Community Advisory Committee

May 4, 2015

BROOKLYN PARK | CRYSTAL | ROBBINSDALE | GOLDEN VALLEY | MINNEAPOLIS

Today's Topics

- Welcome and Introductions
- Introduction of Outreach Coordinators
- Community Works Update
- Design Update/Discussion
- Member and Committee Reports/Public Forum

BAC/CAC Kick-off Apr 15 at Summit Academy

Survey Results

- Top 5 Topics:
  - Station location and station area plans
  - Trails, parks and bike impacts
  - Multi-modal connections, Safety (tied for #3)
  - Station and platform design
  - Transit oriented development (TOD)
  - Other:
    - Environmental process
    - Housing
    - outreach to traditionally underserved/under represented groups

CAC Charter Approval

- Membership
- Roles and responsibilities
- Meeting dates/time: first Monday of every month starting at 6:00 PM
  - June 1
  - July 6
  - Aug 3
  - Sept 7 (Labor Day)
  - Oct 5
  - Nov 2
  - Dec 7

Community Outreach Coordinators

Communication Outreach Coordinators

- Staff:
  - Juan Rangel: Brooklyn Park
  - David Davies: Crystal, Robbinsdale, Golden Valley
  - Sophia Ginis: Minneapolis
  - Dan Pfeiffer: Assistant Public Involvement Manager
- Meet and greets:
  - Attend BAC/CAC, CMC meetings
  - Introduce at city council, planning commission meetings/workshops
  - Attend station area planning meetings

Hennepin County
Community Works Update

Technical Issues Update

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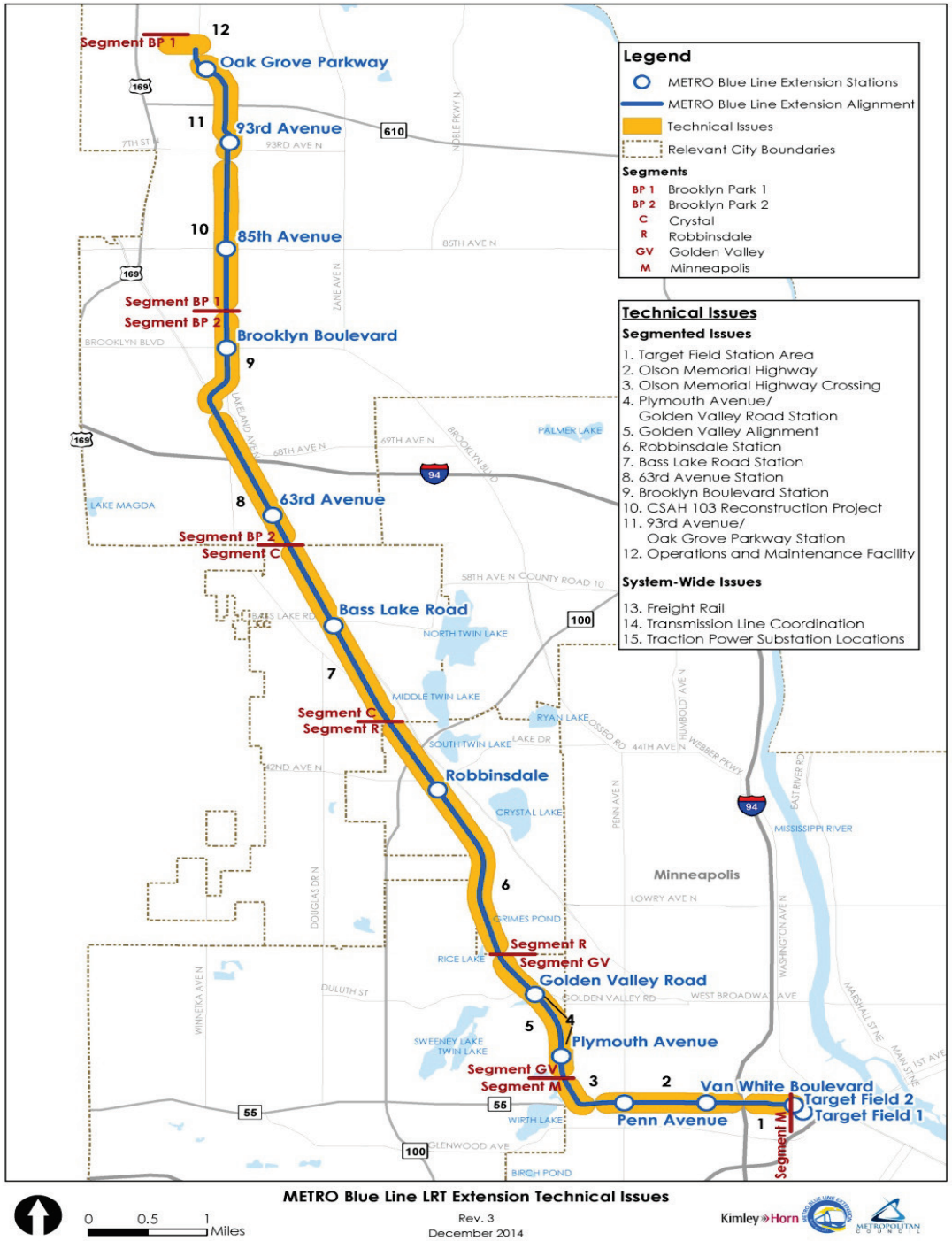
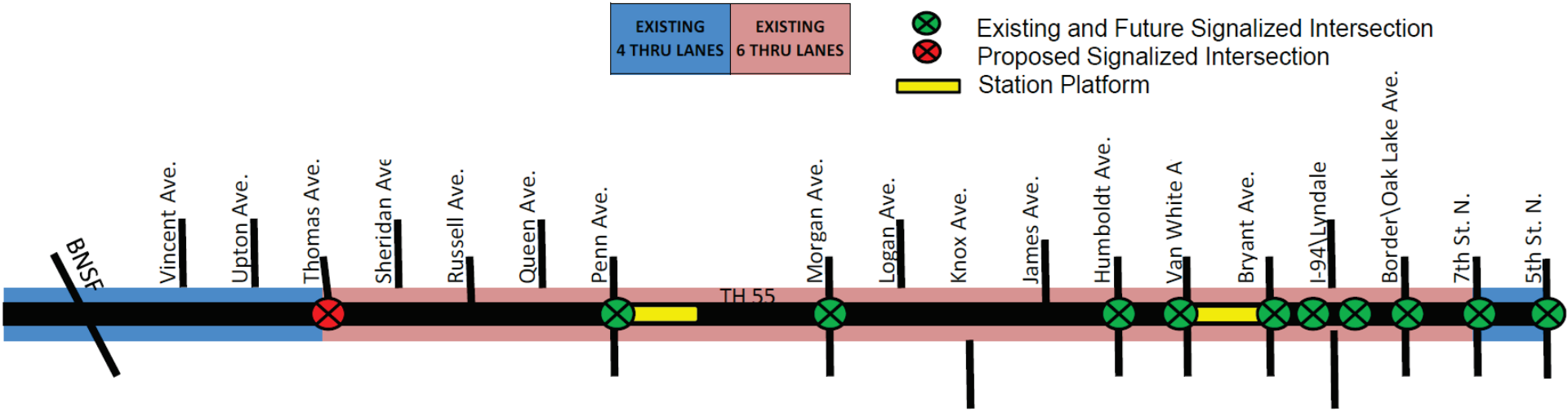


