

SOUTHWEST

Green Line LRT Extension



Corridor Management Committee

July 11, 2012





Today's Topics

- DEED Application
- Engineering Services Contract Procurement Update
- Archaeological Survey
- Communications and Outreach Update
 - Community Notification
 - CAC Report
 - BAC update
- Updated Visualization



DEED Application



Engineering Services Contract Procurement



Engineering Services Consultant Contract Procurement Schedule

Major Milestones	Dates
Entry into Preliminary Engineering	September 2, 2011
Advertise RFP	October 21, 2011
Pre-proposal conference	November 8, 2011
Response to proposer questions	November 23, 2011
Proposals due	December 16, 2011
Proposal evaluations/negotiations	January - June 2012
Metropolitan Council decision	July 2012



Engineering Services Consultant Contract Procurement Process

- Follows Federal Brooks Act procurement procedure
 - Qualifications-based competitive process
 - Separate sealed price proposals
 - Consistent with FTA & Council practices for professional engineering services procurements
 - Requires specific steps to evaluate proposals



Archaeological Survey



Background – Archaeological Survey

- Required by federal and state laws including the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act
- Purpose is to identify and evaluate historic properties and avoid, reduce or mitigate any adverse effects to those properties





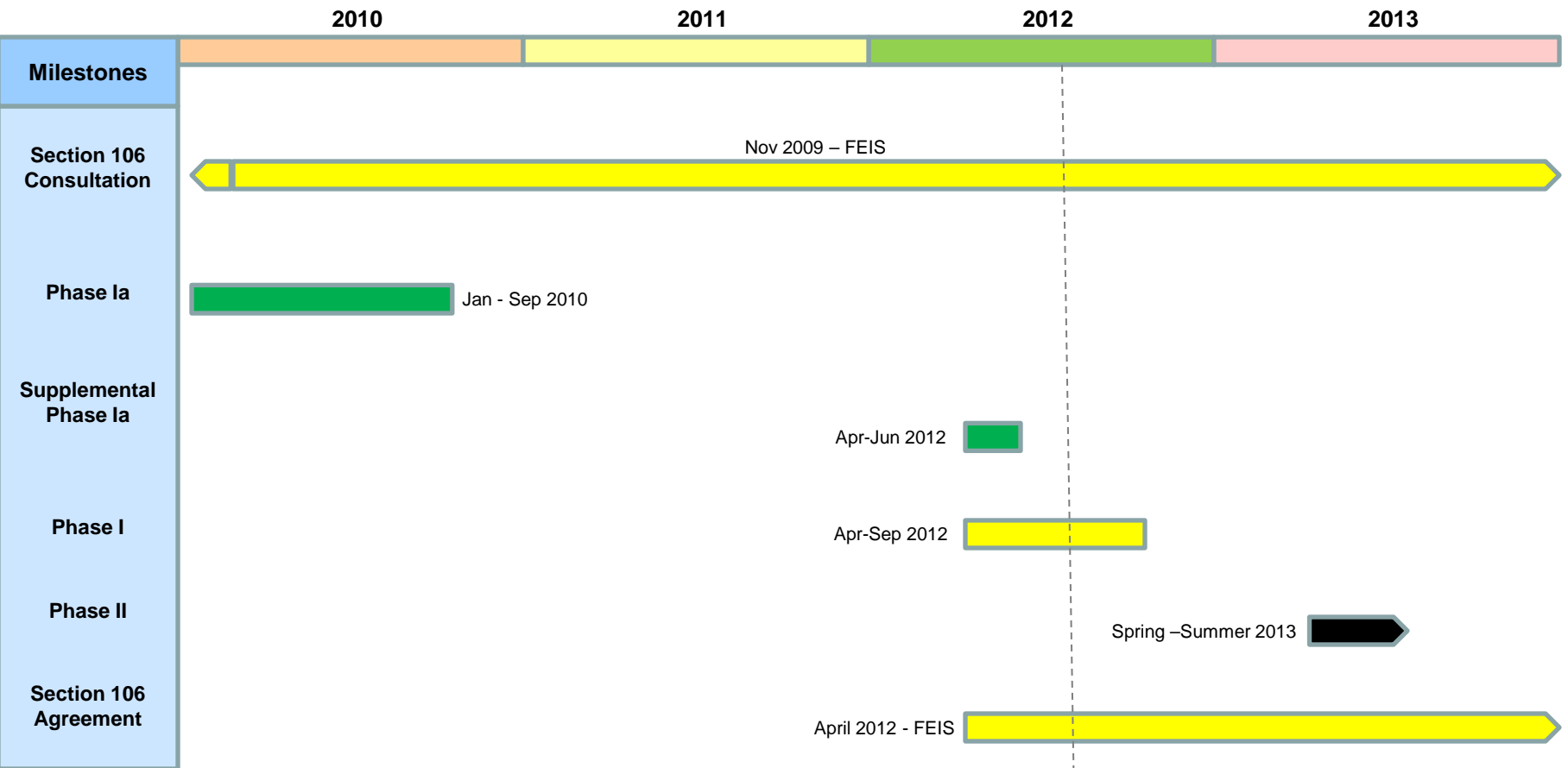
Phase Ia Archaeological Surveys

- Identify areas of archaeological potential within the Area of Potential Effect (APE) along all LRT alignments and freight rail corridors
 - Literature reviews, research, archaeological evaluation of APE
- Results
 - 44 sites identified within APE
 - Will be included in Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)





Milestones Snapshot



Legend

- Complete
- In Progress
- Not Started



Next Steps

- Phase I Survey
 - Survey areas of archaeological potential (from Phase Ia) to identify archaeological sites
 - Focus is APE of LPA and Freight Rail Corridors
 - Utilize non-intrusive and intrusive methods
 - Visual surveys, remote sensing, shovel tests
- Phase II Survey
 - Evaluate identified sites (from Phase I) to determine eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)
 - Conduct additional background research and fieldwork
- Section 106 Agreement
 - Between FTA and the State Historic Preservation Office
 - Address effects to historic properties which meet NRHP criteria
 - Will be included in Final EIS



Communications and Outreach



Community Notifications for Archaeological Phase I

- Sent notification to 3,000+ property owners on May 16
- Responded to calls and questions about the process
- Sent follow-up letter June 20 to property owners regarding study of options:
 - Co-location of LRT and freight rail in the existing Kenilworth Corridor of Minneapolis
 - Relocation of freight rail service to existing freight infrastructure in St. Louis Park
- Meeting with property owners within study areas to acquire right of entry permits



CAC Report – June 14 Meeting

- Finalized charter and ground rules
- Reviewed topics of interest for discussion at future meetings
- Followed up with survey to prioritize discussion topics



CAC Report – Next Meeting August 9

- Review outcome of survey
- Review DEIS public comment process
- Provide project update and committee reports



BAC Update

- Identified one business representative per station
 - Cities of Minneapolis
 - St. Louis Park
 - Hopkins
 - Minnetonka
 - Eden Prairie
- Chambers all appointed one representative
 - Minneapolis area
 - TwinWest
 - Edina
 - Eden Prairie
- First meeting scheduled for August 8 at Southwest LRT Project Office



Updated Visualization



Updated Visualization

- Viewed by over 4,300 people online since May 2012
- Updated based on SWCMC feedback
- Included the Interchange Project
- Highlighted one seat ride to destinations along Central Corridor
- Creating station profiles; will post on website

[SWLRT Alignment Video](#)



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