



City of Minneapolis

March 3, 2015



Today's Topics

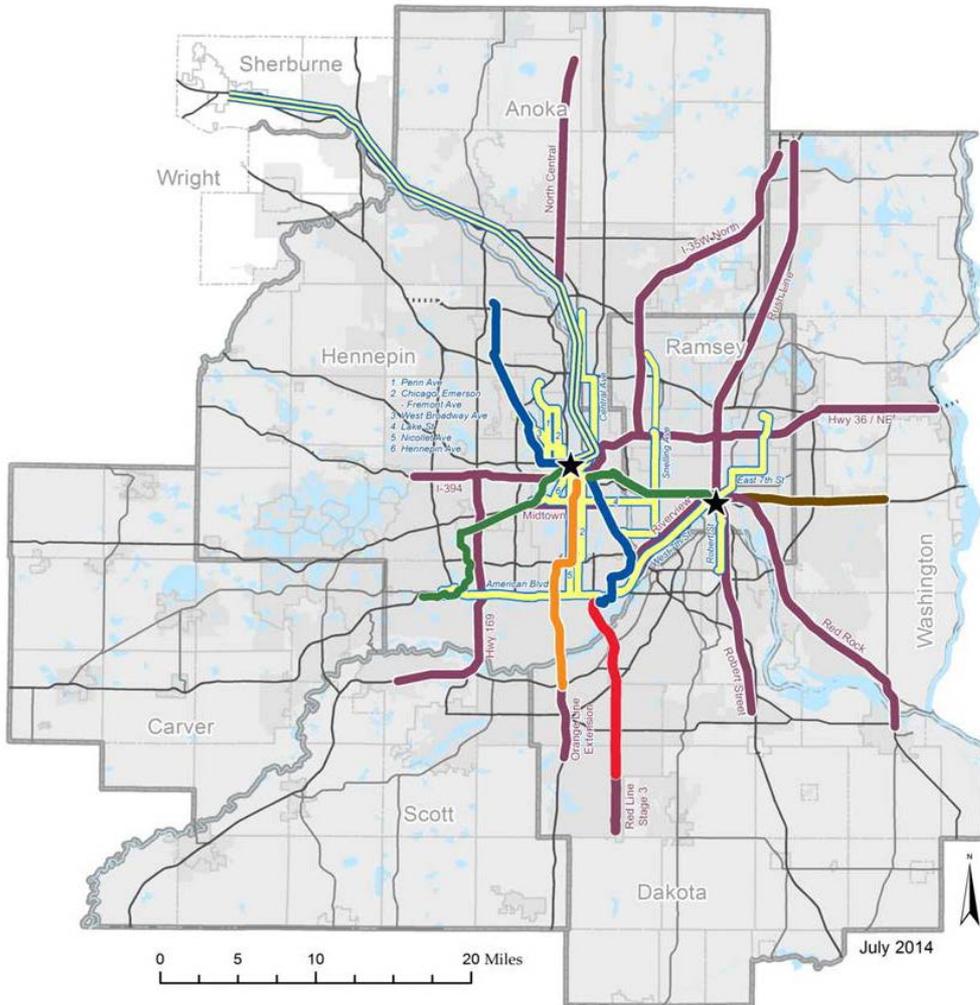
- Project Overview
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 - Outreach Overview



