Today’s Topics

• Approval of April 8, 2021 BLRT CMC Meeting Summary
• Committee Reports
• What to Expect: Schedule Update
• LRT System Overview
• Anti-displacement Working Group
• Corridor Management Committee Membership
Approval of April 8, 2021 Meeting Summary
Committee Reports

• Community Advisory Committee Report
• Business Advisory Committee Report
What to Expect: Schedule Update
Next Steps: Continue to Seek Solutions

Project Goals, Objectives and Criteria

Conceptual Engineering and Design
- Engineering Analysis to Understand LRT & Roadway Configurations
- Potential Station Locations
- Right of Way Impacts

Community Benefits
- Further efforts to address anti-displacement, equitable development and community wealth building

Previous Project Commitments
- Address investments related to the previous alignment
Approach & Timeline

December 2020 – March 2021
- BLRT Project Principles

Late Spring – Summer 2021
- Develop Initial Route Modifications
- Evaluation Based on Initial Screening Criteria and Community Feedback
- Refine Route Modifications
- TIER 1: Qualitative Evaluation Grounded in Project Purpose and Need

Winter 2021
- Evaluate Based on Project Goals, Objectives, and Evaluation Criteria
- Route Modifications Recommended for Evaluation in EIS
- TIER 2: Quantitative Evaluation
Approach & Timeline

• Survey & interactive map open until May 28 provides for more community input
  ▪ Engagement Cohort expressed the need for more time on initial route engagement
  ▪ Mindful of community events over the past month

• Provides for a more collaborative process of developing the main report elements
Upcoming Advisory Committees Discussion Topics

• June:
  ▪ Generalized visualizations showing how LRT could look and fit along the routes
  ▪ Discussion of project evaluation criteria
  ▪ Share community feedback

• July:
  ▪ Route walkthrough, will begin to provide area specific details about LRT, traffic lanes, sidewalks, and potential Right of Way impacts
  ▪ Potential station locations
Upcoming Advisory Committees Discussion Topics (cont.)

• August:
  ▪ Further discussion on specific engineering details
  ▪ Draft route evaluation information

• September: Release Draft Route Report
Community Input Shaping Technical Advancement

• Reviewing suggested missing routes options
• Analyzing suggested station locations
• Analyzing community identified issues and opportunities
• Reviewing input on project Goals
April Outreach Highlights: Activities Lead by Cohort & Advisory Committee Members

• Attendance at Earth Day events, vaccination sites, and cultural festivals with project information

• April 15: Northside Business Luncheon

• April 15: Seeds to Harvest Group Discussion

• April 28: Robbinsdale Listening Session
May Engagement Highlights

• May 12: Minneapolis Downtown Council
• May 20: Jordan Area Community Council
• May 25: Robbinsdale Chamber of Commerce
• May 26: Facebook Live with Commissioner Lunde
Upcoming Engagement Activities

- **Summer overview**
  - Community event attendance & pop-ups
  - Ongoing community specific meetings

- **June:**
  - Broader engagement focused on anti-displacement

- **July:**
  - Target conversation in July/August with corridor adjacent neighbors
  - Corridor wide events to highlight technical detail
## Community Engagement Cohort

March 2021 – January 2022

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Cohort Specific Feedback

• Timing is a concern; our communities need space for healing and grace

• Prioritize translation of project materials

• Clarity on the big picture of how all the different advisory committee meetings fit together

• Need to recognize the community input in previous work and pull forward the relevant feedback

• Incorporate a historical perspective into project communications

• Recognize the different levels of community awareness and expertise

• Anti-displacement work is a priority
LRT System Overview
METRO System

- Includes METRO LRT Blue and Green Line, Bus Rapid Transit Red, A and C Lines
- Fast, frequent, all-day service
  - 10 –15 minute headways
- Stations with enhanced amenities
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LRT Operating Assumptions

• Connects Brooklyn Park, Crystal, Robbinsdale, Minneapolis and Bloomington to local and regional employment, education, attractions

• Hours of operation/frequency:
  ▪ Rush hours (weekdays 6:00-9:00 AM and 3:00-6:30 PM) and midday: 10 minutes
  ▪ Evening/Weekends/Holidays: 10-30 minutes

