Today’s Topics

• SDEIS Comment Summary
• Project Update
  ▪ New Starts Application Submittal
  ▪ Municipal Consent Schedule
  ▪ Next Steps: 6 Month Look Ahead
• Southwest Corridor-wide Housing Strategy
SDEIS Comment Summary
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- 205 comments received
- Breakdown by method:
  - 43 people testified during the June 16, 17 and 18 public hearings
  - 162 comments received in writing via email, letter or comment card
- Breakdown by commenter:
  - 43 business/organizations
  - 18 government
  - 144 individuals
- All comments posted at swlrt.org
SDEIS Comment Summary (con’t.)

• Top Five Comments/Themes
  ▪ Noise and vibration
  ▪ NEPA process
  ▪ General opposition to freight rail co-location
  ▪ Safety and security
  ▪ Visual and aesthetics

• Next Steps
  ▪ Analyze comment and develop responses with environmental/engineering staff
  ▪ Include comments and responses in the Final EIS appendix
Project Update
July 1 CMC Recommendation

- End at Southwest Station
  - Delete Mitchell Station
  - Defer Eden Prairie Town Center Station
- Cost estimate of $1.744B
- Projected 2040 average weekday ridership of 34,000
- Financial commitments from county, cities and other project partners to fill the local match gap by July 31
CMC Scope Recommendation

• Informed by
  ▪ Project partner meetings focused on cost reduction while maintaining a competitive project
  ▪ Community and Business Advisory Committees input developed through additional meetings
## Scope/Cost Reductions

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- **Delete Mitchell**: Mitchell
- **Defer Eden Prairie Town Center**: Eden Prairie Town Center
- **Decrease Spaces and Convert to Surface Lots**: Beltline, Blake
- **Decrease Spaces**: Downtown Hopkins, Opus, Golden Triangle
- **Unchanged**: Southwest
- **Increase Spaces**: Louisiana, Shady Oak
Scope/Cost Reductions (con’t.)

• Reduce station furnishings by 50%
• Reduce station art by 100%
• Reduce landscaping by 75%
• Reduce light rail vehicles by 5
• Reduce OMF storage space to 30 LRVs
• Shady Oak Station platform and track modifications
• OMF and loop track modifications and value engineering
• Finance charge
Met Council July 8 Action

- 14.5 miles new track
- 15 new stations
  - 1 deferred station
- 34,000 average weekday rides in 2040
Revised Scope Summary

• Reduces cost by $250 million

• Retains
  • 15 of 17 of stations constructed with intent to build Eden Prairie Town Center Station in the future
  • 94% of ridership
  • 90% of corridor length
  • 96% of jobs in the corridor served

• Connects LRT to existing SouthWest Station transit hub
New Starts Application Submittal
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• Submitted New Starts Application by Aug 3 deadline
• Approximately 2040 staff hours to prepare
• Measures a project in areas of:
  ▪ Mobility improvements
  ▪ Environmental benefits
  ▪ Congestion relief
  ▪ Cost effectiveness
  ▪ Transit supportive land use policies
  ▪ Economic development
  ▪ Local financial commitment
Municipal Consent Schedule
# Municipal Consent Process*

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*All Dates Tentative Until Confirmed By Official Notice*
Next Steps: 6 Month Look Ahead
# Project 6 Month Schedule

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<td>Heavy Construction</td>
<td>2017-2019</td>
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<td>Revenue Service Date</td>
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Construction Phase

• Looking to hold contractor conference in October
• Types of construction
  ▪ Civil
  ▪ Operations and Maintenance Facility
  ▪ Bridges and retaining walls
  ▪ Systems (electrical and communications)
  ▪ Track
  ▪ Utilities
Southwest Corridor-wide Housing Strategy
Corridor-wide Housing Strategy

Southwest Corridor Business Advisory Committee

August 26, 2015
Kerri Pearce Ruch, Hennepin County
Provide a full range of housing choices

Inventory
- What is present today?

Gaps Analysis
- What are the gaps between what exists, what will be the projected demand and its market feasibility?

Strategy
- Market feasibility + housing policy goals
- How do we get there?
Housing Workgroup

• City of Eden Prairie*
• City of Edina*
• City of Hopkins*
• City of Minneapolis*
• City of Minnetonka*
• City of St. Louis Park*
• Family Housing Fund*
• Hennepin County*
• Metropolitan Council
• Minnesota Housing
• Southwest Project Office
• Twin Cities LISC*
• ULI-Minnesota

* Funding partners for the Southwest Corridor-wide Housing Gaps Analysis, 2014
Stakeholder Outreach

• Developer and Funder Roundtable discussions – August 20, 2015
  • 15 housing developers and 8 funders participated.

• Community Advisory Committee – August 25th
• Business Advisory Committee – August 26th
• Housing Advocate Roundtable – early September
• City Council study session presentations – September/October

• Other outreach: Hopkins Housing meeting – September 9th, other neighborhood and public meetings TBD.

Revised Corridor-wide Housing Strategy will come back to Steering Committee in November

Goals of outreach:
• Inform stakeholders
• Gather input
• Inform elected officials

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2015 Corridor-wide Housing Strategy Activities

Q 1 2015: draft accepted by Community Works Steering Committee

Q 3 2015: stakeholder outreach and engagement; revise draft

Q 4 2015: Steering Committee action on final draft; disseminate to corridor cities

2016: City and partner action; implementation

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Discussion

• How do you see housing needs impacting your workforce presently and in the future? Do you see those needs reflected in the Corridor-wide Housing Strategy?

• What is your feedback on the affordable housing targets included in the Strategy?

• How can we best engage the business community on implementation of the strategy?
Discussion

• Did we miss anything that should be included in the Corridor-wide Housing Strategy?

• Other comments/questions?
More information/feedback

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Member and Committee Reports/Public Forum
Next Meeting

- Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at 7:30 AM
More Information

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