Project Overview



Twin Cities Transitways: 2040 Vision

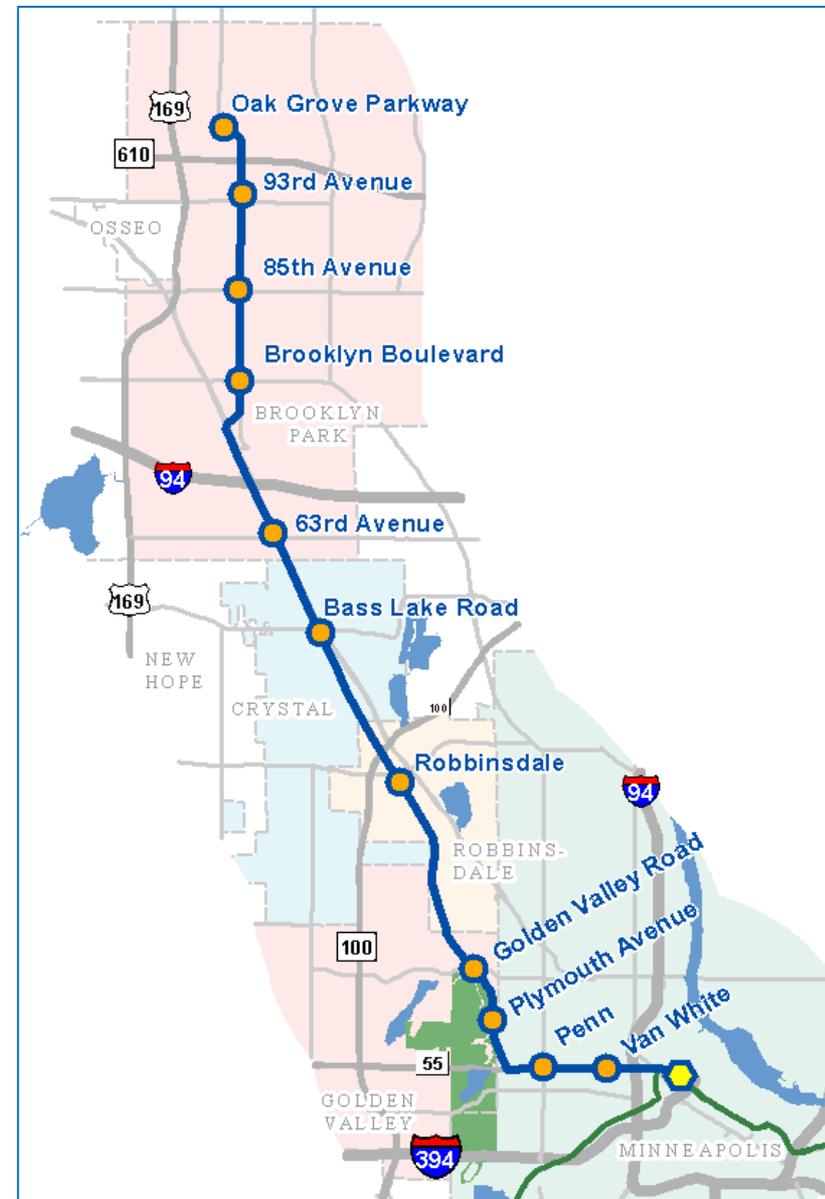


-  Northstar Line
-  Blue Line
-  Green Line
-  Red Line
-  Orange Line
-  Gateway Dedicated BRT *
-  Accelerated Arterial BRT
-  Accelerated Transitways under study
-  Regional Multimodal Hub



Project Description

- 10 or 11 new LRT stations
- 13 miles of double track
- 27,000 est. rides by 2030
- Serving Brooklyn Park, Crystal, Robbinsdale, Golden Valley & Minneapolis
- Provides one seat Blue Line ride to MSP Airport and Mall of America
- Connections to METRO Green Line, Northstar and bus services



