Corridor Management Committee

March 6, 2013
Today’s Topics

• Legislative Update

• Principles for Southwest LRT Major Scoping Decisions

• Technical Issue #1 – Eden Prairie Alignment

• Communications and Outreach Update
  – BAC / CAC Report
Legislative Update
Principles for Southwest LRT Major Scoping Decisions
Draft SWLRT Scoping Principles

• Purpose

  – Establish a set of decision-making principles that are clear and transparent
  – Address concerns raised in the DEIS public comment process
  – Evaluate alternatives in a consistent manner
Scoping Principles Apply to Project Elements

• Location of LRT track
• Location of freight rail track
• Location/layout of stations and station access
• Location/layout of park and ride facilities
• Location of pedestrian/bike trails impacted by project
• Layout of roadway features:
  – Turn lanes, lane widths, traffic signals
• Location/layout of OMF
• Identification of LRT systems elements
Draft SWLRT Scoping Principles (cont.)

- Comply with current federal and state laws, rules, and guidelines
- Follow Regional Transitway Guidelines, regional policies and regional plans adopted by the Metropolitan Council and follow best business practices of the Council
- Follow SWLRT Design Criteria, including criteria for safety & security
- Positively impact (increase) the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) rating criteria
- Positively impact (increase) ridership
- Positively impact (increase) land use, economic development and access to affordable housing by coordinating with local station area plans
(cont.) Draft SWLRT Scoping Principles

- Positively impact (increase) equity so that community benefits and burdens are equally shared
- Positively impact (increase) environmental benefits
- Positively impact (increase) use of the intermodal transportation network including bus, light rail, trails and sidewalks
- Positively impact (decrease) or not impact the project schedule
- Positively impact (decrease) capital cost
- Positively impact (decrease) operating cost
- Actively engage and encourage input from interested and impacted stakeholders
Technical Issue #1: Eden Prairie Alignment
SWLRT PE Technical Issues

Based on:

- DEIS comments
- Other stakeholder input
Typical Technical Issue Input / Feedback Process

IRTs  →  TPAC  →  BAC/CAC  →  CMC  →  Met Council

Community Engagement
Feedback

• Presented to Technical Project Advisory Committee on Feb. 14

• Presented to Business Advisory and Community Advisory Committees on Feb. 21

• Continue seeking feedback from businesses along alternatives under consideration

• Planning public open house to be held in May
Communications and Outreach Update
# SPO Community Outreach Activities

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Joint SWLRT Business and Community Advisory Committee Report – Feb 21

• Topics Covered:
  – Welcome by the Chairs
  – Transitional Station Area Action Plans
  – Introduction of Community Outreach Coordinators
  – Overview: SWLRT Preliminary Engineering Technical Issues and Decision-Making Process
  – Workshop: Technical Issue #1 - Eden Prairie Alignment

• Next Meeting:
  – BAC: March 27, 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM; SWLRT Project Office
  – CAC: March 28, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM; SWLRT Project Office
Joint SWLRT Business and Community Advisory Committee Report – Feb 21

- Eden Prairie Alignment Workshop Themes:
  - Modify alignment and stations to serve the most people
  - Ensure jobs centers are served
  - Alignment should maximize multi-modal connections
  - Alignment should minimize grade crossings and traffic impacts
More Information

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