



METRO Gold Line BRT CMC Meeting

June 7, 2018





Today's Topics



- Welcome
- Project Development Update
- Issues Resolution Process
- Stakeholder and Public Engagement Update
- Right of Entry Process Overview
- CMC Next Meeting







Project Development Update





Community & Business Advisory Committee (CBAC)





- CBAC kick-off meeting held May 29
- 26 members representing station area communities and businesses



Community & Business Advisory Committee (CBAC)



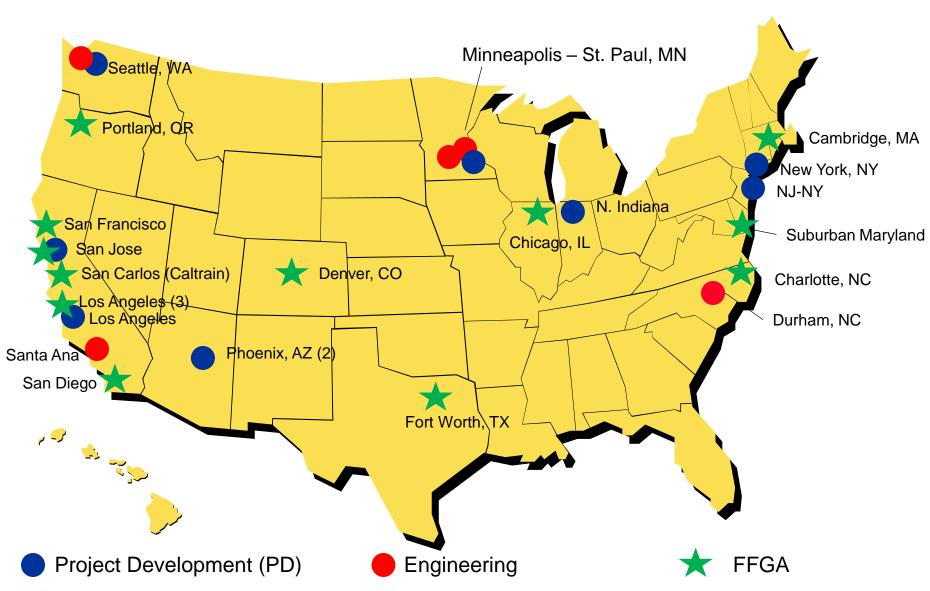
- Members were invited to express interest in Co-chair positions
- Met Council
 Chair to select CBAC Co-Chairs
- Co-Chairs will be at next CMC meeting

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| Station | Name | | |
| Mounds Blvd - Business | Mary Brandt | | |
| Mounds Blvd - Resident | Regina Rippel | | |
| Earl Street - Business | Koua Lee | | |
| Earl Street - Resident | Ernesto Ortiz-Diaz | | |
| Etna Street - Business | Hussein Khatib | | |
| Etna Street - Resident | Jessica Johnson | | |
| White Bear Avenue - Business | Jorge Samper Zelaya | | |
| White Bear Avenue - Resident | Joseph Skeen | | |
| Sun Ray Avenue- Business | Doug Swalboski | | |
| Sun Ray Avenue - Resident | Chai Lee | | |
| Maplewood - Business | Torin Gustafson | | |
| Maplewood - Resident | Darrell Paulsen | | |
| Greenway Avenue - Business | Tom Gianetti | | |
| Greenway Avenue - Resident (Landfall) | Donald Gonser | | |
| Greenway Avenue - Resident (Oakdale) | Allison Hawley March | | |
| Helmo Ave - Business | Pat Cosgrove | | |
| Helmo Ave - Resident | Nancy Volkman | | |
| Tamarack - Business | Steve Morris | | |
| Tamarack - Resident | Nyagatare Valens | | |
| Woodbury Theater - Business | Molly Gagan-Vlaisavljevich | | |
| Woodbury Theater - Resident | Heidi Schumacher | | |
| At-Large | Rebecca Nelson | | |
| At-Large | D'Angelos Svenkeson | | |
| At-Large | Robert Crawford | | |
| At-Large | Reva Jones-Simmons | | |
| At-Large | Richard Kramer | | |



Peer "New Starts" Projects (February 2018)





Source: Feb 2018 FTA CIG Report

What drives Project Development Phase?