Project Timeline

2014-2016

- Project Development

2016

- Environmental/Municipal Consent

2017

- Engineering

2018

- Full Funding Grant Agreement

2018-20

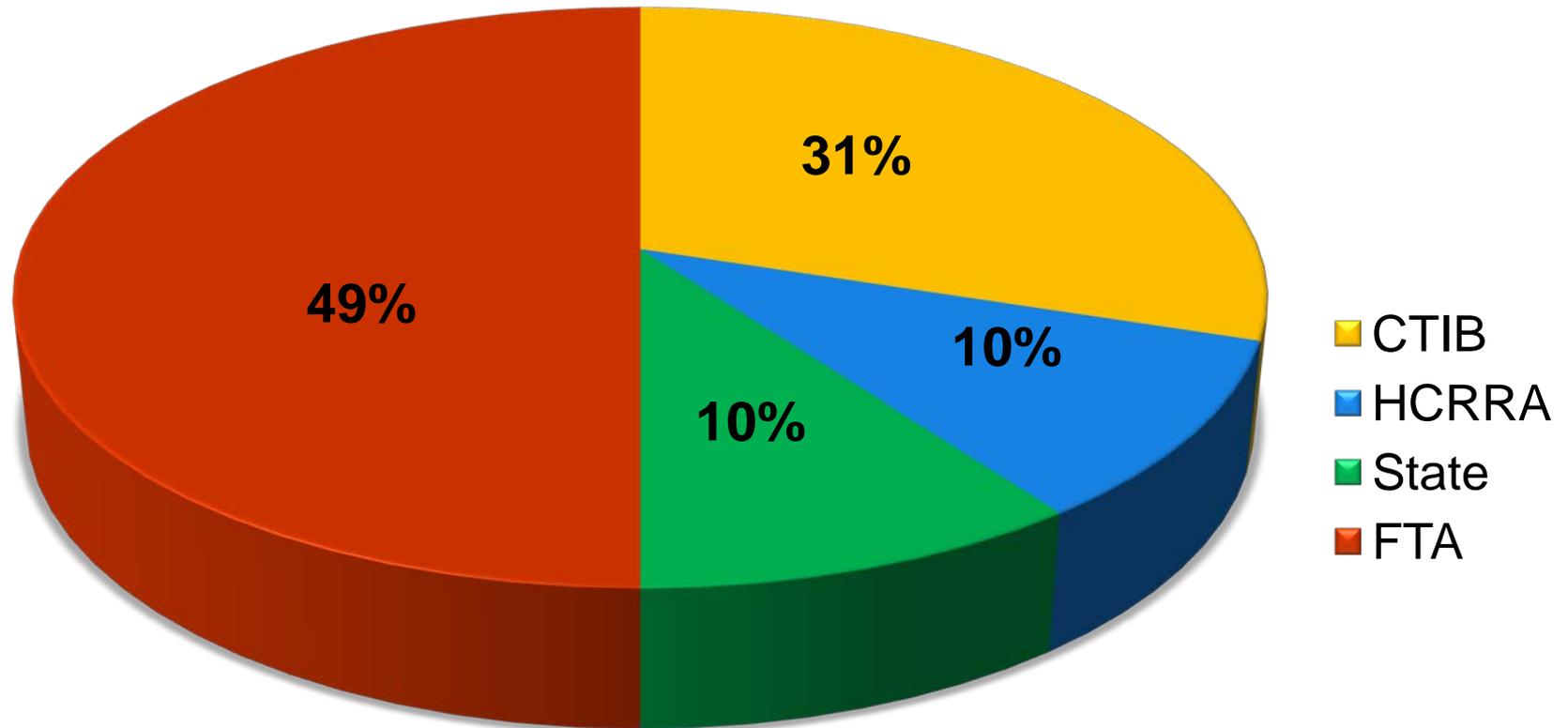
- Heavy Construction

2021

- Passenger Operations



Project Funding Formula



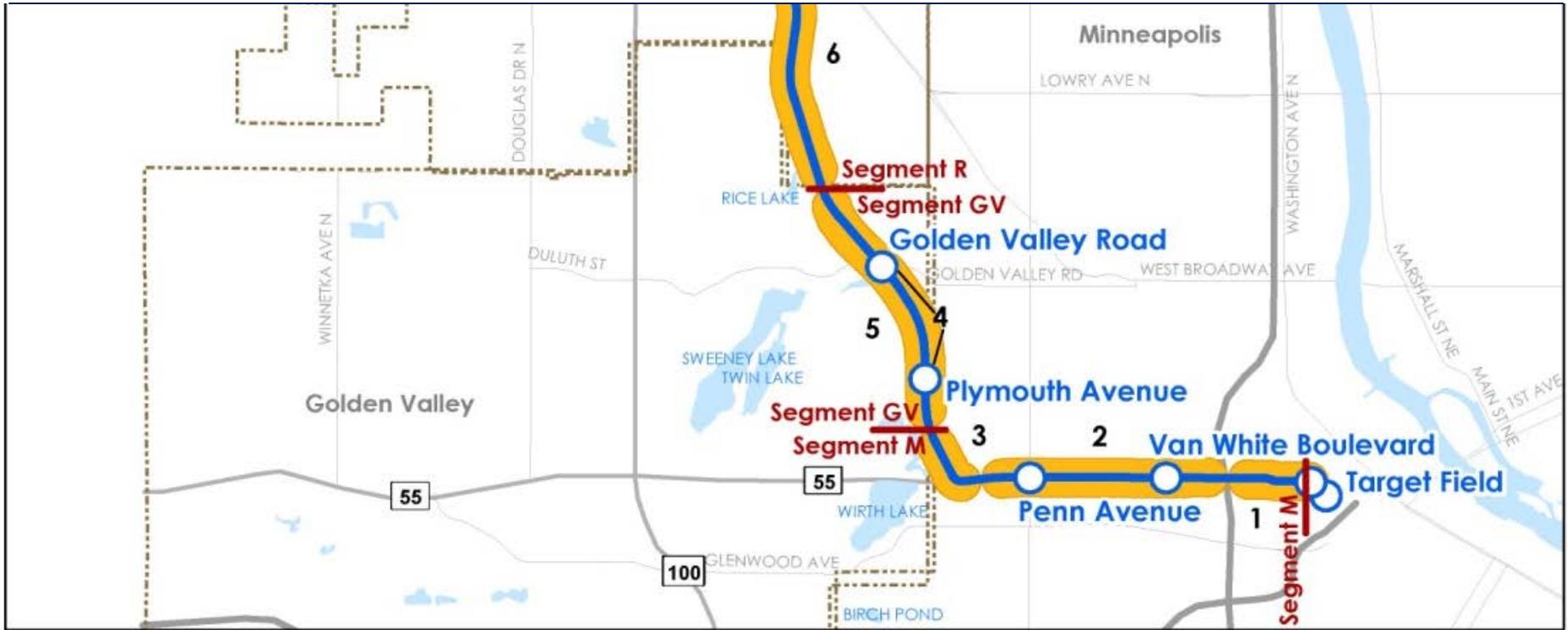
Estimated Cost: \$1 Billion



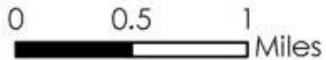
Technical Issues/Issue Resolution Process



Technical Issues



METRO Blue Line LRT Extension Technical Issues



Rev. 2
November 2014



Minneapolis

Segment	Technical Issue	Sub Issues	Schedule
M-1	Target Field Station Connection	7 th Street Intersection Design	Q3 2015
M-2	Olson Memorial Highway	I-94 Interchange Operations	Q3 2015
		Design Treatment	Q1 2015
		Penn Ave Intersection Operations	Q3 2015
		Median Tree Impacts	Q3 2015
M-3	Olson Memorial Highway Crossing	Right-of-way Pinch Point	Q3 2015
		Bassett Creek Floodplain Impacts	Q3 2015
		Poor Soils through Watershed	Q2 2015



Technical Issues within the Minneapolis Walkshed

Segment	Technical Issue	Sub Issues	Schedule
GV-4	Plymouth Ave/Golden Valley Road Station	Station Location	Q1 2015
		Parking	Q2 2015