Technical Issue #2/3 Olson Memorial Highway and Crossing Updates

Technical Issue #2 Olson Memorial Highway

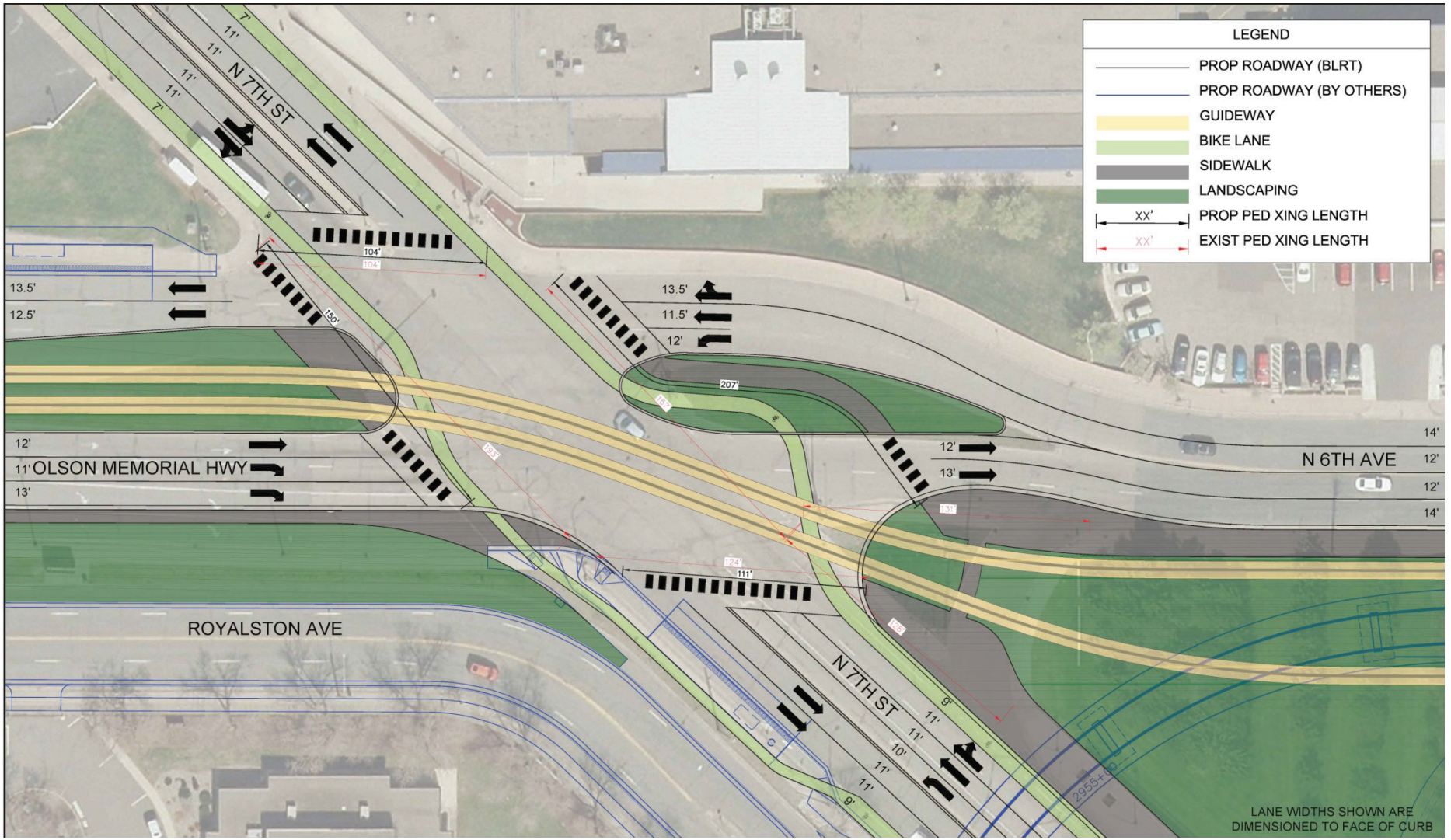
- Olson Memorial Highway (OMH) in three segments:
  - Intersection of 7th and TH 55
  - I-94 Interchange
  - I-94 to freight rail corridor

Technical Issue #2: Section Diagram



4 lane and 6 lane locations along Olson Memorial Highway

Technical Issue #2: OMH/7th St. Intersection



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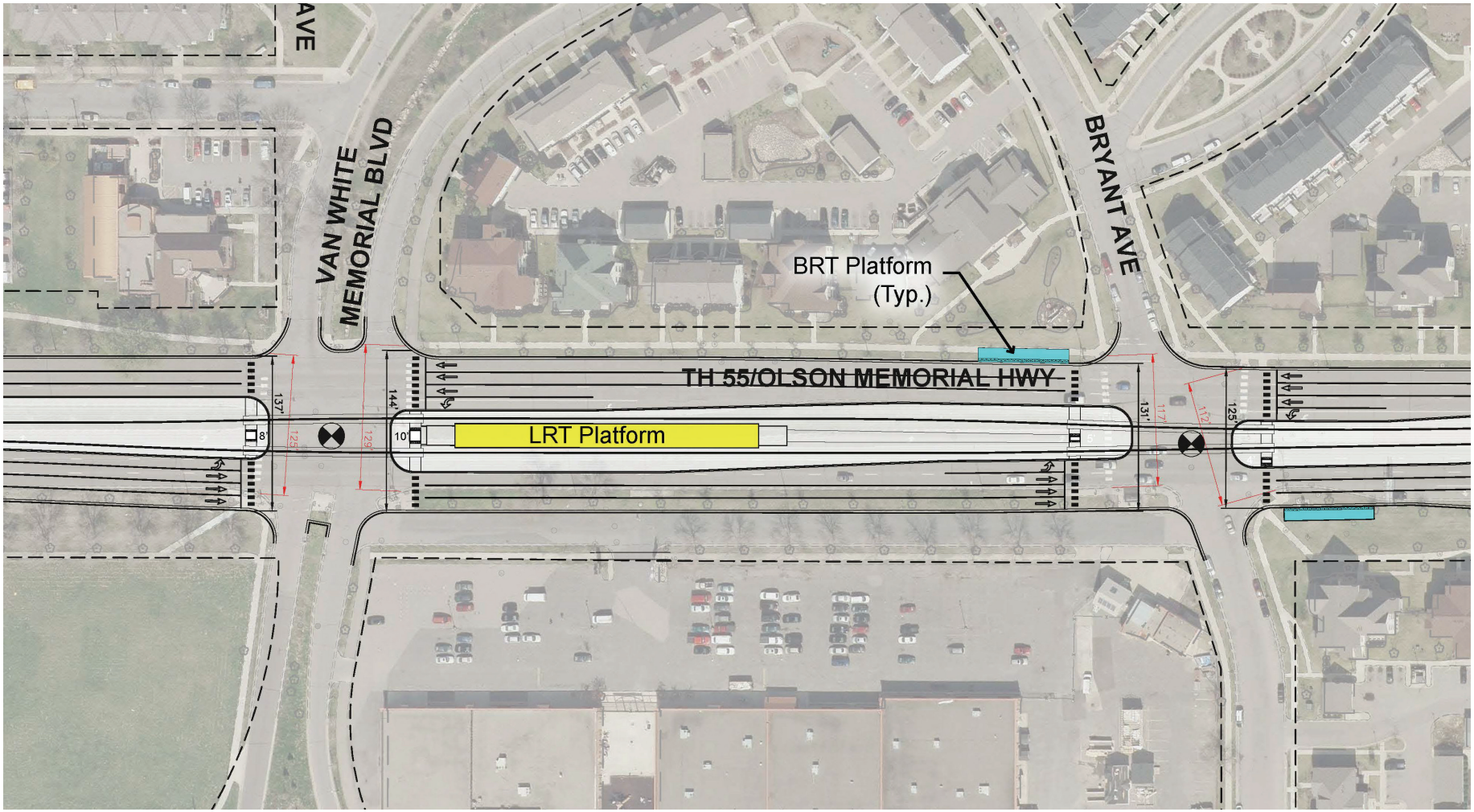