- 2-year deadline to complete (federal requirement)
- \$25 million budget
- The PD Phase advances design and refines scope
 - Planning is complete and implementation has begun
 - Changes that are outside the environmental Area of Potential Effect (APE) will have an impact to the PD cost and schedule





Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project Timeline



| PRE-PROJECT DEVELOPMENT | PROJECT DE January 2018 | VELOPMENT -January 2020 | ENGINE 1-2 Y | _ | CONSTR 2-3 \ | UCTION Years | REVENUE SERVICE 2024 |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|---|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| | ENVIRONMENT | AL REVIEW | | | | | |
| DESIGN ADVANCEMENT | | | | | | | |
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| ONGOING PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT | | | | | | | |





GPO Tasks for Project Development



Tasks to complete by Oct 2019 to meet PD deadline:

| Task | Timeline | |
|---|---|--|
| Select a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) | Complete | |
| Adopt the LPA into fiscally constrained metropolitan transportation plan | Complete | |
| Issues resolution and environmental scope refinement within IRTs | Mar 2018 – July 2018 | |
| Final environmental scope presented to TAC | July 11, 2018 | |
| Complete the environmental review process under NEPA Final environmental scope previewed by CMC Final environmental scope confirmed by CMC Technical work to produce and review environmental document, comment period | Aug 2, 2018 Sept 6, 2018 Sept 2018 – Aug 2019 | |
| Determine final scope, costs, and and funding sources | 2019 | |
| Complete at least 30 percent design | Q3 2019 | |
| Obtain commitment for at least 30 percent of the local funding | Q3 2019 | |
| Develop sufficient information for FTA to assign a project rating | October 2019 | |

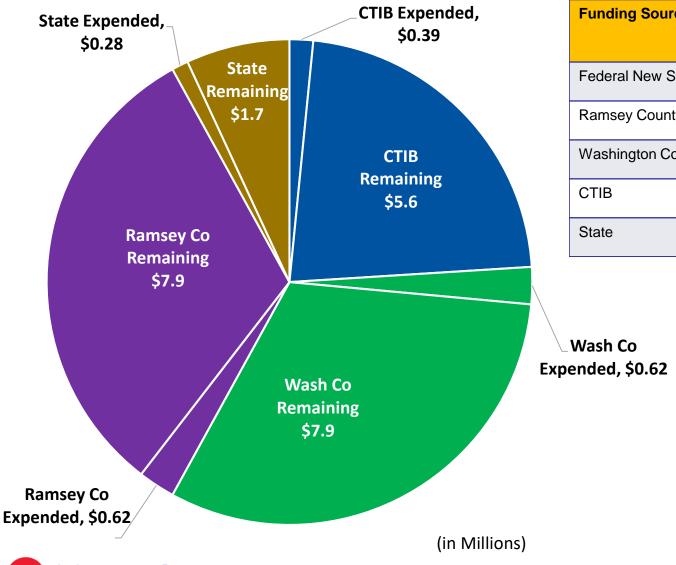


IRT = Issues Resolution Teams
TAC = Technical Advisory Committee
CMC = Corridor Management Committee



PD Costs Expended to Date





| Funding Source | \$25M Project Development | \$420M Overall (Anticipated) |
|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Federal New Starts | - | 45% |
| Ramsey County | \$8.5M, 34% | 26.5% |
| Washington County | \$8.5M, 34% | 26.5% |
| CTIB | \$6M, 24% | 1.5% |
| State | \$2M, 8% | 0.5% |







