Community Advisory Committee Meeting

April 24, 2014
Today’s Topics

- Welcome
- Approval of Minutes
- Project Update
- Hennepin County Community Works
- Community Advisory Committee Next Steps
- Member & Committee Reports/Public Forum
- Adjourn
Project Update
Approved Scope & Budget
SWLRT Advisory Committee Meetings

- 4/2 Corridor Management Committee
  - Receive public testimony
  - Recommendation on project scope and budget
SWLRT Met Council Meetings

• 4/2 Met Council Committee of the Whole
  ▪ SWLRT update on staff recommendation

• 4/9 Met Council Meeting
  ▪ Receive public testimony
  ▪ Adopt project scope and budget
April 9 Met Council Public Testimony
Project Scope

• Technical Issue #1: Retain Mitchell Road Station in Eden Prairie
• Technical Issue #21: Shallow LRT Tunnels over Channel in Kenilworth Corridor with a 2019 Opening
Eden Prairie Alignment to Mitchell Road
Shallow LRT Tunnels with Bridge Over Channel

Approx. 2,200'

Approx. 2,500'

Kenilworth Corridor
Owner: HCRRA
Operator: TC&W

West Lake Station

LRT Tunnel

Begin Tunnel

End Tunnel

End Tunnel

Begin Tunnel

Brownie

Penn Station

Twin

Cedar Lake Drwy

Burnham Rd

Cedar

Midtown Greenway

Lake of the Isles

Cahoun

W Lake St
Kenilworth Shallow LRT Tunnel at South End
Kenilworth Shallow LRT Tunnels with LRT Bridge Over Channel
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Project Budget

- SWLRT Budget: $1.673B - $1.683B

- Cost Drivers:
  - 16 stations, 15.8 miles of LRT with Mitchell Road Station serving as the westernmost station
  - Shallow LRT tunnels in Kenilworth Corridor with LRT bridge over channel
  - Advancing construction one year/opening 2019
Next Steps: Municipal Consent
Municipal Consent Process

- Met Council submits municipal consent plans to cities and county: April 22, 2014
- Met Council / Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority hold joint open house and public hearing: May 29, 2014
- Cities/County hold open houses and public hearings
- Cities/County approve plans within 45 days of the Met Council/Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority joint open house and public hearing
- Completed by July 14, 2014
## SWLRT Key Milestones: April 2014

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<td>Revenue Operation</td>
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Hennepin County Community Works
Southwest LRT Community Works

2013 Accomplishments

connecting people to jobs, housing, shopping, and fun
Transitional Station Area Action Plans

Intended to promote opening day readiness by bridging the gap between current conditions and future needs by addressing:

- Station platform locations
- Park and ride sites
- Future development potential
- Access and circulation planning
- Infrastructure planning
- Stormwater management options

*Created short-term plans that achieve long-term visions*
Southwest Corridor Investment Framework

- Background
- Corridor Characterization
- 17 Transitional Station Area Action Plans (TSAAP)
- Implementation

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Expanding Knowledge: LISC Workshops

- Workshop series at Wooddale & Town Center stations
- Engage residents in interactive exercise(s)
- Purpose to broaden understanding of development issues/opportunities
Creating Housing Opportunities

Corridor Wide Housing Strategy

- Corridor Wide Housing Inventory – Spring 2013
- Partner city presentations – Fall 2013
- Next Step – Gap Analysis
Southwest Investment Partnership
A group of major employers along the Southwest Corridor who are identifying & prioritizing private sector investment to align with public sector transit and placemaking investments.

HUD Sustainable Communities Peer Exchange
National forum to share lessons learned and exchange information with peer regions: Seattle, Denver and Miami.
Guiding Principles for Investment

- Partner for Effective Planning and Implementation
- Create Great Quality Transit Oriented Development and Achieve Unique, Vibrant Places
- Stimulate Employment and Economic Development
- Provide a Full Range of Housing Choices
- Strengthen Communities through Connections and Access to Opportunity
- Maintain and Improve Natural Systems
- Build Healthy Communities
- Enhance Tax Base
Rail~volution 2013

Southwest CW presentation by Meg McMonigal St. Louis Park
“Corridor Collaboration and Innovation: Don’t Go It Alone”

Midtown Community Works presentation by Commissioner Dorfman
“Old Corridors for New Green Purposes”

Southwest MindMixer site featured at closing ceremony as example of innovative engagement

Attendance by over 140 Minnesotans – uff da!
Walking the Corridor

Walk Shed Analysis Tool

- Ability to graphically map the 10 minute walk shed
- Existing Conditions & Opening Day (2018)
- Automatically adjusts as infrastructure is built
- Able to populate maps with amenities (schools, libraries, clinics, jobs, etc.)
Suburban Walk Shed – Shady Oak Station

Existing access area

Opening Day access area
Implementing Projects

Towerlight (Wooddale Station)

UHG Building (Opus Station)

Gallery Flats (Hopkins Station)
Implementing Projects

Bigos Development (West Lake Station)

National Marrow Donor Program/Be The Match (Royalston Station)

Plaza (Target Field Station)
Engaging the Public

Open Houses, advisory committee meetings, and workshops

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Engaging the Public

Listening Sessions, neighborhood events, & special meetings

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Mindmixer ([www.swbeyondtherails.com](http://www.swbeyondtherails.com)) – online dialogue about station areas and public places
Engaging the Public
# 2014 Implementation Activities

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<td>Develop Master Development Strategies</td>
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<td>Complete Corridor Wide Housing Gap Analysis</td>
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<td>Prepare New Starts Application</td>
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<td>Conduct Employment TOD Pilot Project(s)</td>
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<td>Market the Corridor &amp; TOD Opportunities</td>
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<td>Conduct Strategic Outreach/Communications <em>(general public, business community, developers, &amp; traditionally under represented)</em></td>
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Community Advisory Committee
Next Steps
Committee Next Steps

• No meetings during Municipal Consent
• Seek new member nominations in July to address the needs of next project phase
• Hold kick-off meeting in September
• Areas of focus:
  ▪ Environmental process
  ▪ Station design and access
  ▪ OMF
  ▪ Multimodal connections
  ▪ Art/landscaping
Member and Committee Reports/Public Forum
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