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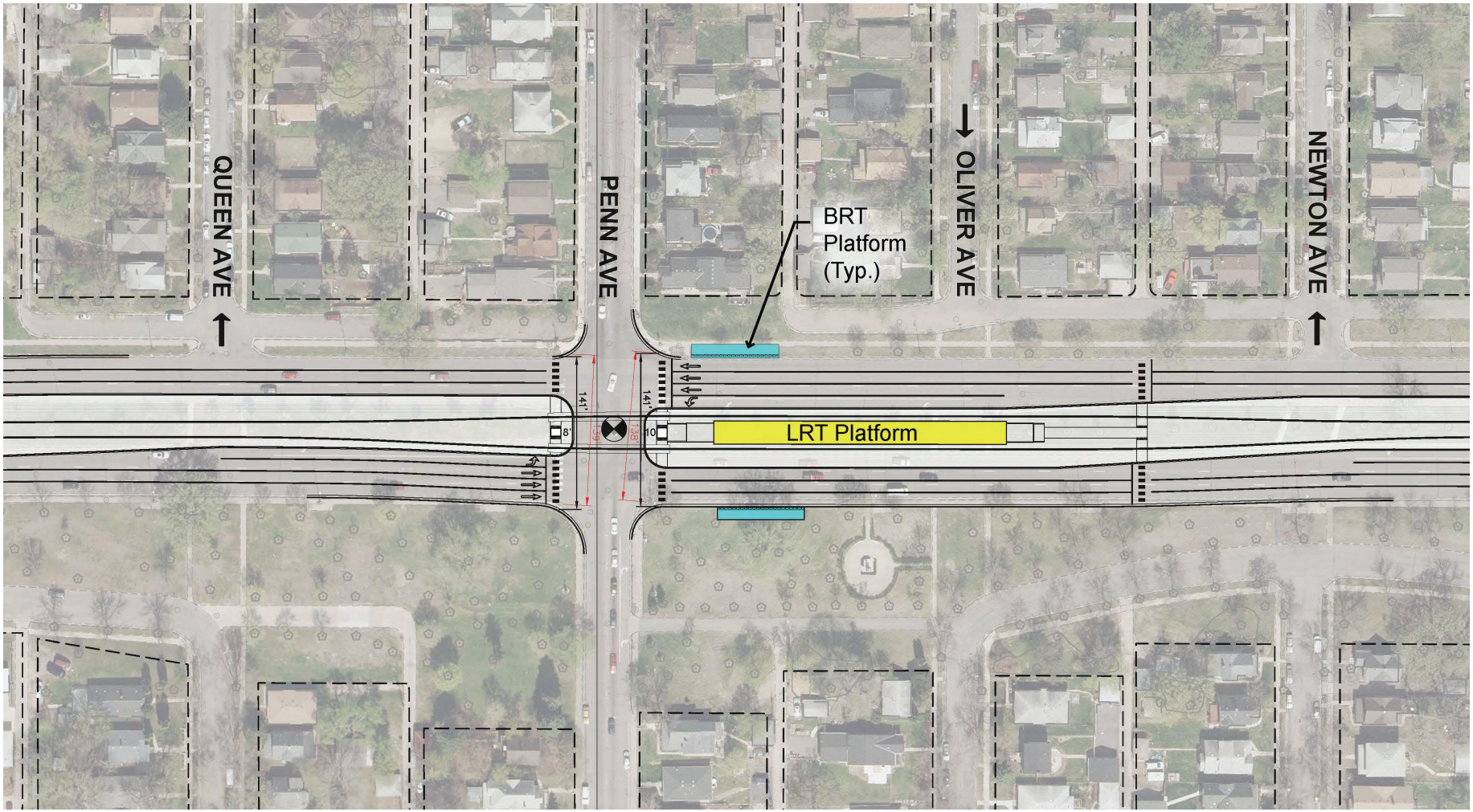

Technical Issue #2: Issues to Resolve

- Vehicles
  - Number of lanes, turn lanes, I-94 interchange
- LRT
  - Station configuration, pedestrian access
- Buses
  - Coordination with C-Line Bus Rapid Transit and local routes
- Pedestrians
  - Crossings, safety
- Bicycles
  - Crossings, bicycle facilities

Technical Issue #2: Next Steps

- Evaluate road section for current and future traffic conditions
- Work with MnDOT and City of Minneapolis towards design of Highway 55
  - Issue Resolution Team
  - Topic specific group
- Seek input from CAC and BAC; stakeholder
- Hold community meeting in June
- Provide updates to CMC

Technical Issue #3 OMH Crossing Update

- LRT center running on OMH
- Connection to freight rail corridor
- Reconstruct westbound OMH span
- Eastbound OMH span remains in place

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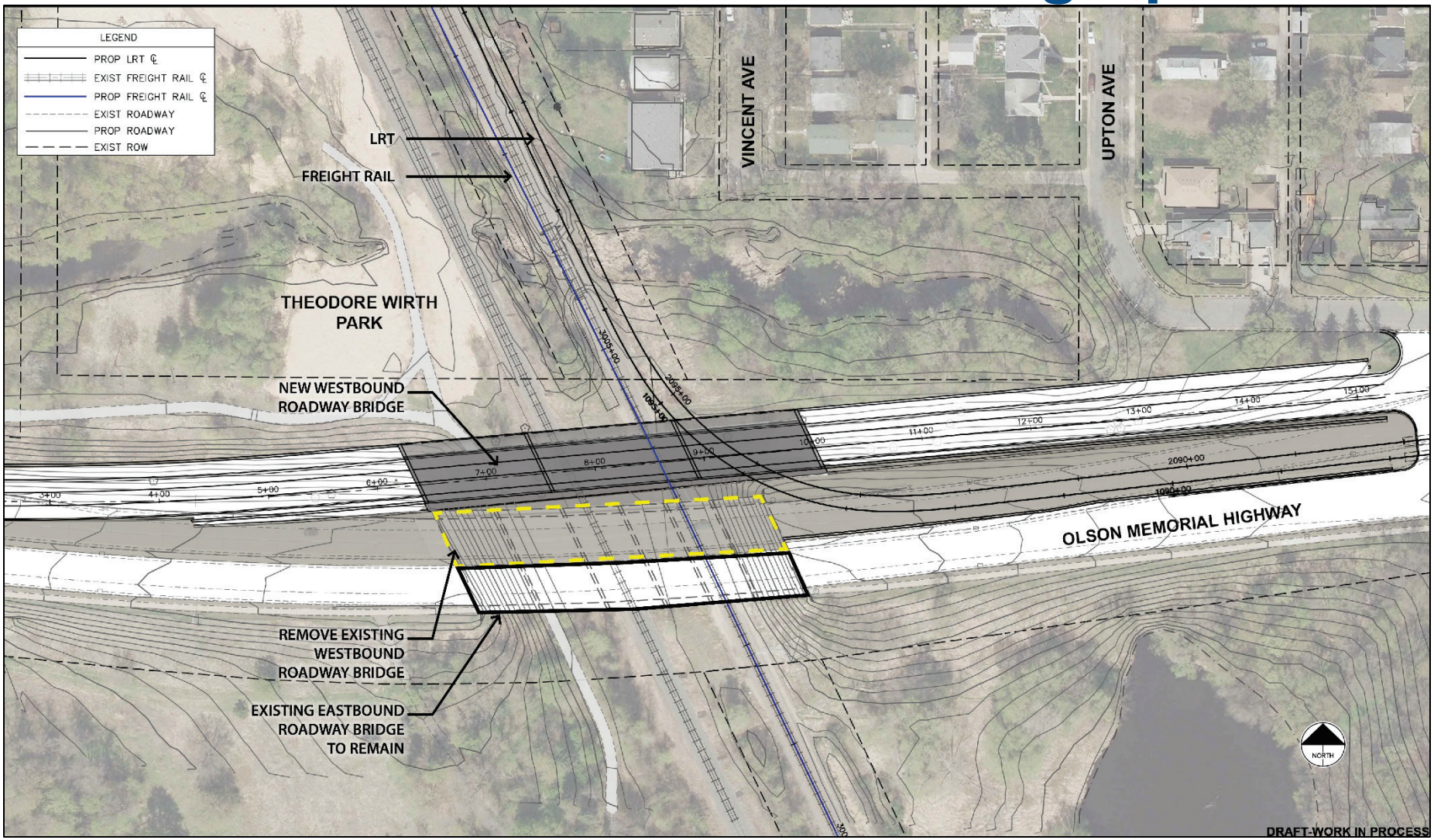