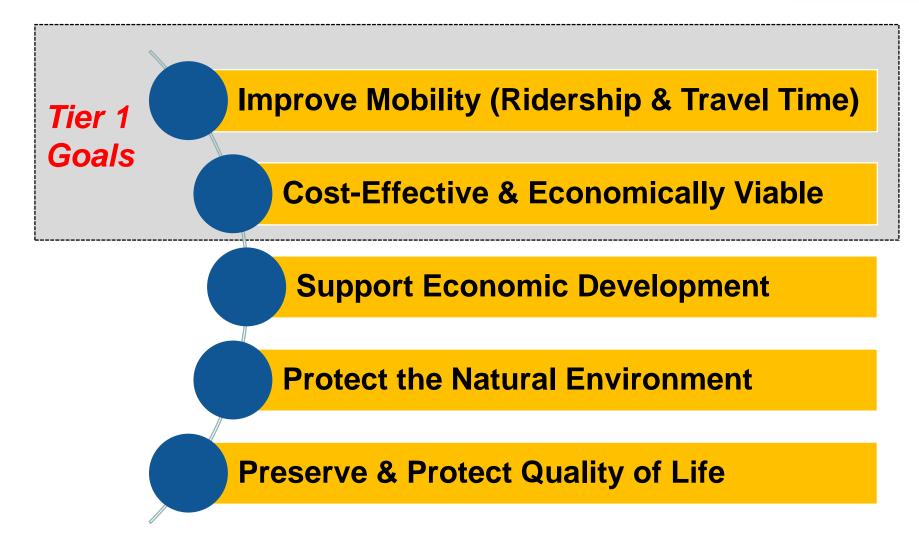
Issues Resolution Process Case Study: McKnight Road





GOLD LINE GOALS









Gold Line Committee Structure



Issue Resolution Teams (IRTs) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Community
and
Business
Advisory
Committee
(CBAC)

Corridor Management Committee (CMC)

Counties

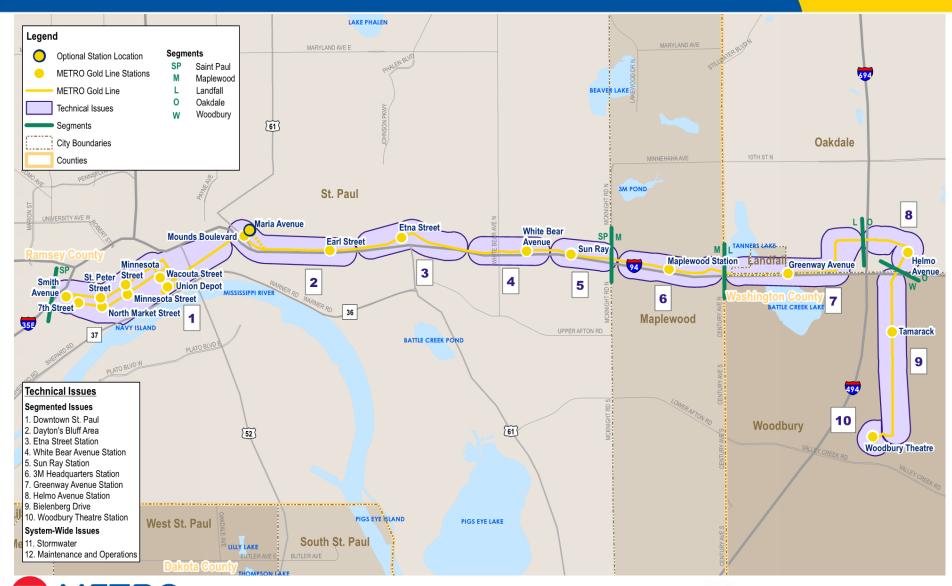
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Issues Resolution Teams









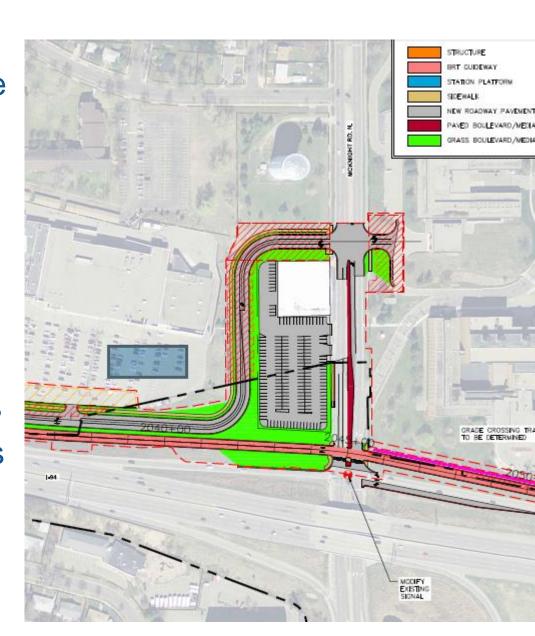


- Issues Resolution Teams
 - Smaller groups of technical staff from cities, counties,
 MnDOT, Metro Transit, and Gold Line Project Office
 - Meeting regularly since March
 - Focus on key issues geographically



