Community Advisory Committee

March 6, 2017
Today’s Topics

• Approval of Meeting Minutes
• TAAC Workshop Debrief
  ▪ Golden Valley Video
• Construction Coordination
• Olson Memorial Highway Update
  ▪ Stations
  ▪ Trees
  ▪ Floyd B Olson Statue
• Upcoming Open Houses
TAAC Workshop Debrief
Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee (TAAC) Workshop

- Topics included project overview, station platform overview, station access overview with breakout sessions on:
  - Penn Ave Station: signalized crossing, “Z” crossings, cycle track
  - Golden Valley Rd Station: navigation and access
TAAC Workshop
TAAC Workshop Outcomes

- General support for design progression
- Signage for all users
- Design details important: pavements designed for wheelchair users, adequate width on stairs, signage
- Continue to stress importance of landscape placement and snow clearing to guide users to station
- Important to safely delineate bicycle trail users from pedestrians
Construction Coordination
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BLRT (2018-2021)
Metro Transit: Roadway reconstruction on OMH, construction of LRT infrastructure, bridge construction over BNSF, and bridge redecking over I-94

Theodore Wirth Parkway Bridge
MCES Forcemain / Floodplain Mitigation
Bassett Creek Tunnel
Construction Coordination

**SWLRT (2017-2020)**
Metro Transit: Roadway reconstruction on Royalston Ave, bridge construction at Glenwood Ave
Construction Coordination

Glenwood Ave (2019)
Hennepin County: Roadway reconstruction from Aldrich Ave to 12th St and bridge reconstruction, with access maintained to Lyndale Ave
Construction Coordination

C Line BRT & Penn Ave (2018-2019)
Metro Transit: BRT stations, roadway work, lighting, pedestrian and bike improvements
Construction Coordination

I-94 Improvements (2017-2018)
MnDOT: Roadway resurfacing and repairs to several bridges along the corridor, with little impact to BLRT based on schedule.
Agency Coordination

• Early agency coordination meetings
  - 11/04/16
  - 12/05/16
  - 01/11/17

• Ongoing construction staging meetings
  - Engineering through construction

• Develop Interagency Construction Communications Plan
Olson Memorial Highway Update
Olson Memorial Highway Update: Stations

- Designs shared November 2016 with advisory committee and community
- Comments included:
  - Make station design more unique
  - Color palettes could use warmth or a pop
  - Sister architecture of the two stations helps tie the corridor together
- Station design advancing, incorporating comments, reviewing material/color options
- Next steps: share advanced designs with community
Penn Avenue Station Context & Character Words
View from Olson Memorial Highway looking West
View from platform entry looking East
Van White Blvd Station Context & Character Words
View from Olson Memorial Highway looking Northeast
View from platform entry looking West
Olson Memorial Highway Update: Stations

- Precedent imagery: Amundson Hall, U of M
- U of M Children’s Hospital
Olson Memorial Highway Update: Stations

Penn Avenue Station Looking East
Olson Memorial Highway Update: Stations

Penn Avenue Station Looking West
Olson Memorial Highway Update: Stations

- Precedent imagery: Walker Library on Hennepin Ave
Olson Memorial Highway Update: Stations

Penn Avenue Station Looking East
Olson Memorial Highway Update: Stations

Van White Station
Looking East
Olson Memorial Highway Update: Trees

• Over 240 boulevard trees impacted on Olson Memorial Highway due to reconstruction
• Working with Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board on planting plan to:
  • Plant boulevard with street trees to frame the street and provide urban canopy
  • Use assortment of tree species for better tree health and variation
• Over 120 median trees also impacted
• Working with MPRB for relocation of over 50 existing median trees to nearby parks in North Minneapolis
Olson Memorial Highway Update: Trees

At Van White Station Looking West
Floyd B. Olson Memorial Statue (HE-MPC-9013)

- Historic property
- Eligible under NRHP Criterion C, as the work of a master sculptor: Carlo Brioschi
- Project has indirect adverse effect on property
- Statue originally in median of TH 55
Floyd B. Olson Memorial Statue (HE-MPC-9013)

- **Treatment Plan**
  - Mitigation commitment to research siting of statue
  - Explore potential locations for relocating statue
  - Consultation with Section 106 consulting parties
  - Site design/landscaping
Upcoming Open Houses
Corridor Open Houses

- **Schedule:** March 20 – April 13
- **Time:** 4:30 – 7:00 pm
- **Purpose of the community open houses:**
  - Share with the public recent design updates in each community
  - Ask staff questions
- **Public can submit comments through the website**
More Information

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