Today’s Topics

• 2016 Look Ahead
• Section 4(f)
• Station and OMF Renderings
• Station Naming
• Corridor Housing Strategy Update
• Member and Committee Reports/Public Forum
2016 Look Ahead
## Major Project Milestones

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<td>January 2016</td>
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<td>Final Environmental Impact Statement</td>
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<td>Entry Into Engineering</td>
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<td>Letters of No Prejudice (LONP) from FTA</td>
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<td>Heavy Construction</td>
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2016 Activities: 60% to 100% Design

- LRT track features
- Bridges and tunnels
- Roadway and trail details
- Operations and Maintenance Facility features
- Park and ride facilities
- Systems elements
- Freight rail features
- Utility relocation design plans
- Station design plans
- Streetscape design plans
## January – June 2016 Look Ahead

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<td>Publish 4(f) <em>de minimus</em> Preliminary Determination</td>
<td>Jan 11, 2016</td>
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<td>Complete 90% Design Packages for Civil</td>
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Section 4(f) Update
Amended Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation

- Two new Section 4(f) properties identified in the amended document
- Public can review document:
  - City of Minnetonka, SPO
  - Project website
  - Select community/reference libraries
- 45 day comment period began January 11 and ends Feb 25
Amended Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation
### Amended Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation

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* Approximately 1.5 acres of the Opus development area trail network will be removed due to the Project and it will be replaced with approximately 1.8 acres of new trails with the same connections and functions, for a net increase of 0.3 acres of additional trail area within the Opus development area trail network.
Station and OMF Renderings
SouthWest Station

View From 212 Off-Ramp
SouthWest Station

View From Technology Drive

Draft – Work in Process
SouthWest Station

View From Bus Loop

Draft – Work in Process
SouthWest Station

View From Bus/LRT Platform

Draft – Work in Process
Golden Triangle Station

View From Park-and-Ride Looking North
Opus Station

View From Bren Rd E Looking South
OMF Site Context: Neighborhood Site Plan
Train Yard Concept: Site Plan
Approach View From North
Approach View From North Parking Lot
OMF View From In-Service Train
OMF View From In-Service Train
West View From K-Tel Dr
Shady Oak Station

View From Park-and-Ride Looking South
Downtown Hopkins Station

View From Plaza Looking Southeast
Blake Station

View From Blake Rd Looking Northwest

Draft – Work in Process
Louisiana Station

View From Park-and-Ride Looking Northwest
Wooddale Station

View From Wooddale Ave Looking Southeast

Draft – Work in Process
Beltline Station

View From Walk Looking Northwest
West Lake Station

View From Trail Looking North
21st Street Station

View From 21st St Looking West

Draft – Work in Process
Penn Station

View From Trail Looking North
Van White Station

View From Crosswalk Looking Northeast

Draft – Work in Process
Royalston Station

View From Royalston Ave Looking Southeast

Draft – Work in Process
Station Naming
Background

• Met Council’s Transitway Guidelines provide guidance on station naming

• Green Line Extension and Blue Line Extension both include stations with the same name
  - Van White
  - Penn

• Station names need to be finalized prior and updated in the 100% design plans for inclusion in the Civil Construction bid documents
Regional Transitway Guidance

- Reflect local geography: major cross-street or landmark
- Easy for general public to recognize, particularly potential transit customers who are not familiar with the region and/or the corridor
- Distinct from names of other stations to extent feasible so that the name does not create confusion for potential customers or emergency responders
- Succinct and use of two names for one station should be avoided
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<td>Blake Rd</td>
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<td>Downtown Hopkins</td>
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<td>Consistent, major landmark of business campus</td>
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### Timeline: Feedback and Council Action

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<td>Jan 14</td>
<td>Technical Project Advisory Committee (TPAC) (complete)</td>
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<td>Jan 14-31</td>
<td>Advanced Design Meetings (underway)</td>
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<td>Jan 21</td>
<td>SWCW Steering Committee Feedback (complete)</td>
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<td>Community Advisory Committee Feedback</td>
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<td>Feb 3</td>
<td>Corridor Management Committee Recommendation</td>
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<td>Feb 8</td>
<td>Transportation Committee Recommendation</td>
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<td>Feb 24</td>
<td>Metropolitan Council Action</td>
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## Proposed Changes Presented to City Staff