McKnight 1% Design

- Significant infrastructure improvements to construct frontage road behind Sun Ray Lanes
- Significant impacts to Sun Ray Lanes during construction
- Limits future McKnight traffic/capacity solutions
- Greater parking impacts
- Limits future redevelopment opportunities



McKnight Issue Resolution Case Study



Bridge over McKnight Option







McKnight Issue Resolution Case Study



- IRT Preferred Solution: Bridge over McKnight
 - Avoids impacts to Sun Ray Lanes
 - Provides maximum flexibility for future McKnight improvements
 - Provides maximum flexibility for Sun Ray redevelopment efforts
 - BRT travel time advantage
 - Cost neutral change
- Other scope discussions for McKnight
 - Ped connections
 - Review of environmental impacts





Issue Resolution Next Steps



Next Steps

- Present all IRT recommendations to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
- Seek public input and feedback
- Present recommendations to the Community and Business Advisory Committee (CBAC)
- Incorporate any final questions and suggestions
- Preview corridor-wide environmental scope recommendations to the CMC at August 2 meeting
 - Review proposed modifications to 1% design







Stakeholder and Public Engagement Process





Stakeholder Engagement



- Open Houses: corridor-wide design updates and input
 - Open House West
 July 17 from 5:00-7:00 pm
 Grace Lutheran Church: 1730 Old Hudson R, St. Paul
 - Open House East
 July 18 from 5:00-7:00 pm
 Guardian Angels Catholic Church: 8260 4th St. N, Oakdale
- Geographically Targeted Outreach: areas where input is needed on design options
 - Public meetings
 - Direct mailing
 - Door knocking
 - Pop-up events







Right of Entry Process Overview







- Right of Entry (ROE) The right to go onto another's property without committing trespass.
- ROE is required for project related environmental analysis and design/engineering.
- Metropolitan Council has authority for ROE under Minnesota Statutes 473.129 and 117.041
- 4 step process for ROE







Step 1: ROE Request for Fieldwork

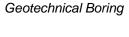
Fieldwork Type 1

- Land surveys, data collection, or field observation
- No physical disturbance to property
- No installation of equipment

Fieldwork Type 2

- Archaeological survey, wetland delineation, and geotechnical boring
- Physical disturbance to property required
- Temporary installation of equipment













Step 2: Property Owner Notification

Fieldwork Type 1

Fieldwork notification letter mailed 3 weeks prior to fieldwork



METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (GBRT)

Metro Square Building, 121 7th Place East, Suite 102, St. Paul, MN 55101 www.metrotransit.org/gold-line-project

Subject: METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project Notification for Project Surveying Activities

The environmental clearance and preliminary design process for the proposed METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (GBRT) Project are underway. As part of the engineering analysis of the proposed BRT line, the Gold Line Project Office (GPO) has contracted with survey consultants to conduct land surveys to determine the precise location of physical features such as but to said utilities, as well as parce undaries.

We want you to be aware that we will be access areas to do our necessary work. The surveying authorized to conduct this work under Minn. S



Survey is needed along the project corridor in the vicinity of the corridor and the areas around the planned station locations. The estimated start time of this work is 04.12.2018.

We may determine later in the design process that we need to conduct additional work on your property. In that event, we will contact you again.

If you have any questions, please contact Chelsa Johnson, Gold Line BRT Environmental Lead at 651-602-1997 or chelsa.johnson@metrotransit.org. For more information about the project, review the fact sheet on the other side of this letter or visit https://www.metrotransit.org/gold-line-project.

Thank you.