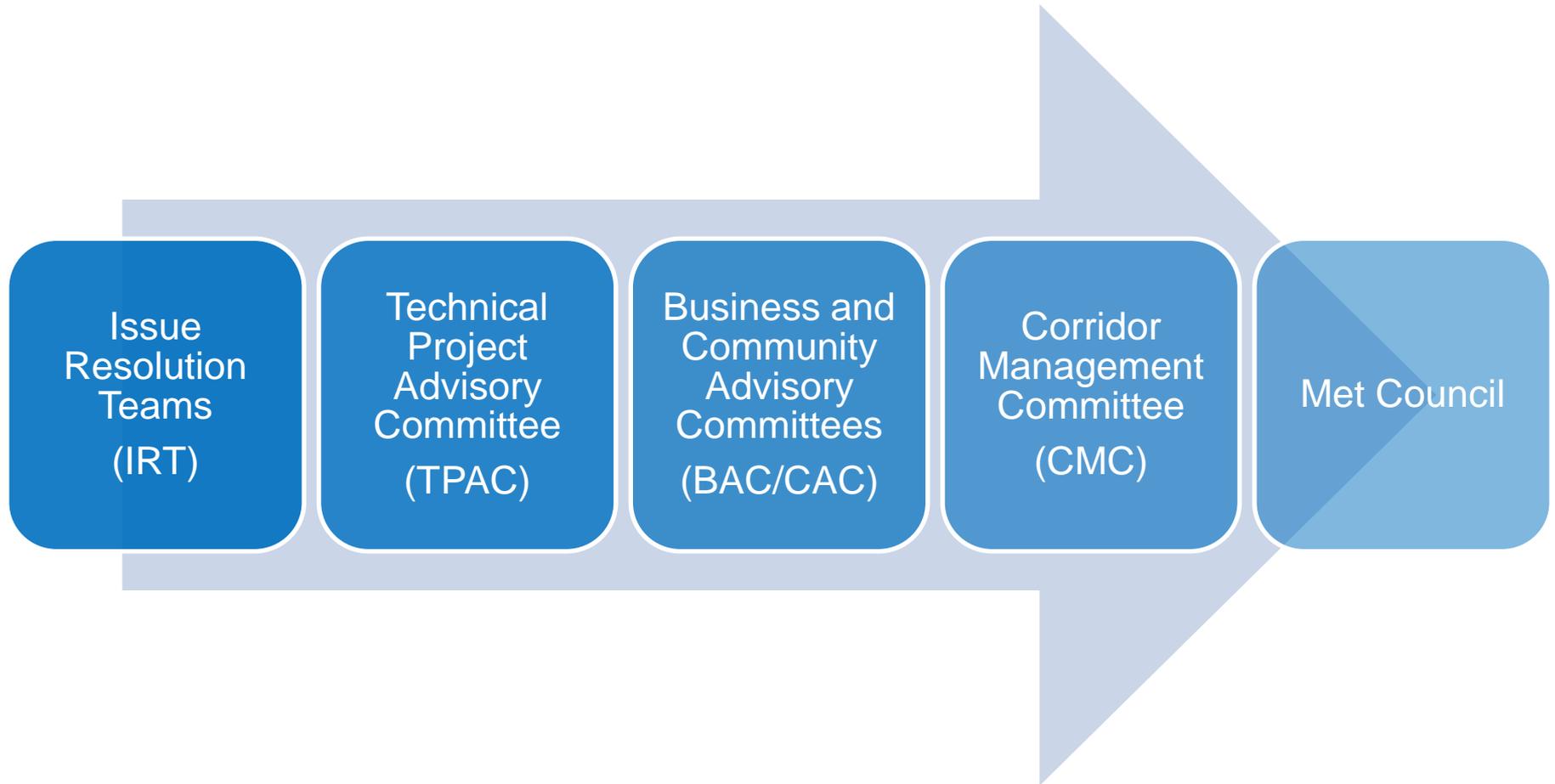


System Wide

Segment	Technical Issue	Sub Issues	Schedule
13	Freight Rail	Design Issues	Q2 2015
		ROW Acquisition	Q4 2015
14	Transmission Line Coordination	Location and Support Structures for Xcel HVTL	Q2 2015
15	Traction Power Substation	Locations	Q4 2015



