Corridor Management Committee

November 12, 2014
Today’s Topics

• Corridor Management Committee Introductions
• Corridor Management Committee Draft Charter
• FTA New Starts Program Overview
• Staff Introductions
• Project Overview
• Outreach Overview
Corridor Management Committee
Member Introductions
Corridor Management Committee
Draft Charter
Corridor Management Committee

The CMC will advise the Chair of the Metropolitan Council on the design and construction of the METRO Blue Line Extension. The CMC may act by resolution to provide such advice.

Issues the Committee will address include, but will not be limited to:

- Environmental review
- Project development
- Engineering
- Final design
- Construction
Advisory Committees

- Metropolitan Council
- Corridor Management Committee
- Community Advisory Committee
- Project Office
- Business Advisory Committee
FTA New Starts Program
Peer New Starts Projects

Seattle
Portland
San Diego
Denver
Fort Worth
Houston
Orlando
Durham, NC
Baltimore-D.C. area, MD (2)
Boston
Minneapolis-St. Paul (2)

August 2014 Status:
- Blue: Project Development
- Red: Engineering
New Starts Rating Components

Summary Rating

- Project Justification Rating (50%)
- Financial Rating (50%)
New Starts Rating Components

Summary Rating

Project Justification Rating (50%)
- Economic Development (16.66%)
- Mobility Improvements (16.66%)
- Environmental Benefits (16.66%)
- Congestion Relief (16.66%)
- Cost Effectiveness (16.66%)
- Land Use (16.66%)

Financial Rating (50%)
New Starts Rating Components

Summary Rating

Project Justification Rating (50%)

Financial Rating (50%)

Current Capital/Operating Condition (25%)
Commitment of Capital/Operating Funds (25%)
Reasonableness of Capital/Operating Cost Estimates (50%)
## Project Timeline

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Staff Introductions
BPO Organizational Chart

DEPUTY GM – CAPITAL PROJECTS
PROGRAM DIRECTOR
RAIL NEW STARTS
Mark Fuhrmann

DEPUTY PROGRAM DIRECTOR
Christine Beckwith

PROJECT DIRECTOR
BLRT
Dan Soler

Executive Assistant
Sandie Cagaoan

HENNEPIN COUNTY

DIRECTOR, TRANSIT SYSTEMS DESIGN & ENGINEERING
VACANT

DEPUTY PROJECT DIRECTOR
VACANT

MnDOT TRANSITWAYS DIRECTOR
Tori Nill

BPO UNITS
ENGINEERING
PROJECT CONTROLS
BUDGET/GRANTS
ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENTS
RIGHT OF WAY PERMITS
ADMINISTRATION
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT
COMMUNICATIONS
COMMUNITY WORKS

PROJECT CONTROLS MANAGER
MarySue Abel

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
ENVIRONMENTAL/AGREEMENTS
Kathryn O’Brien

MANAGER, PLANNING & AGREEMENTS
Alicia Vap

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
ADMINISTRATION/PUB INVOLV/COMM
Robin Caufman

MANAGER, PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT
Sam O’Connell
Project Overview
Twin Cities Transitways: 2040 Vision
Project Description

• 13 miles of double track

• 10 or 11 new stations

• Serving Brooklyn Park, Crystal, Robbinsdale, Golden Valley & Minneapolis

• Provides one seat Blue Line ride to MSP and MOA

• Connections to METRO Green Line, Northstar and bus services
Project Visualization
Project Development Activities

• Issue Resolution Teams
  • Track alignment
  • Station locations
  • Operation & maintenance facility design
Project Development Activities

- Environmental review process
- Municipal consent
- Local funding commitments
- Project office
Environmental Review Process

- **2013**
  - LPA adopted by Met Council
  - Draft EIS preparation

- **2014**
  - Draft EIS published
  - Draft EIS comment period

- **2015**
  - Complete Environmental Analysis

- **2016**
  - Final EIS published / Record of Decision (ROD) issued
Municipal Consent Process

• Minnesota Statute 473.3994
• City and County review and approve physical design components of preliminary design plans
  • Location of LRT track
  • Identification of LRT systems elements
  • Location/layout of stations and station access
  • Location/layout of park and ride facilities
  • Location of pedestrian/bike trail impacted by Project
  • Layout of roadway features
  • Turn lanes, lane widths, traffic signals
  • Location/layout of Operations & Maintenance Facility (OMF)
  • Location of freight rail track
Municipal Consent Process

1. Met Council Submits Municipal Consent Plans to Cities and County
   - At least 30 days

2. Met Council / Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority Hold Joint Open House and Public Hearing
   - Within 45 days

3. Cities hold Open House and Public Hearing after 30 Days of Met Council Plan Submittal

4. Cities/County Approve Plans within 45 Days of the Met Council/Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority Joint Open House and Public Hearing
Local Funding Commitments

- State: 10%
- Hennepin County: 10%
- Counties Transit Improvement Board: 31%
- Federal Funding: FTA New Starts Program (49%)

Estimated Cost: $1 Billion
Project Office

• Bass Lake Road & West Broadway

• 20,000 sq ft

• Selection criteria
  • Proximity to Blue Line Extension alignment
  • Transit access

• Move in Q1 2015
Engineering Phase Activities

- Station design & selection of public art for station areas
- Property acquisition
- Final design & engineering
- Final cost estimate
- Revised risk assessment
- Freight rail reconstruction
- Construction Invitation for Bids
- LRV procurement
Outreach Overview
Outreach and Engagement Activities

• Outreach staff

• Public meetings
  ▪ Tailored formats
  ▪ One to 500 participants

• Project website, newsletter, twitter/Facebook

• Direct e-mail

• Other materials
Advisory Committees

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    - Project Office
    - Business Advisory Committee
More Information

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