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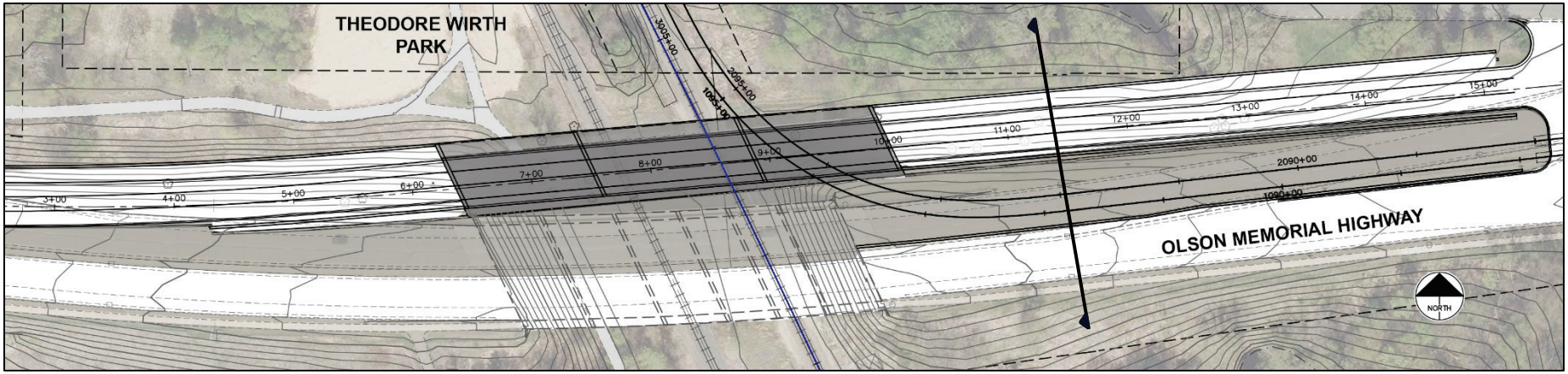

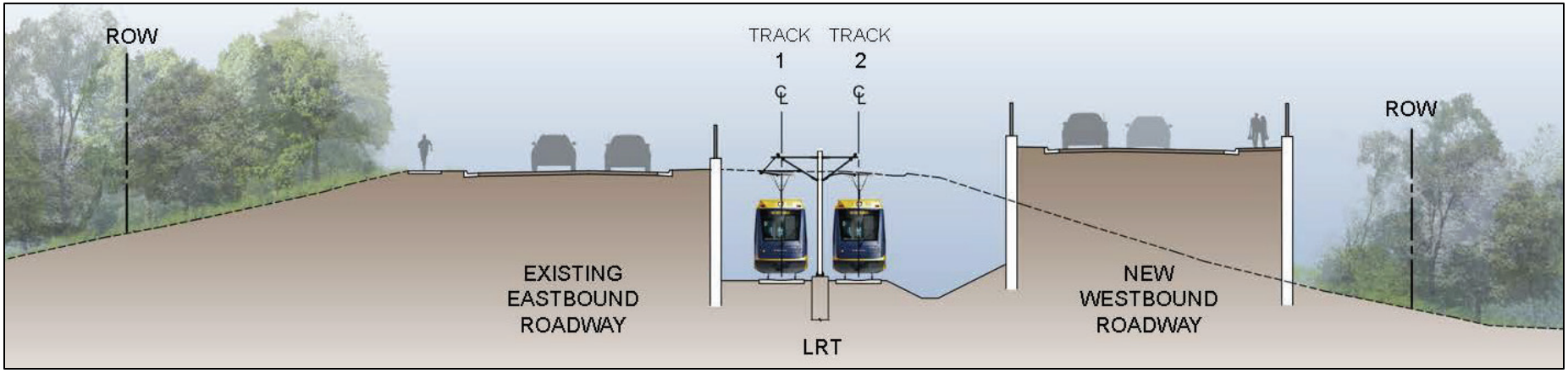

Cross section east of bridges looking west

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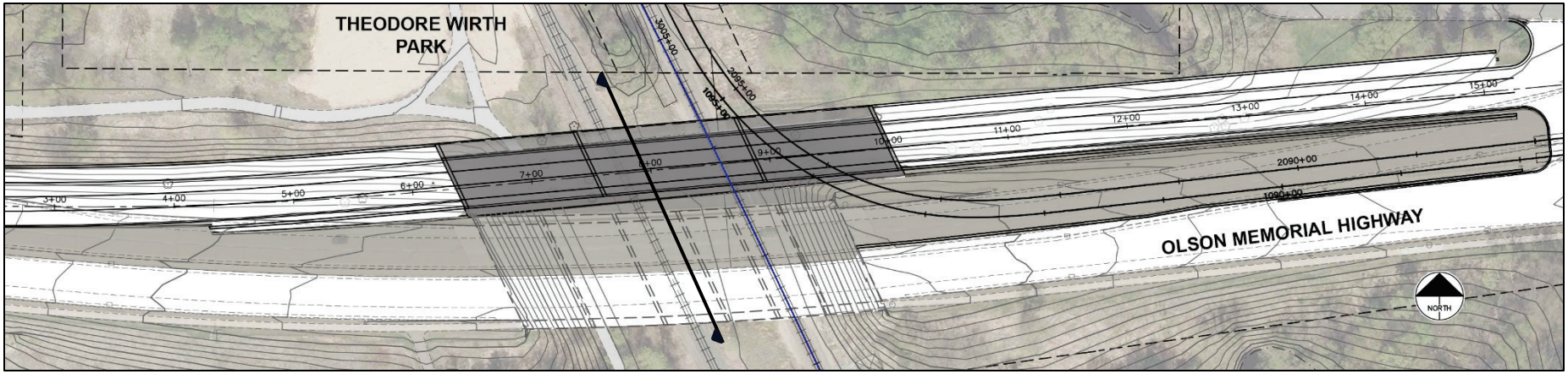

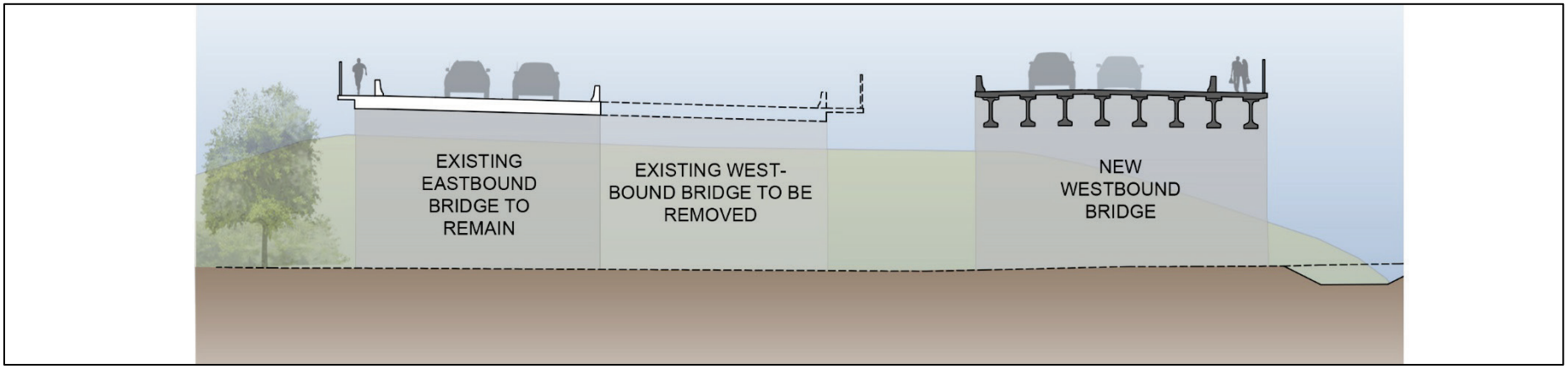

Cross Section at Center of Bridges – Looking West

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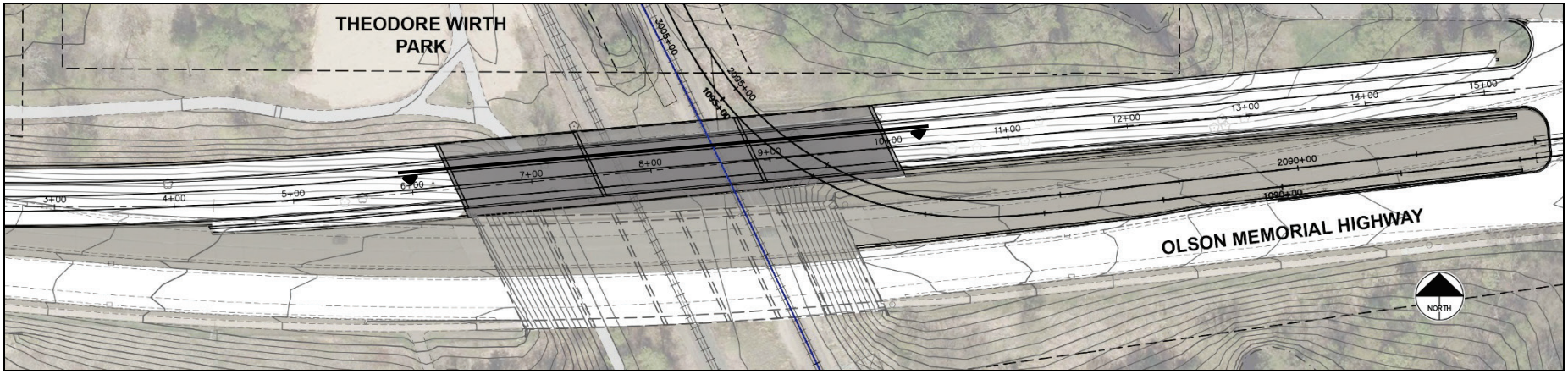

