

Northwest Metro Transit Restructuring Study Concept Plan Public Comment Executive Summary

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Public Open Houses & Hearing

Date	Location	Attendees
May 30 th	Brooklyn Center	12
May 31 st	Minneapolis (City Hall)	17
June 1 st	Crystal	39
June 6 th	Minneapolis (Urban League)	33
June 7 th	Brooklyn Park	20
June 13 th	Minneapolis (Heywood)	37
TOTALS		158

Comments by Type of Submission

TYPE	ON-TIME	LATE	TOTALS
Email	155	19	174
Comment Card	292	2	294
Customer Feedback	11	0	11
Letter	14	0	14
Fax	12	0	12
Petition (4)	631	591 (dupl.)	631
Public Hearing Testimony	16	0	16
TOTALS	1131	21	1152

Notes:

- A repeat responder is responsible for 127 of the comments (24.4 %).
- There were 2 petitions opposing the elimination of bus service (Route 5) on 42nd Ave between Thomas and York (one with 576 signatures which was received before the public comment period closed and one with 591 signatures which was received late). The first 576 signatures of the late petition are the same as the earlier petition and the remaining 15 signatures appeared to match those received earlier for the Route 19.
- There was 1 petition (15 signatures) opposing the bus service (Route 19) on 42nd Ave between Thomas and Penn Ave, which were included in the late signatures received on the Route 5.
- There were 2 petitions for opposing Option A (Xerxes routing) of Route 26 (one with 38 signatures and one with 35 signatures). However there were 33 common signatures between the two petitions; therefore, there were only 40 different signatures.
- There were 11 government officials, cities or organizations responding about the restructuring
 1. Representative Lyndon Carlson (District 45B)
 2. Councilman Dan Rogan, Robbinsdale
 3. Mayor Steven E. Boynton, Champlin
 4. Transit Accessibility Advisory Committee (TAAC)
 5. Victory Neighborhood Association
 6. Advocacy Committee of Vision Resources
 7. Catholic Charities
 8. Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy – Kevin Reuther, Staff Attorney
 9. Department of Community Development, Brooklyn Park
 10. Mark W. Grimes, Director of Planning – Golden Valley
 11. Kim Riesgraf, Director of Student Services – Osseo District 279

Concept Plan development input & information distribution

- All of the project reports, process, and project information are available at www.metrotransit.org, and at the Metropolitan Council Data Center 651-602-1464.
- Northwest Metro Transit Study Task Force – March-April 2006

- Representatives from Minneapolis, Plymouth, New Hope, Crystal, Maple Grove, Robbinsdale, Champlin, Osseo, Golden Valley, Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, MICAH, and the Minneapolis Urban League
- 80 Stakeholder Meetings - Approx. 30 Internal and 50 External including City Staffs, Council members, MICAH, Minneapolis Urban League, other community organizations, and local media.
- Developed Route 26 flyer with MICAH and Minneapolis Urban League for neighborhood distribution. Mad Dads distributed 900 brochures with Route 26 flier inserts to households in north Minneapolis between Plymouth Ave, Golden Valley Rd, Xerxes Ave and Penn Ave.
- Media Attention from press release: two features on Cable Channel 12; a pair of stories in the Spokesman-Recorder; interviews with North News, Brooklyn Center Sun Post, Insight News, KMOJ.
- Materials Distribution (Over 100 locations)
 - Posters (1000): bus stops and shelters, transit centers, pocket schedule outlets, MICAH/Urban League (100+), neighborhood business associations, chambers of commerce, and other community gathering places (from libraries to coffee shops)
 - Brochures (95,000): buses, pocket schedule outlets, transit stores, TIC, customer relations, neighborhood and community groups, and community gathering places
 - Reports (400): data center, stakeholders, available to public at all project area libraries and meetings
- Interior Cards(1000): buses
- March 2006 Takeout – customer newsletter on all buses system wide. Reviewed NW Metro Transit Concept Plan and ways to learn more and comment, and notified of upcoming open house and public hearings to be scheduled
- May 2006 Takeout – customer newsletter on all buses system wide. Reviewed NW Metro Transit Concept Plan and ways to learn more and comment including open house and public hearing dates/locations

Top Themes

- Over 300 comments on the urban local routes with Route 5 receiving over 120 of them
- Over 60 comments on the suburban local routes with Routes 716 and 724 each receiving 12 or more comments
- Over 90 comments on the express routes with Route 766 receiving over 25 comments
- Against the elimination of service (Route 5) on 42nd Ave between York and Thomas
- Support the elimination of the 42nd/York layover (Route 5)
- Against the addition of service (Route 19) on 42nd Ave between Thomas and Penn
- Opposition to Option A (Route 26) running on Xerxes
- Desire to extend the Route 26 to the U of M and south Minneapolis
- Against the elimination of service (Route 766 F Branch) in Champlin