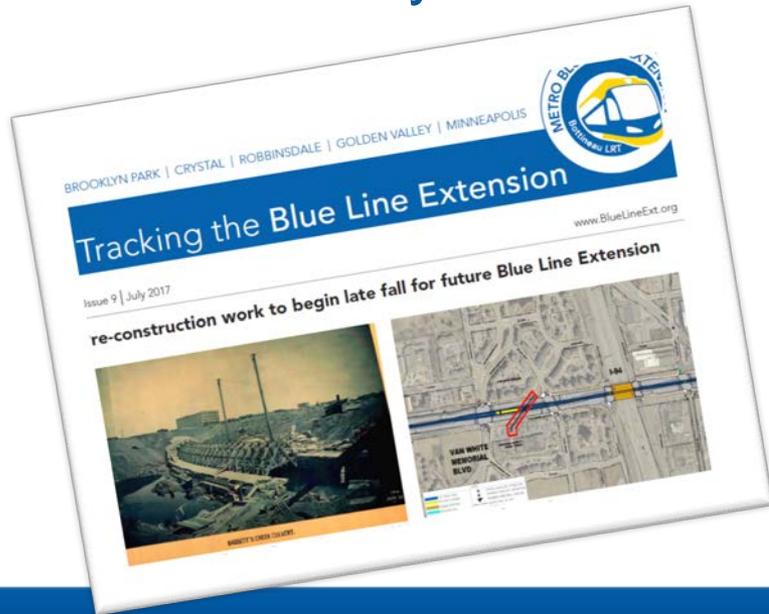
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- Coordination/information sharing meetings with
  - MnDOT
  - Metro Transit
  - County/Cities
- Media
  - Traditional: TV, cable access, radio, newspapers
  - Social media: MC Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor
- Bassett Creek Storm Sewer video



# Public Outreach and Communications

- Neighborhood/community communications
  - Neighborhood/community briefings
  - Community open house: early October
  - Leave behind/poster: project one-pager
  - Project website and newsletter
  - Variable message signs
  - GovDelivery



# West Broadway Stations



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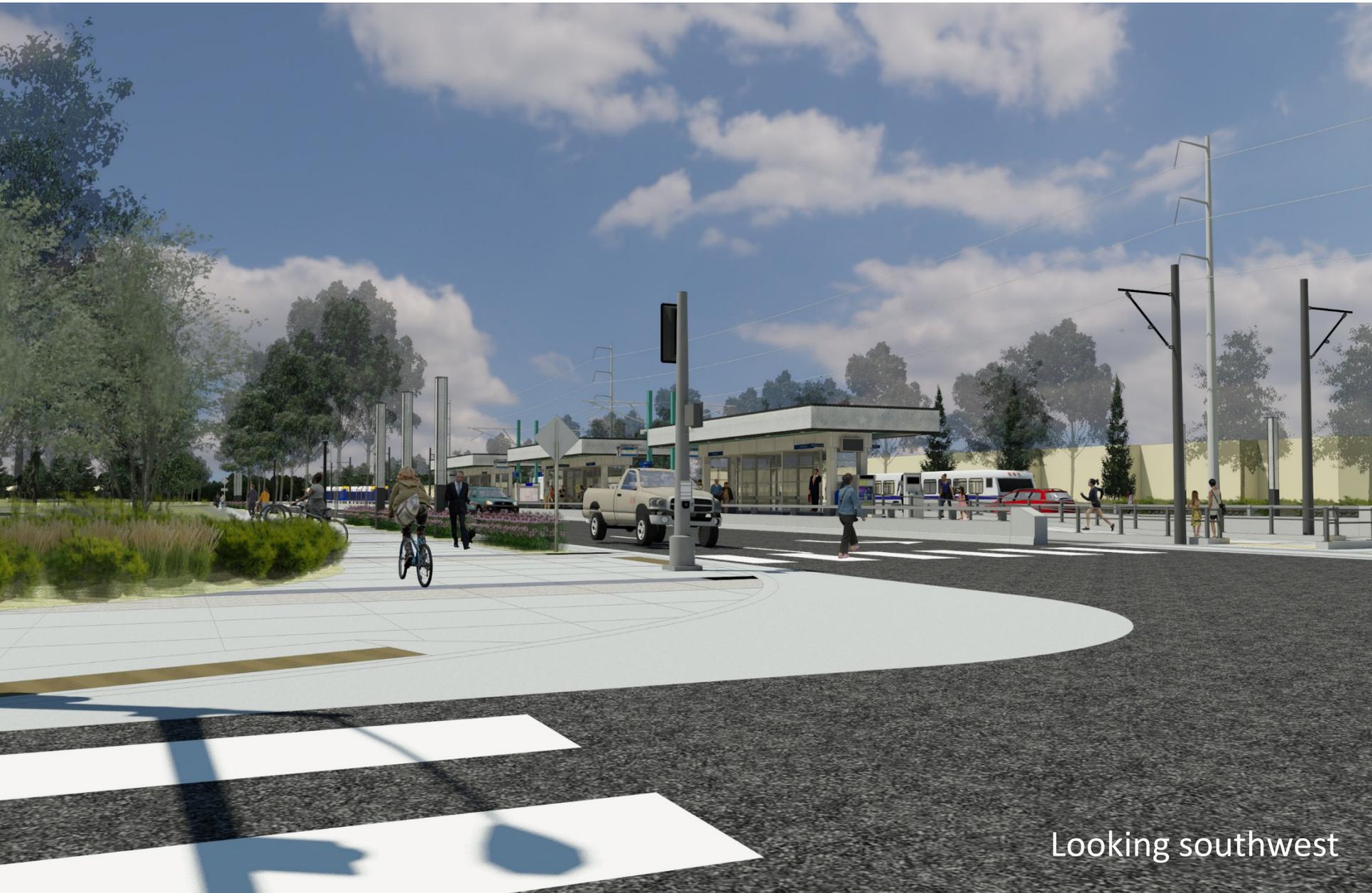
- Station design established in 30% plans
  - Center platforms consistent on all BLRT station platforms
  - Layout of shelters, ticket equipment, signage same on all platforms
  - Stations along West Broadway center running
- Station design advancing towards 90% plans
  - Finalizing material choices, including color
  - Finalizing details, such as lighting or other unique design elements
  - Finalizing station area, including access