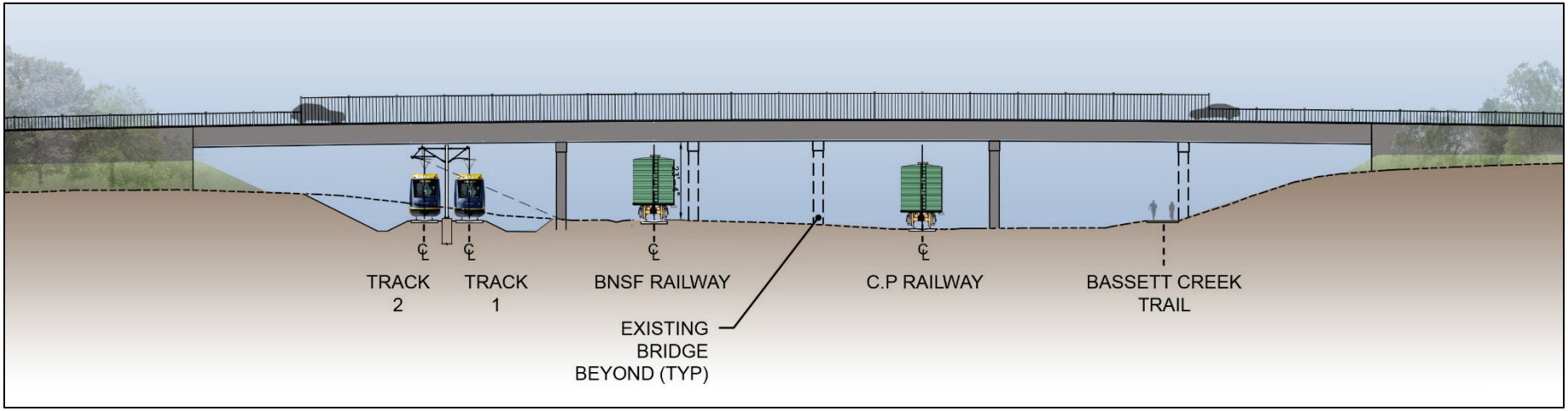

Cross Section at New Bridge – Looking South

Technical Issue #5 Golden Valley Alignment Update: Floodplains

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- Floodplains are defined as the surface area of land covered by the100-Year Water Surface Elevation
- Any filling of floodplains require mitigation
- Mitigation includes floodplain replacement on a 1:1 basis of the displaced volume
- Mitigation needs to occur within the reach where floodplain impact occurs

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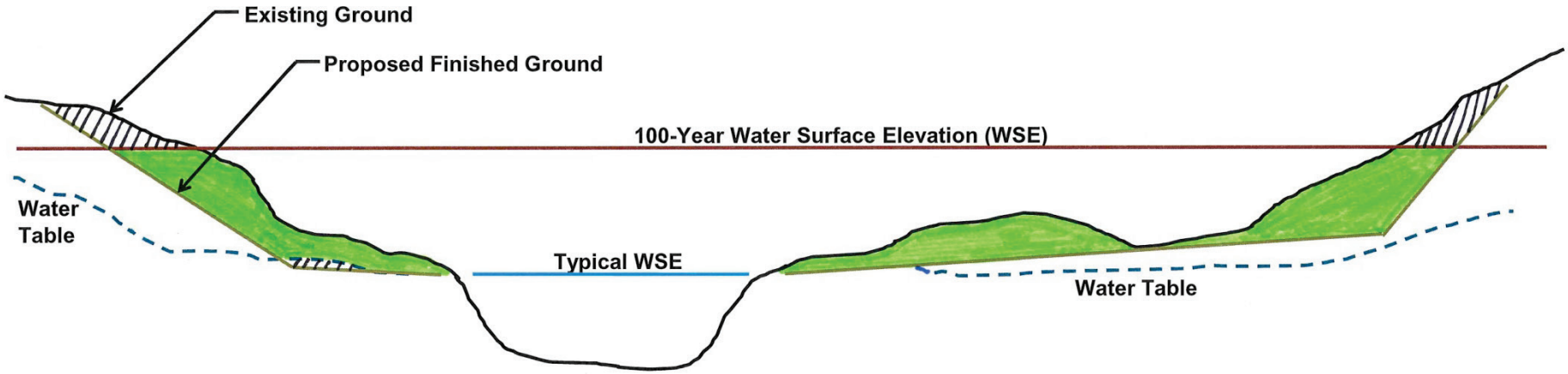

Example of floodplain mitigation

LEGEND
Can count toward compensatory storage
Does not count as compensatory storage

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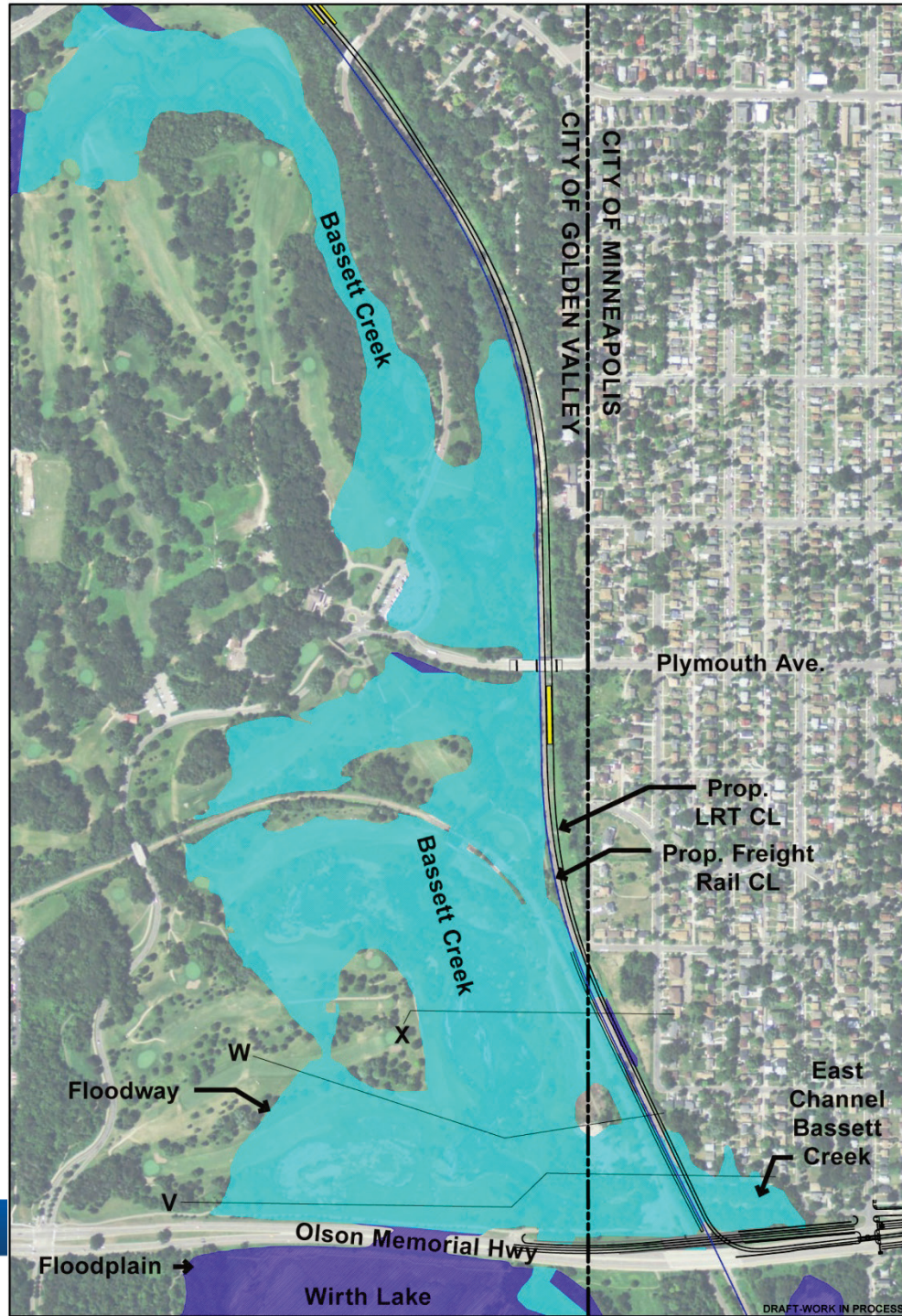
- Bassett Creek Main Stem (downstream)