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<td>Duplicate with BLRT, keep Van White and add Mem Blvd</td>
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<td>Penn</td>
<td>Bryn Mawr</td>
<td>Duplicate with BLRT, clarify location by referring nearest landmark, neighborhood</td>
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<td>17th Ave</td>
<td>Clarify location by changing to extension of road that will go to park and ride</td>
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Feedback From TPAC & City Staff

- Keep Golden Triangle Station because it’s a known industrial and business park
- Change City West to “Crosstown” or “Hwy 62” because West 62\textsuperscript{nd} St is only 2 blocks long in the station area
Community Works Steering Cmte. Feedback

• Keep Golden Triangle Station because it’s a known industrial and business park
• Keep Shady Oak because 17th Ave extension doesn’t exist today and will be too new when the line opens
• Avoid duplicate names on SWLRT and Blue Line Extension in Minneapolis (Van White, Penn, Lake St.)
  ✖ Supports SWLRT Penn change to Bryn Mawr
• Choose simplicity, suggest dropping “Street”, “Boulevard”, etc.
• Changing “City West” to “62nd Street/Crosstown” acceptable
• Consider changing 21st St to Kenwood or Cedar Lake
Next Steps

• Jan/Feb:
  ☑ Seek input from project advisory committees

• Feb:
  ☑ Make final recommendation to CMC and seek approval from Met Council

• March:
  ☑ Update design plans

• April/May:
  ☑ Complete a similar process for Blue Line Extension
Southwest Community Works: Corridor Housing Strategy Update
Southwest Corridor Housing Strategy

Southwest LRT Business Advisory Committee

Kerri Pearce Ruch, Hennepin County
January 27, 2016
Southwest Community Works

**Vision:** Collaborate and partner so that Southwest Corridor becomes a premier destination that is accessible, livable and vibrant.

**Housing Goal:** Positioning the Southwest LRT communities as a place for all to live.

**Investment Principle:** Provide a full range of housing choices.

www.swlrtcommunityworks.org
Stakeholder Outreach

- **Developer and Funder Roundtables** – August 20, 2015
  - 15 housing developers and 8 funders participated.

- **Housing Advocate Roundtable** – September 8th
  - 8 housing advocates participated.

- **Community Advisory Committee** – August 25th
- **Business Advisory Committee** – August 26th

- **City Council study session presentations** – St. Louis Park (September), Hopkins (October), Edina (January)
- **City Authorities & Commissions** – Minnetonka (April), St. Louis Park (November)

- **Upcoming:** Met Council Community Development Committee (February)

- **Other outreach:** ULI Housing Committee, Hopkins Housing meeting sponsored by LISC and Blake Road Corridor Collaborative, Housing Collaborative Institute
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<td><strong>Housing is not a conversation that happens between employers and employees; companies want to support employees and see LRT as an amenity.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>For-sale housing (condos, townhomes) is difficult to finance now due to litigation potential.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Need a combination of policy and tools to support affordable housing.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Need better understanding of how projects are financed, especially among policymakers – mixed used districts vs. buildings.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Senior housing development is critical.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Focus on retention of affordable housing.</strong></td>
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How this Strategy may be used:

- Encourage integration of tools in zoning, development plan review and funding allocation decisions.

- Incorporate the Corridor Housing Strategy in development or updates to housing policies and comprehensive plans.

- Determine mix of unit types and affordability.

- Seek city goals for preservation and new construction at various affordability levels for each station area, to apply to corridor targets.

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LISC Corridor Development Initiative (CDI) workshops

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Next Steps

Seek city/county support for the Corridor Housing Strategy
Q1 – Q2 2016

Develop a work plan to move implementation strategies forward.
Q1 – Q2 2016

Track progress on corridor-wide strategy implementation.
2016 – on-going

Engage regularly with policymakers and stakeholders
On-going

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• Member and Committee Reports/Public Forum
• Next Meeting:
  ▶ Wednesday, Feb. 24
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