# 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Station Site Plan



# 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Station



Looking southwest

# 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Station



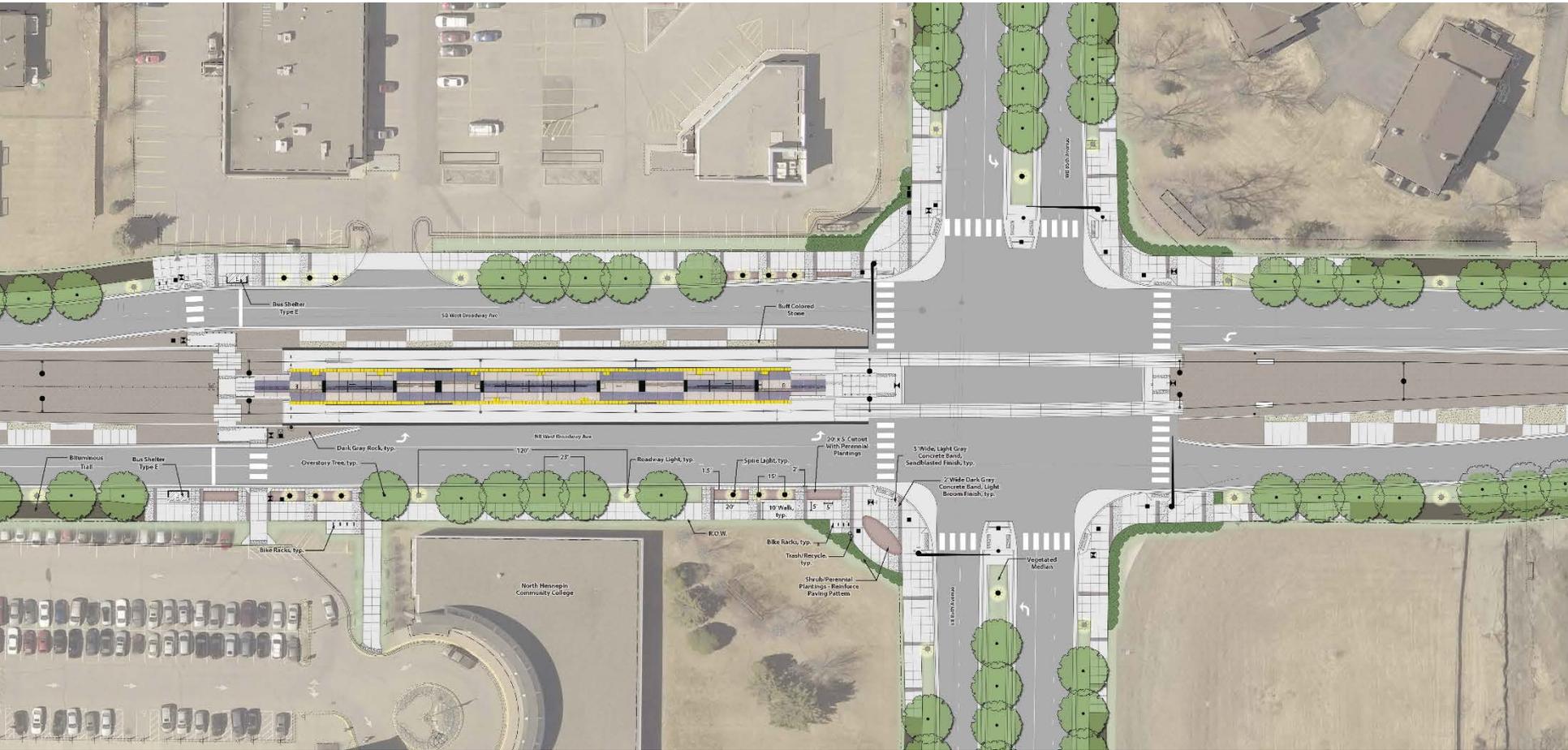
Looking northwest

# 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Station



Looking north

# 85<sup>th</sup> Avenue Station Site Plan



# 85<sup>th</sup> Avenue Station



Looking southeast

# 85<sup>th</sup> Avenue Station



Looking northwest

# 85<sup>th</sup> Avenue Station



Looking north



# Brooklyn Boulevard Station



Looking southwest

# Brooklyn Boulevard Station



Looking northwest

# Brooklyn Boulevard Station



Looking north

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## METRO BLUE LINE EXTENSION

Bottineau Transitway – Minneapolis & Northwestern Communities

The METRO Blue Line Extension (LRT) will operate northwest from downtown Minneapolis through north Minneapolis, Golden Valley, Robbinsdale, Crystal and Brooklyn Park, drawing riders northwest of Brooklyn Park. The proposed alignment is primarily at-grade and will have up to 11 new stations in addition to Target Field Station and about 13 miles of double track. The line will interline with the METRO Blue Line and connect Minneapolis and the region's northwest suburbs with existing LRT on the METRO Green Line, future LRT on the METRO Green Line Extension, bus rapid transit on the METRO Red Line, the Northstar commuter rail line and local and express bus routes.

**Latest News**  
Feds: Met Council can begin designing METRO Blue Line Extension

**Route**  
Click on the map below for more information

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