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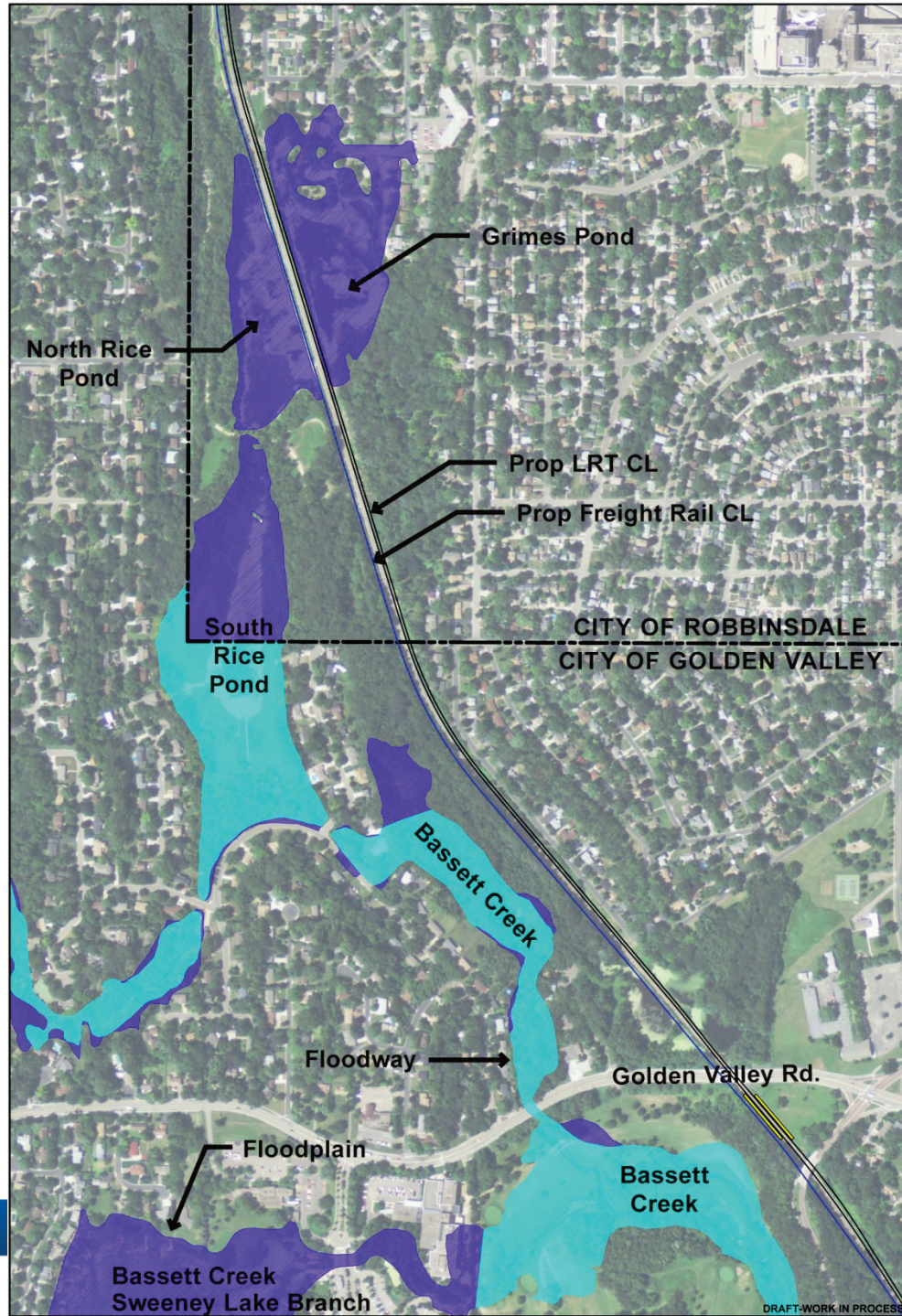
- Grimes, North Rice and South Rice Ponds



Next Steps

- Further refine floodplain impacts
- Identify potential mitigation locations
- Work with project agency staff to select mitigation measures and locations

Technical Issue #10:
West Broadway Update

West Broadway Community Meetings

- What we heard:
  - Current road in poor condition, needs repairs
  - More comments favor 4-lane design over 2-lane design
  - Better access, traffic signals at Maplebrook Parkway
  - Need for improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities

West Broadway Community Meetings

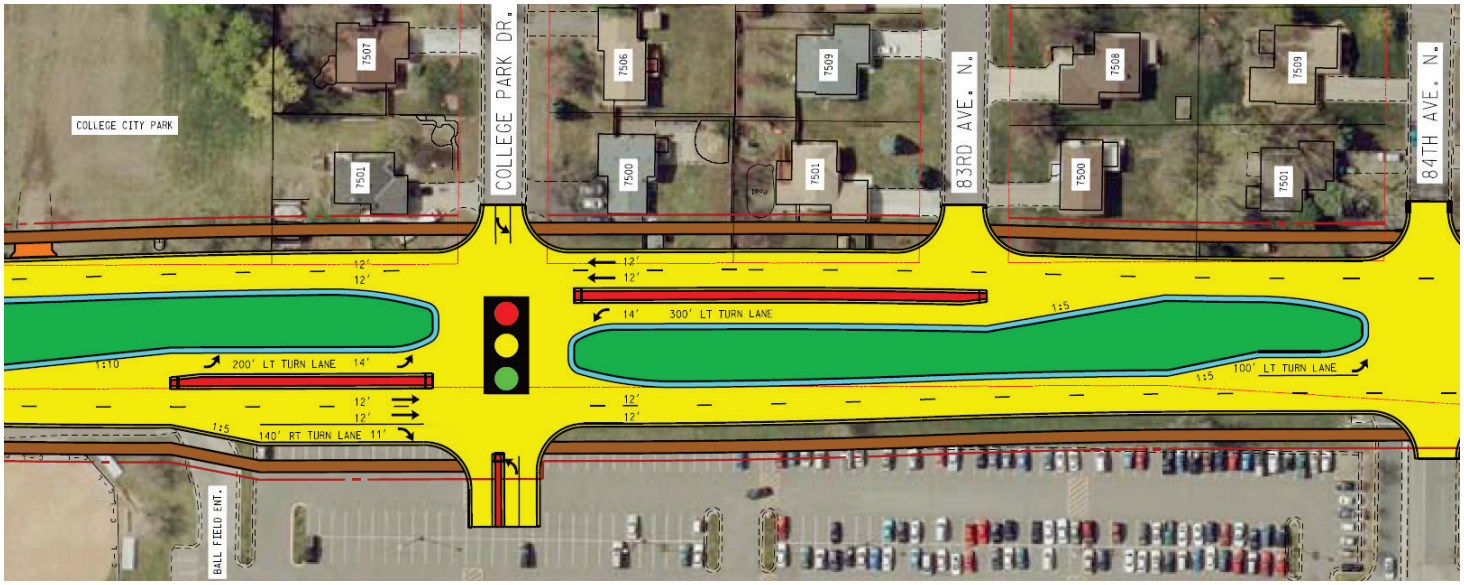
- What we heard:
  - Concerns about noise, vibration and increased traffic
  - Concerns about property impacts including values and acquisition
  - Concerns about safety and security, better street lighting
  - Minimize traffic signals; keep traffic moving

