Community Advisory Committee

January 26, 2016
Today’s Topics

• 2016 Look Ahead
• Section 4(f)
• Station and OMF Renderings
• Station Naming
• Corridor Housing Strategy Update
• Member and Committee Reports/Public Forum
2016 Look Ahead
## Major Project Milestones

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<td>Entry Into Engineering</td>
<td>September 2016</td>
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<td>Letters of No Prejudice (LONP) from FTA</td>
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<td>Anticipated Start of Prep for Civil Construction</td>
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<td>Spring 2017</td>
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<td>Heavy Construction</td>
<td>2017-2019</td>
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<td>Revenue Service</td>
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2016 Activities: 60% to 100% Design

• LRT track features
• Bridges and tunnels
• Roadway and trail details
• Operations and Maintenance Facility features
• Park and ride facilities
• Systems elements
• Freight rail features
• Utility relocation design plans
• Station design plans
• Streetscape design plans
### January – June 2016 Look Ahead

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<td>Publish 4(f) <em>de minimus</em> Preliminary Determination</td>
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<td>Complete 90% Design Packages for Civil</td>
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<td>LRV Proposals Due</td>
<td>Mar 2016</td>
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Section 4(f) Update
Amended Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation

- Two new Section 4(f) properties identified in the amended document
- Public can review document:
  - City of Minnetonka, SPO
  - Project website
  - Select community/reference libraries
- 45 day comment period began January 11 and ends Feb 25
Amended Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation
### Amended Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation

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<th>Acres Permanently Used</th>
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<td>49.0</td>
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<td>Opus Development Area Trail Network</td>
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* Approximately 1.5 acres of the Opus development area trail network will be removed due to the Project and it will be replaced with approximately 1.8 acres of new trails with the same connections and functions, for a net increase of 0.3 acres of additional trail area within the Opus development area trail network.
Station and OMF Renderings
SouthWest Station

View From 212 Off-Ramp

Draft – Work in Process
SouthWest Station

View From Technology Drive
SouthWest Station

View From Bus Loop
SouthWest Station

View From Bus/LRT Platform

Draft – Work in Process
Golden Triangle Station

View From Park-and-Ride Looking North
City West Station

View From Plaza Looking East

Draft – Work in Process
OMF Site Context: Neighborhood Site Plan
OMF Palette: Building Materials

METRO TRANSIT / SAFETY YELLOW

PRECAST CONCRETE  BLACK ALUMINUM  POLYCARBONATE PANELS  GLASS
Approach View From North
Approach View From North Parking Lot
OMF View From In-Service Train
OMF View From In-Service Train
West View From K-Tel Dr
West View From K-Tel Dr
Shady Oak Station

View From Park-and-Ride Looking South
Downtown Hopkins Station

View From Plaza Looking Southeast
Blake Station

View From Blake Rd Looking Northwest

Draft – Work in Process
Louisiana Station

View From Park-and-Ride Looking Northwest

Draft – Work in Process
Wooddale Station

View From Wooddale Ave Looking Southeast
Beltline Station

View From Walk Looking Northwest
West Lake Station

View From Trail Looking North
21st Street Station

View From 21st St Looking West

Draft – Work in Process
Penn Station

View From Trail Looking North

Draft – Work in Process
Royalston Station

View From Royalston Ave Looking Southeast
Station Naming
Background

- Met Council’s Transitway Guidelines provide guidance on station naming
- Green Line Extension and Blue Line Extension both include stations with the same name
  - Van White
  - Penn
- Station names need to be finalized prior and updated in the 100% design plans for inclusion in the Civil Construction bid documents
Regional Transitway Guidance

• Reflect local geography: major cross-street or landmark

• Easy for general public to recognize, particularly potential transit customers who are not familiar with the region and/or the corridor

• Distinct from names of other stations to extent feasible so that the name does not create confusion for potential customers or emergency responders

• Succinct and use of two names for one station should be avoided
Existing and Planned Transitways

updated 07/10/15

Existing Transitways and Stations
- METRO Blue Line (LRT)
- METRO Green Line (LRT)
- METRO Red Line (LRT)
- Shared METRO Station

Planned Transitways and Stations
- METRO Orange Line (BRT): 2019
- METRO Green Line extension (BRT): 2020
- METRO Blue Line extension (LRT): 2021
- METRO Gold Line (BRT): TBD
- METRO Red Line extension (BRT): TBD

This commuter rail line operates primarily during rush hours.
## Station Names Consistency with Guidelines

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<td>21&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt; St</td>
<td>Consistent, major street</td>
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<td>West Lake Street</td>
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<td>Blake Rd</td>
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<td>Downtown Hopkins</td>
<td>Consistent, major landmark of downtown Hopkins</td>
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<td>Shady Oak</td>
<td>Inconsistent, 4 blocks away from street</td>
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<td>Opus</td>
<td>Consistent, major landmark of business campus</td>
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<td>City West</td>
<td>Inconsistent, not a recognized landmark</td>
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<td>Golden Triangle</td>
<td>Consistent, landmark of business, Could be named after cross street</td>
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## Timeline: Feedback and Council Action

