



Community Advisory Committee

January 9, 2017



Today's Topics

- 2017 Project Activity Overview
- Updated Corridor Flyover Video: Preview
- 2017 Meeting Schedule



2016 Major Project Milestones Achieved

- March: Received Municipal Consent from the five corridor cities & Hennepin County
- July: FTA & Met Council published the Final Environmental Impact Statement
- August: Received local funding commitments
 - Counties Transit Improvement Board
 - Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority
 - City of Brooklyn Park
 - Minnesota Department of Transportation
 - Hennepin County



2016 Major Project Milestones Achieved

- August:
 - Completed 30% design
 - Submitted FTA New Starts with materials demonstrating completion of Project Development
- September:
 - FTA issued Record of Decision & Met Council determined Final EIS is adequate
 - Met Council adopted revised project scope and budget
 - Met Council applied for Entry into Engineering
- Staff participated in 140 community events/meetings/advisory committee meetings



2017 Project Activity Overview



Overall Project Schedule

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Project Development			ROD					
Engineering								
Construction					FFGA			
LRV Production & Testing								
Fare Collection Production, Testing								
Systems Testing								
Revenue Operations								



Major 2017 Milestones

FTA Grants Entry to Engineering	January 2017
Complete 60% Civil & OMF Design	March 2017
Complete 60% Systems Design	May 2017
FTA Risk Assessment	June 2017
FTA Financial Capacity Assessment	June 2017
LONP Submittal for Advanced Construction	June 2017
Complete 90% Civil Design	August 2017
Application for Full Funding Grant Agreement	September 2017
Complete 90% OMF Design	September 2017
Complete 90% Systems Design	October 2017
Complete 100% Civil Design	December 2017



FTA New Starts 2017 Key Activities

- FTA authorizes Entry to Engineering
- FTA conducts Risk Assessment
- FTA conducts Financial Capacity Assessment
- Met Council prepares and submits Full Funding Grant Application



Environmental

- Section 106 (Historic/Cultural Resources):
 - Complete interpretive plan design
 - Complete Construction Protection Plan
 - Consult to meet SOI standards: milestones at 60/90/100% design
- Wetlands Permitting:
 - Submit permit request to USACE / local jurisdictions
 - Receive permit prior to advanced construction
- Complete Phase II Investigation:
 - Receive RAP approvals from MPCA
 - Incorporate actions into contract specifications



Agreements

- Railroads:
 - Canadian Pacific
 - BNSF
- Utilities (requiring substantial relocation):
 - Xcel
 - MCES
- Construction Cost Participation Agreements:
 - MnDOT
 - Hennepin County
 - Local municipalities



Design Advancement



2017 Design Advancement Activities

- 60% design plans
 - Plan production underway
 - March: Distribute 60% plans for stakeholder review
- Design details to resolve prior to 90% plan production
 - Robbinsdale Park and Ride
 - Oak Grove Park and Ride
 - West Broadway streetscape
 - Olson Memorial Highway streetscape
 - Drainage North of TH 610



2017 Design Advancement Activities

- 90% design plans
 - April: Begin production
 - August: Distribute 90% plans for stakeholder review
- 100% design plans
 - September: Begin production
 - December: Deliver
 - Bid packages ready early 2018