Roadway/LRT Design

Maximum Width Significantly Reduced

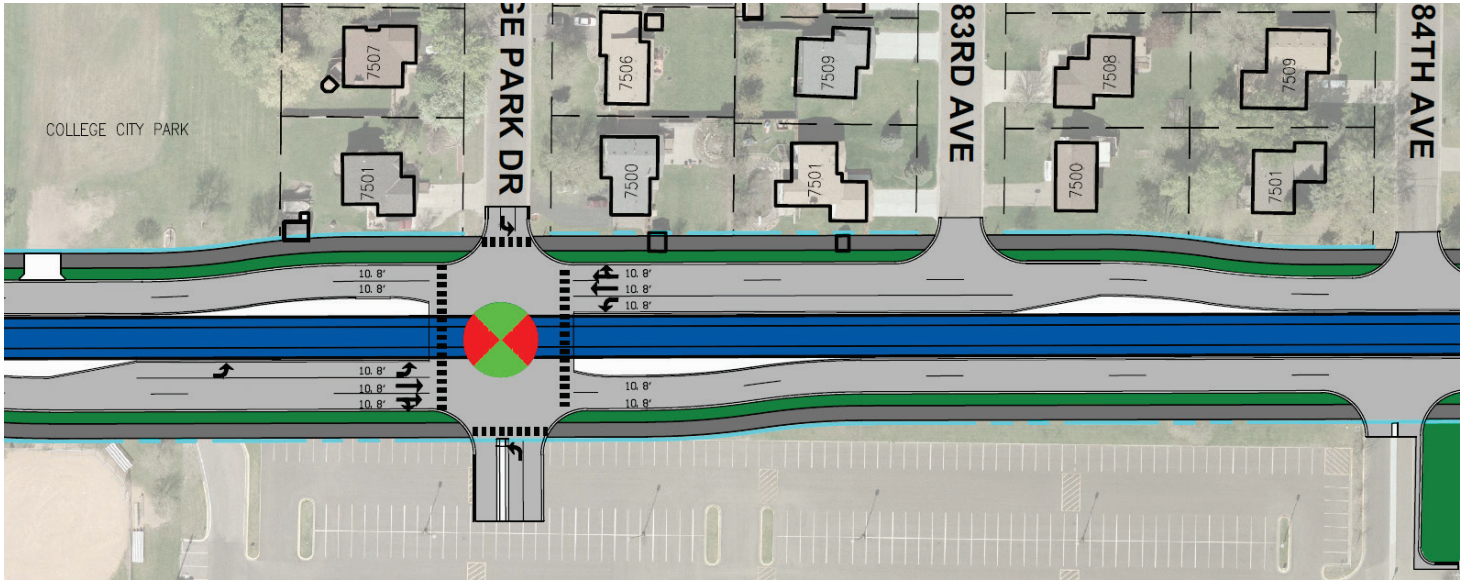
2014 Concept

Width 176’



March 2015 Concept

Width 141.3’



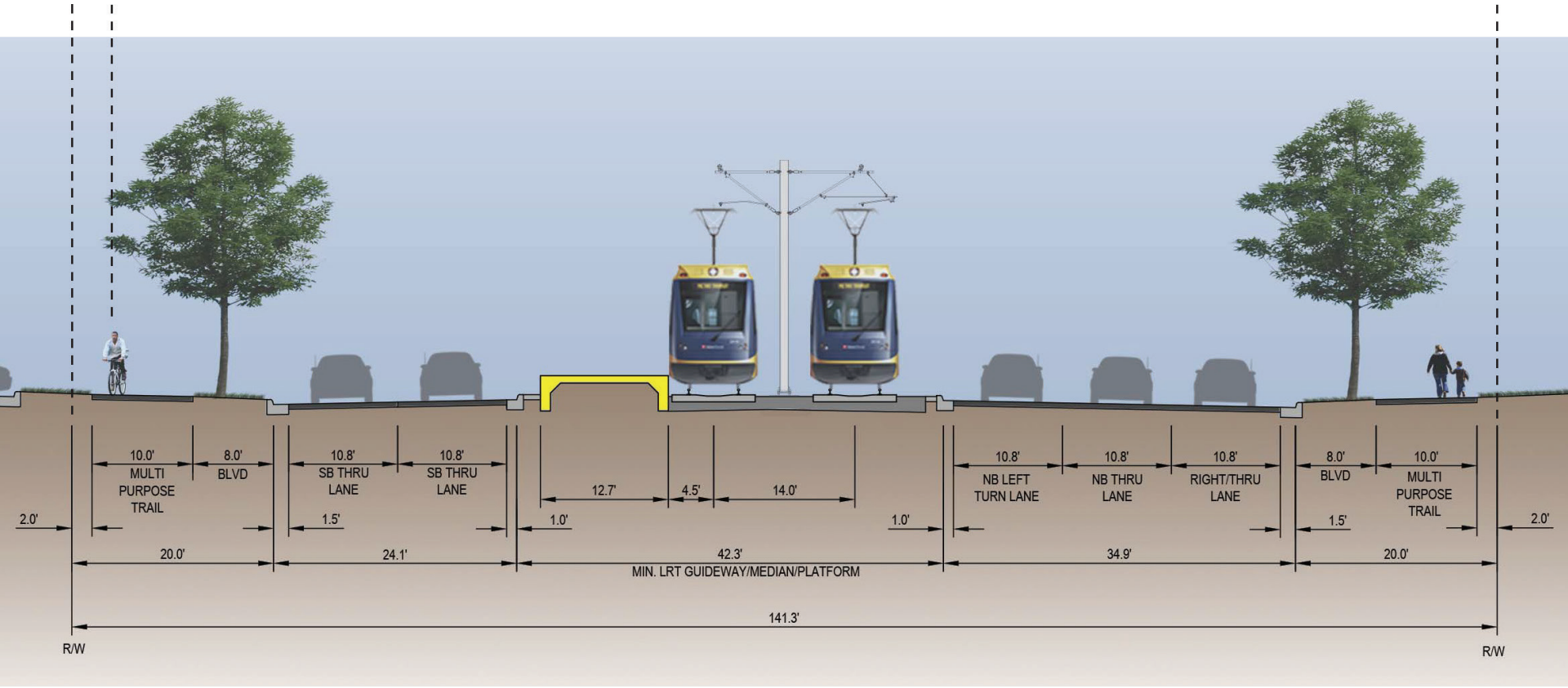
LRT Design:

- LRT center running on West Broadway from 75th to 94th
- LRT transitions to west side running at 94th
- LRT stations at Brooklyn Boulevard, 85th and 93rd

Road Design:

- 4-lane through traffic
- Left-turn lanes at signalized intersections only
- Curb, gutter and linear stormwater system
- 8’ boulevards
- 10’ trail on each side
- Minor adjustments to be made in Final Design to address concerns and mitigate impacts
- Options:
  - Add traffic signal and left turn lanes at Maplebrook Parkway and W. Broadway
  - Add traffic signal at Maplebrook Parkway and 85th Ave

4-Lanes with LRT, 8’ Boulevard & 10’ Trail



4-Lanes with LRT, 8’ Boulevard & 10’ Trail

Next Steps

- BPO Share with CAC/BAC and Corridor Management Committees at their May meetings
- BPO and Hennepin County continue to work with project partners and public to refine design concepts
- BPO incorporate design concepts to advance LRT engineering and FEIS
- Hennepin County incorporate design concepts to advance roadway engineering and EAW
- Hennepin County Community Works to continue station area planning activities