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<td>Jan 14-31</td>
<td>Advanced Design Meetings <em>(underway)</em></td>
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<td>Jan 21</td>
<td>SWCW Steering Committee Feedback <em>(complete)</em></td>
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<td>Community Advisory Committee Feedback</td>
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<td>Jan 27</td>
<td>Business Advisory Committee Feedback</td>
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<td>Feb 3</td>
<td>Corridor Management Committee Recommendation</td>
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<td>Feb 8</td>
<td>Transportation Committee Recommendation</td>
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<td>Feb 24</td>
<td>Metropolitan Council Action</td>
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## Proposed Changes Presented to City Staff

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<td>Penn</td>
<td>Bryn Mawr</td>
<td>Duplicate with BLRT, clarify location by referring nearest landmark, neighborhood</td>
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<td>Shady Oak</td>
<td>17&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; Ave</td>
<td>Clarify location by changing to extension of road that will go to park and ride</td>
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Feedback From TPAC & City Staff

• Keep Golden Triangle Station because it’s a known industrial and business park
• Change City West to “Crosstown” or “Hwy 62” because West 62\textsuperscript{nd} St is only 2 blocks long in the station area
Community Works Steering Cmte. Feedback

- Keep Golden Triangle Station because it’s a known industrial and business park
- Keep Shady Oak because 17th Ave extension doesn’t exist today and will be too new when the line opens
- Avoid duplicate names on SWLRT and Blue Line Extension in Minneapolis (Van White, Penn, Lake St.)
  - Supports SWLRT Penn change to Bryn Mawr
- Choose simplicity, suggest dropping “Street”, “Boulevard”, etc.
- Changing “City West” to “62nd Street/Crosstown” acceptable
- Consider changing 21st St to Kenwood or Cedar Lake
Next Steps

• Jan/Feb:
  ✐ Seek input from project advisory committees

• Feb:
  ✐ Make final recommendation to CMC and seek approval from Met Council

• March:
  ✐ Update design plans

• April/May:
  ✐ Complete a similar process for Blue Line Extension
Southwest Community Works: Corridor Housing Strategy Update
Southwest Corridor Housing Strategy

Southwest LRT Community Advisory Committee

Kerri Pearce Ruch, Hennepin County
January 26, 2016
Southwest Community Works

**Vision:** Collaborate and partner so that Southwest Corridor becomes a premier destination that is accessible, livable and vibrant.

**Housing Goal:** Positioning the Southwest LRT communities as a place for all to live.

**Investment Principle:** Provide a full range of housing choices.

www.swlrtccommunityworks.org
Stakeholder Outreach

• **Developer and Funder Roundtables** – August 20, 2015
  • 15 housing developers and 8 funders participated.

• **Housing Advocate Roundtable** – September 8th
  • 8 housing advocates participated.

• **Community Advisory Committee** – August 25th
• **Business Advisory Committee** – August 26th

• **City Council study session presentations** – St. Louis Park (September), Hopkins (October), Edina (January)
• **City Authorities & Commissions** – Minnetonka (April), St. Louis Park (November)

• **Upcoming:** Met Council Community Development Committee (February)

• **Other outreach:** ULI Housing Committee, Hopkins Housing meeting sponsored by LISC and Blake Road Corridor Collaborative, Housing Collaborative Institute

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<td><strong>Need for larger units in multi-family housing – 3-4 bedrooms.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Help residents build equity – look for ways to encourage home ownership.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Need a variety of lifecycle housing options for residents from young people to seniors.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Preservation of affordable housing is very important - do more than monitor Section 8 voucher usage.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Zoning restrictions can keep out small developers.</strong></td>
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## CAC feedback

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<td>Support for mixed income inclusionary housing and land acquisition to support affordability.</td>
<td>Strengthened language around mixed-income (inclusionary housing) policies in Objective 1.</td>
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<td>Area Median Income (AMI) is really high – look at corridor cities instead; don’t use family size – talk about actual rents.</td>
<td>Reworked this section to include corridor median income and affordability levels, sample occupations at various affordability levels and new Met Council Allocation of Need numbers</td>
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<td>Think about where regional solicitation funds go – tie to a full range of housing choices.</td>
<td>Specific language in next steps section</td>
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<td>Strategy is voluntary – how do we then get the cities to move the needle?</td>
<td>Added specific partners section with roles that notes that “cities are on the front line in housing development and preservation.”; specific actions for cities/county in Next Steps section; progress tracker; asking for city action on Strategy.</td>
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How this Strategy may be used:

• Encourage integration of tools in zoning, development plan review and funding allocation decisions.

• Incorporate the Corridor Housing Strategy in development or updates to housing policies and comprehensive plans.

• Determine mix of unit types and affordability.

• Seek city goals for preservation and new construction at various affordability levels for each station area, to apply to corridor targets.

LISC Corridor Development Initiative (CDI) workshops

www.swlrtcommunityworks.org
Next Steps

Seek city/county support for the Corridor Housing Strategy
Q1 – Q2 2016

Develop a work plan to move implementation strategies forward.
Q1 – Q2 2016

Track progress on corridor-wide strategy implementation.
2016 – on-going

Engage regularly with policymakers and stakeholders
On-going

www.swlrtcommunityworks.org
• Member and Committee Reports/Public Forum
• Next Meeting:
  ☻ Tuesday, Feb 23
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