• Fares:
  ▪ Adults: Ages 13 – 64:
    o Non-rush hour: $2; rush-hour $2.50 (good for 2 ½ hours)
  ▪ Reduced Fare: Youth/Seniors/Medicare Card Holders
    o Non-rush hour: $1; rush-hour $2.50 (good for 2 ½ hours)
Environmental Benefits

• Reduces vehicle miles traveled by removing vehicles from the road
  ▪ Each rail car can carry up to 270 passengers, compared to the average car holding 1.7 passengers
• Reduces pollution by using electricity
• Encourages sustainable land use patterns

![Bar chart showing CO2 emissions per passenger mile for single occupancy vehicle and light rail.](Source: APTA, 2010)
How It Operates

Embedded Track

Non-embedded Track

Overhead electric line
Center-running
University Avenue, Saint Paul
Side-running
Hiawatha Ave, Minneapolis
Above and Below Ground Stations

There are only two stations out of thirty-six stations in our system not at grade.
Station Area Features: W. Broadway 85th Ave Station

- Safe crossings
- Multimodal connections
Center Platform Station: 29th Ave SE
LRT: Neighborhood Context

Hamline Avenue Project for Pride and Living Housing

University of Minnesota

Minnehaha Avenue
Minneapolis

Victoria Street
Station St. Paul

Prospect Park
Station Minneapolis

Downtown
Minneapolis
Anti-displacement Working Group
Continue to Seek Solutions

**Community Benefits**
Further efforts to address anti-displacement, equitable development and community wealth building

**Previous Project Commitments**
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Moving Forward: April Advisory Committee Feedback

• Confirmed support of a third-party facilitator to lead this work

• Confirmed support for convening the group work as soon as possible
  ▪ Anti-displacement should be worked on throughout the route planning, environmental review and advance design

• Request for national examples and possible shared definitions for discussion

• Feedback:
  ▪ Anti-displacement is complicated, there are no easy solutions
  ▪ There are many organizations who work in this area
  ▪ This requires a commitment from the project
Advisory Committees: Suggested Names & Organizations

• TPAC: CREATE Toolkit (https://create.umn.edu/toolkit/) - Bonnie Keiler, CURA, Trust for Public Land, Center for Economic Inclusion

• BAC: The Alliance, Equity Council at the Met Council, Move Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce, CURA, the Blue Line Coalition, DEED

• CAC: Markeda Zulu-Gillespie (UROC), Anika Roberts, Phillips Foundation, Sanctuary Church, Robbinsdale Human Rights Commission, Hennepin County Disparity Reduction Team, Neighbors for More Neighbors, OurStreets, Minneapolis Urban League

• CMC: U of MN
Anti-displacement Working Group Imbedded in Project Work

- Working group will seek feedback from advisory committees and partners
Working Group

• Identify representatives

• Bring together experts from community, Met Council, Hennepin County, corridor cities BLRT Advisory Committees and others
Moving Forward

• Gathering list of organizations and key stakeholders based on conversations

• Considering the composition and facilitation of a group

• Gathering definitions, case studies and identified local and national experiences in this work

• Drafting an RFP to find a convener who will lead this work

• Exploring how project goals and evaluation criteria can address anti-displacement
Next Steps

• Review Draft Request for Proposal with city staff and Advisory Committees in June; seeking feedback

• Release Request for Proposals

• Continue broader community engagement on anti-displacement in June to support work of anti-displacement facilitator
Next Steps: Green Line (Central Corridor): About Community, Not a Commute

• Bring in local stakeholders to share their perspective, answer questions
  ▪ Business owners
  ▪ Residents
  ▪ Organizers
  ▪ Policy Makers

Cultural Corridor Meeting, 2013
Credit: Central Corridor Funders Collaborative
Corridor Management Committee Membership
Next Meeting: Thursday, June 10 at 1:30 PM
Stay Connected!

- Project website: bluelineext.org
  - Project news, maps, surveys, what we’re hearing
  - Committee meeting materials: agenda, handouts, presentations, meeting minutes
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  - Connect with staff for your questions or schedule a presentation

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