Environmental Update

Noise and Vibration Workshops

- The workshop will focus on:
  - Noise and vibration basics
  - How noise and vibration are measured and modeled as part of the environmental documentation
  - What are noise and vibration impacts and how do we determine them, including a discussion of noise and vibration criteria
  - What potential mitigation options are available to assist in mitigating potential impacts

Noise and Vibration Workshops

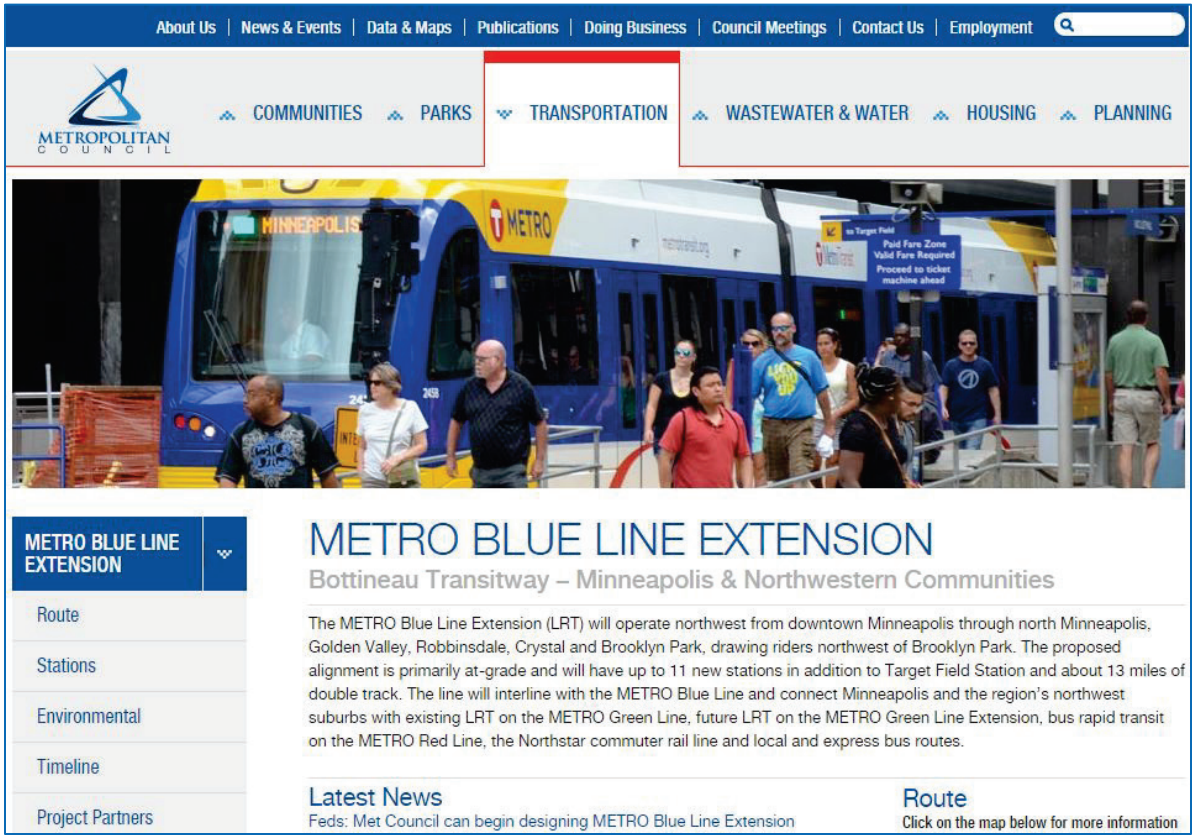
- Two sessions will be held:
  - Tuesday, May 12: 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

    Crystal, Robbinsdale, Golden Valley and Minneapolis
  - Wednesday, May 13: 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

    Brooklyn Park: session will highlight roadway environmental activities
- Sessions are targeted geographically, feel free to attend whatever session works best for your schedule
- RSVP by May 11 to David.Davies@metrotransit.org

Next CAC Meeting:
June 1, 2015

More Information



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Charter of the METRO Blue Line Extension Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

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OVERVIEW

The METRO Blue Line Extension (BLRT) Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is established to provide guidance to the BLRT Corridor Management Committee (CMC) on community issues during the engineering and environmental phases of Bottineau LRT project development. In addition, the CAC advises the Hennepin County Community Works Steering Committee for elements regarding station area planning, other infrastructure investments and elements that may be implemented post revenue service. Appointments to the CAC will serve commencing early 2015 and concluding December 31, 2016.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the CAC is to serve as a voice for the community and advise the BLRT Corridor Management and Community Works Steering Committees:

1. Provide input on light rail design and engineering topics including but not limited to station design, parking, multi-modal access to station and public art.
2. Advise on communications and outreach strategies related to BLRT.
3. Provide input on station area vision and character for development from a community perspective.
4. Review and comment on major initiatives and actions of the Community Works program.
5. Identify potential issues and review strategies to mitigate the impacts of construction on residences and businesses.
6. Serve as an information resource and liaison to the greater corridor community and their appointing organization.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

One CAC member will serve as a member of the CMC and provide updates of CAC activities at CMC. Another CAC member will also serve as a member to the Community Works Steering Committee and provide updates on CAC activities.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Each member of the BLRT CAC agrees to:

1. Attend a majority of CAC meetings and actively participate in discussions by sharing ideas and expertise.
2. Actively participate in discussions; be a voice to advance the broader interests of community.
3. Routinely report back to their organization on the activities and discussions of the CAC as well as serve as a conduit of information to the broader community and to their appointing organization.
4. Identify issues affecting communities impacted by both the LRT project development and Community Works initiatives and assist in developing strategies for minimizing those impacts.
5. Provide feedback on communication and public involvement efforts.
6. Listen to and respect the viewpoints of others.
7. Accept outcomes of Metropolitan Council decisions.

MEMBERSHIP

Members will be appointed in early 2015 and concluding December 31, 2016.

Membership is intended to represent the diverse interests and stakeholders along Blue Line Extension line and will include stakeholders that are represented along the corridor. Specifically, membership be will appointed as follows:

Community appointed members:

- Minneapolis: 3 members
- Golden Valley: 2 members
- Robbinsdale: 2 members
- Crystal: 2 members
- Brooklyn Park: 3 members
- Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board: 2 members

Corridors of Opportunity Engagement Grantees: 10

At-large representation appointed by the Chair of Metropolitan Council and Chair of Hennepin County Community Works Steering Committee: 2

If an appointed member is no longer able to participate actively in the CAC, the organization that appointed that person will be allowed to name a replacement.

COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

The Chair of Metropolitan Council and Chair of Hennepin County Community Works Steering Committee will appoint two Co-Chairs for the CAC. The Co-Chairs are charged with ensuring corridor-wide perspectives are present when offering guidance to steering committees; lead committees through their tasks and ensure charter compliance; identify topics/issues of committee concern; and develop meeting agendas with Blue Line Project Office and Hennepin County staff.

MEETINGS

The CAC will schedule monthly meetings on the first Monday of every month, from 6:00-8:00 PM. Agendas and meeting summaries will be distributed to all members at least five business days before the meeting and posted on the project's website at BlueLineExt.org. Post meeting, meeting materials/presentations and approved meeting summaries will be posted on the project's website: BlueLineExt.org.

Due to the timeliness of topics, additional meetings, subcommittees meetings and focus groups may be scheduled as needed.

To facilitate communication and a sharing of ideas and information, the CAC with meet jointly at least twice each year with the Business Advisory Committee (BAC). This meeting will replace a regularly scheduled CAC meeting.

Scoring	
Very interested	4
Interested	3
Somewhat interested	2
Neutral	1
Not at all interested	0

Available	A
Not Available	N
Preferred	P

	Station Location and station area plans	Transit oriented development (TOD)	Multi-modal connections	Trails, parks and bike impacts	Outreach to traditionally underserved members	Environmental Process	Housing	Safety	station and platform design	Other	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	5:30-7:30	6:00-8:00
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	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	I would like to be one of the co-chairs of the CAC. I have established a good relationship with all groups while being chair of the previous CAC for 12 years. I have also earned all parties trust that ALL view points will be heard during meetings that stay on schedule.	A	N	A	P	A	P
Total Average	3.7	3.3	3.5	3.6	2.8	3	2.9	3.5	3.44							