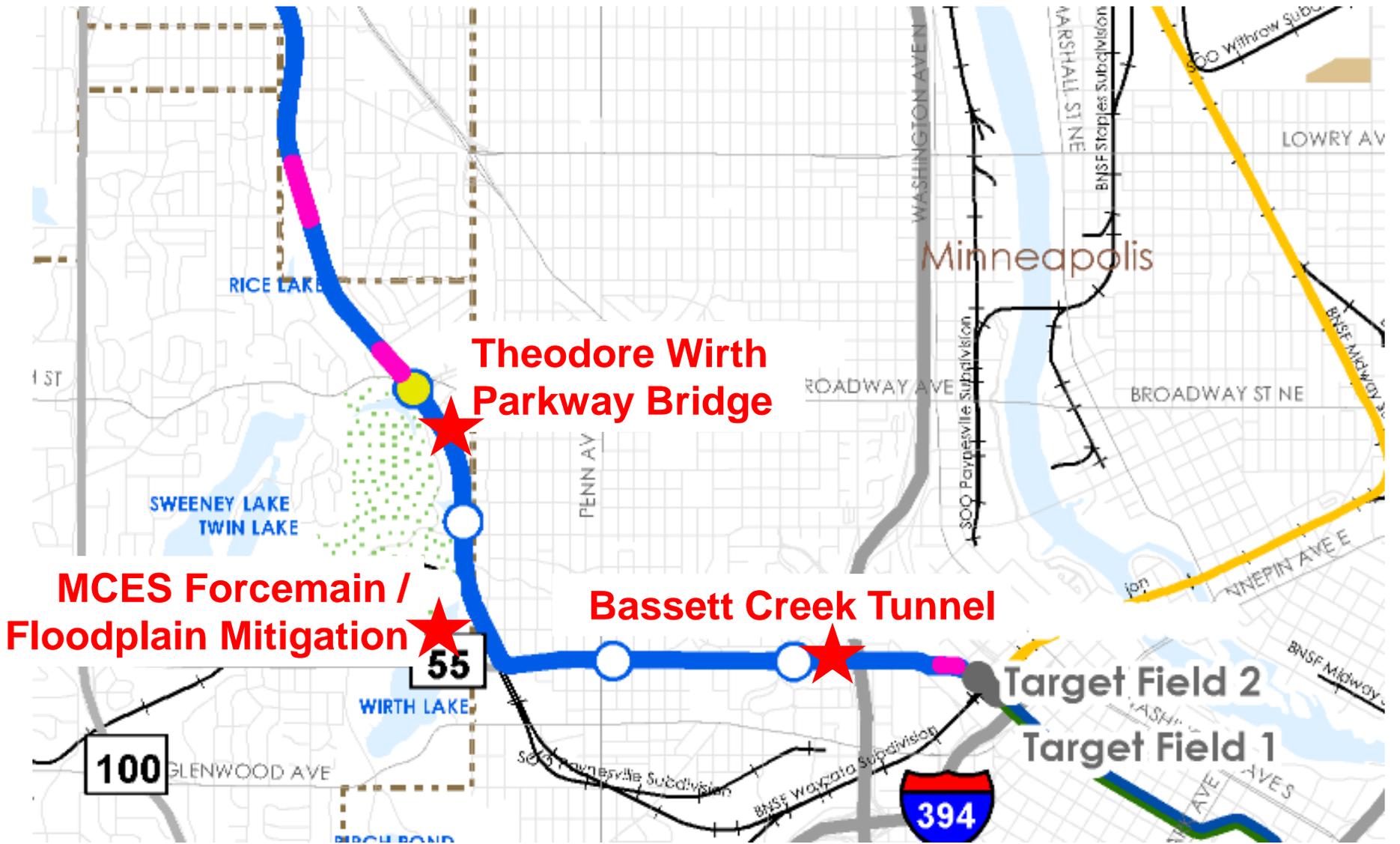
Potential Advanced Construction Activities



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- MCES sewer relocation
- Floodplain mitigation
- Theodore Wirth Parkway bridge reconstruction
- Bassett Creek tunnel reconstruction
- Procurement of Xcel transmission poles





Proposed Construction Packages

- Civil 1 & 2:
 - Civil 1: Target Field Station thru CSAH 81 flyover bridge
 - Civil 2: Jolly Lane to Operations & Maintenance Facility
 - Roadway
 - Utilities
 - LRT guideway
 - Stations
 - Park and Rides
- Systems:
 - Traction power
 - Overhead catenary system
 - Communications
 - Rail signaling



Proposed Construction Packages

- Operations Maintenance Facility:
 - Brooklyn Park
 - OMF building
 - Yard track
 - Vehicle storage
 - Light maintenance
 - Paint and body bay
 - Franklin O&M Building
 - Overhaul bay expansion
 - Rail control center expansion



BLRT / SWLRT Joint Contracting Efforts

- Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) contractor: Rockwell Collins (ARINC)
- Traction Power Substations
- Target Field Station
- Light Rail Vehicles
 - BLRT options to the SWLRT procurement
- Fare Collection



Right of Way

- Appraisals and acquisition prioritized based on:
 - Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board property
 - Railroad parcels
 - Advanced construction parcels
 - Parcels that include relocation