Issue Resolution Process

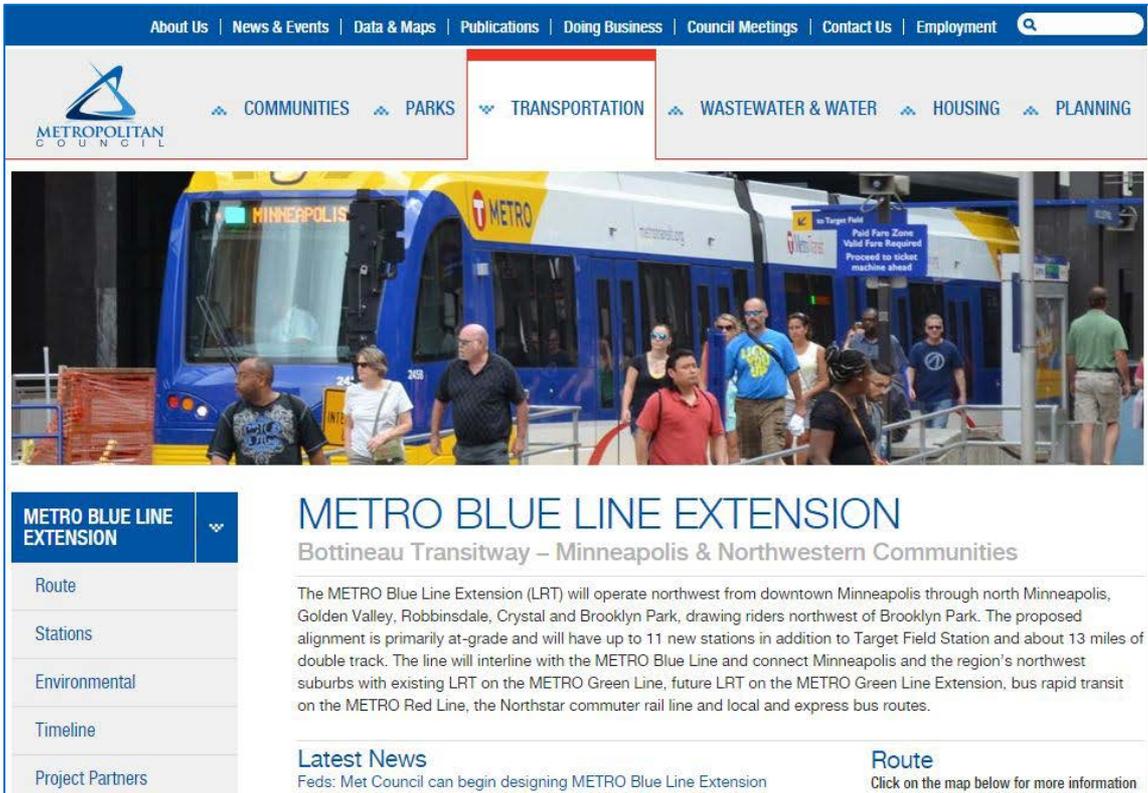


Outreach and Coordination Activities

- Summary: February 26, 2015
Community Meeting on
Golden Valley Road and
Plymouth Avenue Stations
- Coordination with BRT C-Line,
Penn Avenue Project
- Outreach staff, direct email,
project website, newsletter,
twitter/Facebook



More Information



The screenshot shows the Metropolitan Council website with the 'TRANSPORTATION' menu item highlighted. Below the navigation is a large photograph of a blue and yellow Metro Blue Line train at a station platform with passengers. The main content area features the title 'METRO BLUE LINE EXTENSION' and the subtitle 'Bottineau Transitway – Minneapolis & Northwestern Communities'. A sidebar on the left lists navigation options: Route, Stations, Environmental, Timeline, and Project Partners. The main text describes the project as a 13-mile LRT line connecting Minneapolis to the northwest suburbs. A 'Latest News' section mentions that the Met Council can begin designing the extension, and a 'Route' section includes a link to click on a map for more information.

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METRO BLUE LINE EXTENSION

Bottineau Transitway – Minneapolis & Northwestern Communities

The METRO Blue Line Extension (LRT) will operate northwest from downtown Minneapolis through north Minneapolis, Golden Valley, Robbinsdale, Crystal and Brooklyn Park, drawing riders northwest of Brooklyn Park. The proposed alignment is primarily at-grade and will have up to 11 new stations in addition to Target Field Station and about 13 miles of double track. The line will interline with the METRO Blue Line and connect Minneapolis and the region's northwest suburbs with existing LRT on the METRO Green Line, future LRT on the METRO Green Line Extension, bus rapid transit on the METRO Red Line, the Northstar commuter rail line and local and express bus routes.

Latest News
Feds: Met Council can begin designing METRO Blue Line Extension

Route
Click on the map below for more information

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