



METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
METRO Blue Line Extension Corridor Management Committee
Brooklyn Center Community Center
6301 Shingle Creek Parkway
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430
May 14, 2015

Committee Members Present:

Adam Duininck, Lona Schreiber, Scott Schulte, Meg Forney, Jim Adams, Betsy Hodges, Regan Murphy, Marika Pfefferkorn, Shauen Pearce, Scott McBride, Peter Wagenius

Committee Members Absent:

Gary Cunningham, Mike Opat, Linda Higgins, James Showalter, Jeffrey Lunde, Andy Snope, Brian Lamb

1. Call to Order

Chair Adam Duininck called the May 14, 2015, meeting to order at approximately 1:05 pm.

2. Approval of April 9, 2015 Minutes

Council Member Lona Schreiber made the motion to approve the April 9th meeting minutes. Mayor Betsy Hodges seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Outreach Activities:

- Advisory Committee Update
Sam O'Connell provided an update on recent Outreach activities. CAC/BAC committee dates were confirmed. CAC will meet the 1st Monday of every month, 6:00-8:00 pm and the BAC will meet the first Tuesday of every month, 8:00-9:30 am. Both meetings will take place at the BPO office. Ms. O'Connell reviewed the BAC top 5 survey results, as well as the CAC top 5 survey results.
- Introduction of Community Outreach Coordinators
Sam O'Connell introduced the two newly hired Community Outreach Coordinators and their assigned areas; Juan Rangel (Brooklyn Park), David Davies (Crystal, Robbinsdale, Golden Valley), as well as Sophia Ginis (Minneapolis).
- Community Open Houses - Blue Line Extension Project Office and Hennepin County Community Works staff have scheduled Community Open Houses in May and June. The format of the Open House will include presentations and facilitated discussions.

4. Design/Update Discussion:

Nick Landwer provided an update on Technical Issue #2 Olson Memorial Highway.

- Olson Memorial Highway-Vehicles, lanes, turn-lanes, design needed. Mr. Landwer discussed the 7th Street intersection, clarification of bike crossings, traffic volumes at the Van White intersection and the cross-road plan. Proposed bridge work was identified along the corridor and reconstructing the WB Olson Memorial Highway

span was reviewed. Scott McBride, MnDOT, added that he is open to working with the City of Minneapolis and all stakeholders to proceed with this project.

West Broadway Roadway/LRT Design

- Dan Soler presented an update on the West Broadway Roadway/LRT Design. Mr. Soler discussed the LRT 2014 concept (width 176') and the revised 2015 concept that brings the width down to 141'.
- The station design team is working with Hennepin County and community and business owners. The proposed plan of 4 lanes with LRT, 8' Boulevard and 10' trails were reviewed as well as the next steps process.
- Chair Duininck asked Mr. Soler for clarification of the center running track that would transition to west side running at 94th. Mr. Soler clarified that by sliding to the west side, the need to rebuild the traffic bridge would be reduced to building an LRT only bridge.
- Mr. Soler stated that refinements at Maplebrook intersection are still being reviewed.

5. Environmental Update

- Kathryn O'Brien discussed the Parks Issue Resolution Team that includes the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, Three Rivers Park District, Park Department staff from Golden Valley, Robbinsdale, Crystal and Brooklyn Park.
- Topics being discussed are floodplain impacts and mitigation, trail impacts and mitigation, cooperative strategies and enhancement opportunities through mitigation.
- Ms. O'Brien stated a consultant on noise and vibration basics was in town this week. Two training sessions were held. The consultant addressed both operational and construction noise, differences between hearing a noise and the impact of a noise, as well as vibration criteria and how noise and vibration are measured.

6. Locally Requested Capital Improvements (LRCI) Overview: Dan Soler

- Mr. Soler provided a definition of what a LRCI is and the framework of the process. A LRCI is not part of the approved project budget, but could be included as part of the construction bid packages. A LRCI requires environmental clearance through the project.
- Peter Wagenius asked Mr. Soler for the origin of the LRCI policy. Mr. Soler clarified that the FTA does not have this policy, and provided the City of Robbinsdale water main as example of a level 2 local improvement.
- Mr. Soler identified the levels of impact and provided LRCI examples from the Green Line project: City of St. Paul landscaping, City of Minneapolis street lighting upgrade, U of M station canopy enhancements and the Beltline Boulevard underpass in St. Louis Park.
- Mr. Soler detailed the LRCI process and the timeline for LRCI agreements in early June, 2015.

7. **Adjourn:** Chair Duininck adjourned the meeting at 2:10 pm, emphasizing that the location for next month's meeting will be moved to the Brookdale Library.