Today’s Topics

- PE/DEIS Status Update
- Engineering Services Contract
- Park & Ride Guidelines
- Cash Flow Needs for Project Office Startup
PE/DEIS Status Update
Recent Discussions with FTA

- FTA questioning independent utility
- March 31 – Interchange letter to FTA
- April 13 – SWLRT letter to FTA
Engineering Services Contract
Scope of Work

- Project Management Support
- Preliminary Engineering
- Final Design
- Design Support During Construction
RFP Development Process

- Identify Stakeholders’ Key Technical Issues
- Complete Scope of Work
- Assemble Draft RFP
- Review Draft RFP with Evaluation Panel & Technical Advisors
- Finalize RFP based on Input
• Evaluation Panel
  - Project Office
  - Light Rail Operations
  - Mn/DOT
  - Hennepin County
  - Community Works

• Technical Advisors
  - Project Office
  - Light Rail Operations
  - Cities
Tentative Schedule

• May
  - Key Issues Meetings with Mn/DOT, County, Cities

• June
  - Review and Comment, & Finalize RFP

• July
  - Advertise RFP

* Contingent upon FTA approval to enter PE by July 1st
Park & Ride Guidelines
Southwest LRT Project Office
- Led by the Council
- Oversee & Coordinate the LRT Project
- Planning, Design and Construction

Southwest LRT Community Works
- Led by the County
- Create Shared Vision & Implementation Strategy
- Station Area Development & Corridor-Wide Issues
SWPO and SWCW will work closely with stakeholders, both independently and in conjunction.

**Access & Parking Subcommittee**

- To provide formalized input/guidance to the SWPO
- To ensure that decisions on park-and-ride are integrated with land use/development decisions
- To ensure that enough parking is provided to support the project
- To ensure that the parking be sited and/or managed in a manner that supports TOD at station sites
• Federally Compliant Approach
• Tool to Assist Decision-Makers
• 4-Step Process
  – Trip Generation
  – Trip Distribution
  – Mode Choice
  – Trip Assignment
• 3,500 spaces spread across 15 of 17 SWLRT stations
• Park-and-Ride Demand Model
  - Methodology
  - Validation

• Transitways vs. Express Bus

• Site Selection & Design Criteria
Lessons Learned: Proximity

Ft. Snelling Station (HLRT)

28th Ave Station (HLRT)

95th Avenue Park & Ride (Bus)

Walkway roughly 370 ft.
Lessons Learned: “Hide & Ride”

I-94 & Snelling Ave (Bus)

50th St Station (HLRT)
Cash Flow Needs for Project Office
Pre-PE (May 2010 thru Present)

Total Committed Funding for Pre-PE: 338k

- $138,000
- $200,000

Staff
- Program Director
- Project Director
- Senior Project Manager
- Executive Assistant
- Intern

Tasks
- Request Entry into PE Submittal
- Pre-PE Risk Assessment
- Project Financing
- Stakeholder Outreach
- Interim Project Office Formation

Metro Transit
a service of the Metropolitan Council
• Recruitment of Deputy Director, 2 Assistant Directors, Transit System Design & Engineering Director, Design Engineer
• Beginning of Engineering Services Activities
• Beginning of Environmental Services Activities
• Establishment of a Permanent Project Office

Location

Second Half of 2011

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First Half of 2012

- Continuation of Engineering Services Activities
- Continuation of Environmental Services Consultant Activities
http://www.metrocouncil.org/transportation/SW/SouthwestLRT.htm

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