Today’s Topics

• Advisory Committee and Outreach update
• Technical Issue #2: Olson Memorial Highway Update
• Technical Issue #7: Bass Lake Road Station Update
• Technical Issue #11: 93rd Ave/Oak Grove Parkway Stations Update
Advisory Committee and Outreach Update
Business and Community Advisory Committee Update

• Sent letters of invite: January 29, 2015
• Receive nominations by: March 6, 2015
• Hold joint BAC/CAC joint kick-off: April 1
• Identify at-large members to round out the committees
## Community Advisory Committee Members

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Feb. 26 Golden Valley Road/Plymouth Ave. Station Community Meeting

• Over 150 attendees
• Project update and small group discussions
  • Do you think the project should include one or both stations? Why? If one station, which one? Why?
  • What do you see as the benefits of each station at the neighborhood, city and regional level?
  • What do you see as the impacts of each station at the neighborhood, city and regional level?
  • If the Plymouth Avenue Station moves forward, do you prefer the north or south station placement?
Feb. 26 Golden Valley Road/Plymouth Ave. Station Community Meeting
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• What we heard:
  ▪ Benefits of Golden Valley Road station include access to Courage Center and bus riders
  ▪ Benefits of Plymouth Ave. station include access for underserved populations and best access to Theodore Wirth Regional Park
  ▪ Concerns about parking, development taking homes, noise and safety
  ▪ Decision on location of Plymouth Ave. station (north or south) should be based on which option is safer and has less environmental impact
March 4 Maplebrook Residents’ Meeting

- 60 attendees
- Project update and Q&A
- Discuss with project staff 2-lane and 4-lane concepts for West Broadway road reconstruction
March 5 W. Broadway Community Meeting

- Over 210+ attendees
- Project update and small group discussions
  - What do you like about West Broadway today? What do you dislike?
  - What do you like about proposed changes along West Broadway? What do you dislike?
  - What do you want decision makers to know?
  - What is most important to you?
March 5 W. Broadway Community Meeting
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• What we heard:
  • Current road in poor condition, needs repairs
  • Need for improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities
  • Concerns about noise, vibration and increased traffic
  • Concerns about property impacts including values and acquisition
  • Concerns about safety and security, better street lighting
  • More comments favor 4-lane design over 2-lane design
  • Better access, traffic signals at Maplebrook Parkway
Technical Issue #2:
Olson Memorial Highway Update
Technical Issue #2

• Highway 55 acts as a reliever for I-394 from downtown to western suburbs

• Current Highway 55 conditions between BNSF and I-94:
  ▪ 6-lanes
  ▪ 40 mph speed limit
  ▪ Wide median with trees
  ▪ Free right at EB Highway 55 to SB Lyndale Avenue
  ▪ Network of alleys and frontage roads along roadway

• Bridge over I-94 is 6-lanes with single left-turn lanes
Technical Issue #2: Concerns

• Roadway perceived as a barrier to pedestrians
  ▪ Number of lanes
  ▪ Large intersections
  ▪ Lane widths
  ▪ Long distance pedestrian crossings

• Roadway Challenges
  ▪ Geometry encourages excessive speed
  ▪ Bus movements
  ▪ I-94 interchange
  ▪ Reliever for I-394
Technical Issue #2: Existing Road Conditions

Intersection of Van White Blvd.

Typical Unmarked Pedestrian Mid-Block Crossing and Frontage Roads
Technical Issue #2: Existing Road Conditions

Intersection of Penn Ave. and Highway 55
Technical Issue #2: Items Established

• LRT center running
• Station locations
• Signalized intersections
• Bus and planned BRT route
• Desire for East/West trail connection
Technical Issue #2: Section Diagram

4 lane and 6 lane locations along Olson Memorial Highway
Technical Issue #2: Issues to Resolve

• Vehicles
  ▪ Number of lanes, turn lanes, I-94 interchange

• LRT
  ▪ Station configuration, pedestrian access

• Buses
  ▪ Coordination with C-Line Bus Rapid Transit and local routes

• Pedestrians
  ▪ Crossings, safety

• Bicycles
  ▪ Crossings, bicycle facilities
Technical Issue #2: Next Steps

• Evaluate current and future traffic conditions
• Work with MnDOT and City of Minneapolis towards design of Highway 55
  ▪ Issue Resolution Team
  ▪ Topic Specific Group
• Seek input from CAC and BAC
• Hold community meeting this spring
• Provide updates to CMC
Technical Issue #7: Bass Lake Road Station Update
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Technical Issue #7: Issues to be Resolved

• Bass Lake Road station access via all modes
  ▪ Explored shifting DEIS station location further south
    o Retain at DEIS location due to pedestrian access, visibility from Bass Lake Road, and grades
  ▪ Exploring potential site for kiss and ride drop off
  ▪ Pedestrians, bus, and bicycle access to station
Technical Issue #11:
93rd Avenue/Oak Grove Parkway Stations Update
Technical Issue #11: DEIS 93rd Ave. Station, Park and Ride Location
Technical Issue #11

- 93rd Ave Station: Park and Ride and station location
  - Private development on DEIS Park and Ride location
  - 93rd station shifted to center of West Broadway
  - Station platform configuration (center or split) still being analyzed
  - One West Broadway crossing eliminated
Technical Issue #11

• Park and Ride location
  ▪ DEIS assumed 800 spaces at 93rd Ave Park and Ride to be confirmed by ridership modeling
  ▪ Shifting Park and Ride from 93rd Ave Station to Oak Grove Parkway Station

• Oak Grove Parkway Station location
  ▪ Explored locating station further south towards 610
  ▪ Recommend retaining at DEIS location due to grades and site issues
Technical Issue #11: Oak Grove Parkway Station
Next CMC Meeting:

Thursday, April 9
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM
Brooklyn Center Community Center
More Information

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