



Blue Line Extension Corridor Management Committee Minutes of the January 14, 2016 Meeting

Present: Adam Duinick, Lona Schreiber, Scott Schulte, Linda Higgins, Jim Adams, Andy Snope, Regan Murphy, Marika Pfefferkorn, Shauen Pearce, Scott McBride, Chris Berne, George Selman, Peter Wagenius, Meg Forney

Not in Attendance: Denny Walsh, Mike Opat, Myron Frans, Jeffrey Lunde, Gary Cunningham, Betsy Hodges, Tim Willson

1. **Call to Order**-Chair Duinick welcomed everyone and convened the meeting at 1:00 PM.

2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 12, 2015**

Chair Duinick asked the committee to review the meeting minutes from the November 12, 2015 meeting and asked if there were any edits. Commissioner Schreiber made the motion to approve the minutes; Councilmember Selman seconded the motion. Meeting minutes were approved.

3. **Regional Metro System Overview**

Chair Duinick provided overview of the Metro System and services provided through Light Rail Transit and Bus Rapid Transit. Current Ridership and forecast reviewed. Metro System transit provides access to six sports venues, and various regional attractions and destinations.

4. **2016 Project Overview: Key Activities and Milestones**

Dan Soler reviewed the Project Timeline going forward in 2016. The Municipal Consent Scope was approved in December, 2015.

a. **Municipal Consent Schedule**

Mr. Soler reviewed the Municipal Consent Schedule and stated Municipal Consent is due March 4, 2016. August 2016 Development stage ends; on track for Record of Decision (ROD). The Record of Decision must be completed before entering the Engineering phase. Mr. Soler explained Project Development Continuance and how it relates to project timeline.

Chair Duinick asked if there were any questions or concerns about the schedule.

Mr. Soler stated that the project was on track with the FTA. Key pieces are Municipal Consent, Publication of FEIS Notice of Availability and the Record of Decision.

b. **Design Resolution Schedule**

Design Resolution Teams are now in progress and topics at these meetings will be shared at BAC, CAC and CMC meetings. Specific topics will be discussed monthly per enclosed schedule reviewed today.

Chair Duinick asked at what point is the cost estimate discussed. Mr. Soler stated the cost estimate was set at the November, 2015 CMC meeting and was approved. The cost estimate may be reviewed in June, 2016.



5. FEIS Noise Analysis Overview

Kathryn O'Brien provided an overview on the basics, criteria, assessment methods and mitigation options resulting from the 2015 noise analysis. Sources of transit noise (LRT, Stations, Buses and Maintenance/Storage yards) were explained in detail. The noise threshold chart (typical noise levels) measurements were reviewed in correlation to environments around transit and freight/rail sources.

Two projects were assessed independently-Blue Line Extension and the West Broadway Avenue Reconstruction (Candlewood to 94th Avenue). Combined effects of both projects will be documented in the FEIS for the Blue Line LRT. Mitigation, if required, will be designed for both projects.

Chair Duinick asked if this will impact other areas in the project. Ms. O'Brien explained that concerns expressed at public meetings in the past and review of programmed projects will be part of the FEIS.

Noise analysis results will be shared with city staff and mitigation options and recommendations as well as working with city staff to develop public communications and outreach plans.

Committee member Shauen Pearce asked for an overview of mitigation measures regarding construction (air quality, etc.) and also mitigation of green space along Olson Memorial Highway.

Ms. O'Brien stated that in the contract construction measures are in place to address best practices during build. Regarding green space, the Park and Recreation Board addressed this prior and will potentially restore trees, if possible.

Committee member Scott McBride added that freight rail is noisier than light rail, and that existing ambient is relatively quiet as reviewed on slide 23. Rail location impacts noise level.

Dan Soler added that pedestrian bridges will be discussed at the February CMC meeting.

6. 2016 Meeting Schedule

2016 meeting schedule was handed out and except for two meetings (January and March) all meetings will be held at the Hennepin County Brookdale Library (6125 Shingle Creek Parkway, Brooklyn Center, 55430) unless otherwise noted.

7. Adjournment

The CMC committee meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

**Next Scheduled Meeting:
Thursday, February 11, 2016**