Notification Letter



Fieldwork Type 2

 Fieldwork ROE Letter mailed with request for response in 3 weeks



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RIGHT OF ENTRY PERMIT

By signing this Right of Entry Permit (Permit), you grant permission to the Metropolitan Council (Council) and its agents and/or contractors to enter your property (332922420183) located at: the City of Saint Paul, MN for the purpose of conducting:

- ☑ **Wetland Delineation** Examining soil and plant types present in an area to establish the boundary between wetland areas and non-wetland areas. Flagging boundaries with pin flags.
- ☑ Phase I Archaeological Investigation Using hand tools (shovel testing) to identify items of potential archaeological interest.

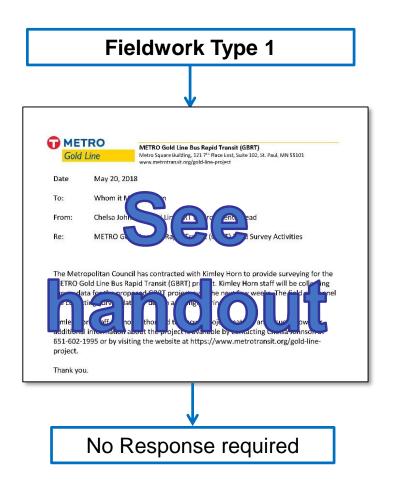
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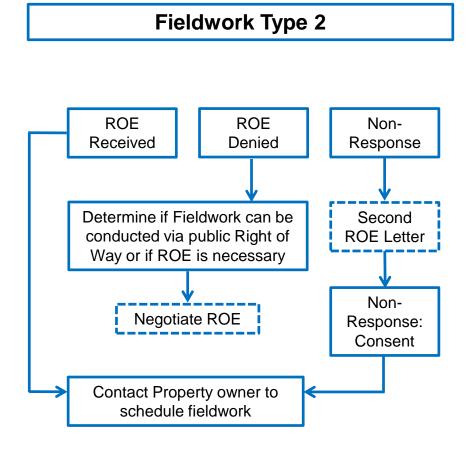
The Right of Entry Permit is effective immediately and will terminate on November 16, 2018. The Council has the option to extend the Permit in monthly increments for up to six months. The Council may exercise this option by providing written notice to the owner at least seven days before the expiration of the Permit term. If an extension is needed, the Environmental Lead will contact you using the information in the signature box below.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please fill out the contact information below and return the signed form by June 6, 2018 by email to Chelsa Johnson Chelsa. Johnson@metrotransit.org, or by mail to METRO Gold Line BRT Project Office at Metro Square, 121 7th Place East, Suite 102, St. Paul, MN 55101. Please keep a copy for your records.



Step 3: Response to Notification Letters











Step 4: Conduct Fieldwork

Fieldwork Type 1

Conduct fieldwork

Fieldwork Type 2

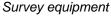
Contact Owner to schedule fieldwork



Survey for engineering













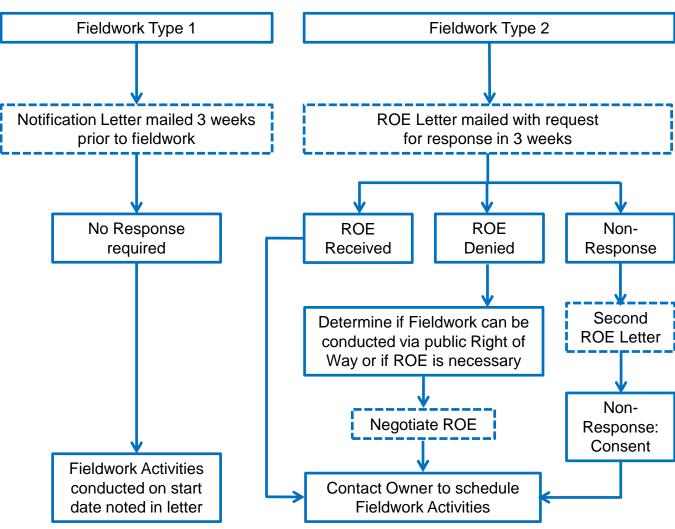
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Step 2: Property
Owner Notification

Step 3: Response to Notification Letters

Step 4: Conduct Fieldwork Activities







Next Steps



- Next scheduled CMC meeting is July 5
 - Recommend cancellation
 - Focus on public outreach
- Next CMC meeting is Aug 2
 - Preview environmental scope recommendations







For more information:

www.metrotransit.org/gold-line-project