Public Involvement



Public Involvement Activities

- Support Design/Engineering activities
 - Large format meetings at 60% design
 - Neighborhood meetings
- Staff project Advisory Committees
- Share project information through website, newsletters
- Coordinate project information sharing efforts with project partners



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2017 CAC Meeting Schedule

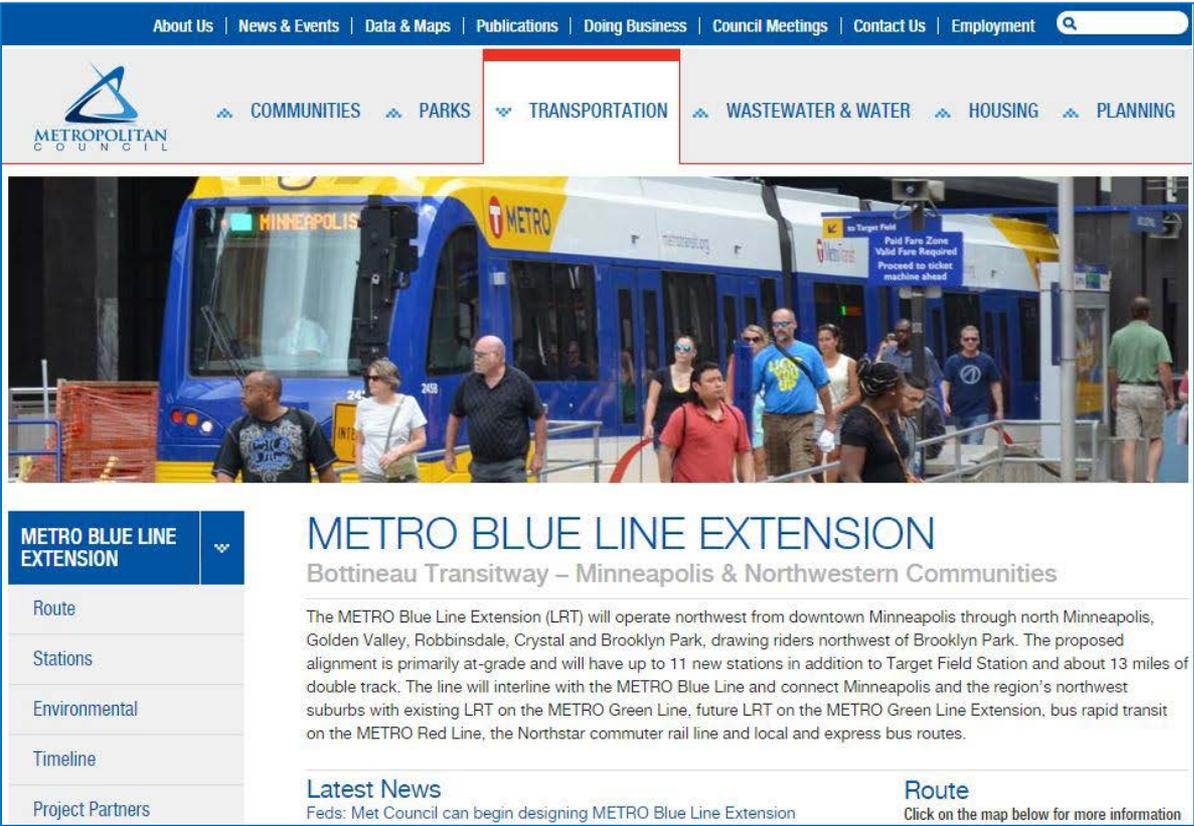


2017 Meeting Schedule

- The Monday before CMC meets: 6:00 to 8:00 PM
- Held at the Blue Line Project Office:
 - February 6
 - March 6
 - April 10
 - May 8
 - June 5
 - July 10
 - August 7
 - September 11
 - October 9
 - November 6
 - December 11



More Information



The screenshot shows the Metropolitan Council website with a navigation menu at the top. The 'TRANSPORTATION' menu item is highlighted. Below the navigation is a large photograph of a blue and yellow METRO Blue Line train at a station platform with passengers waiting. A sign on the platform reads 'Paid Fare Zone Valid Fare Required Proceed to ticket machine ahead'. Below the photo is a sidebar with a dropdown menu for 'METRO BLUE LINE EXTENSION' and a main content area with the following text:

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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