

Station Plan: Osseo & Victory Area

A BRT station in the area of Osseo Road and Victory Memorial Parkway will not be built as part of the C Line project. Information leading to this recommendation is provided below.

Alternatives Development Through Draft Station Plan Outreach Phase

During the draft plan comment period, Metro Transit continued to gather community input and comments on station location alternatives A through D identified in the draft station plan. See Figure 1 for more detail on the locations of these alternatives. The complete Osseo & Victory Area draft station plan published on November 6, 2015 is located within Appendix C.

Many attendees of the November 17 open house at Patrick Henry High School commented on the Osseo & Victory Area draft station plan. Metro Transit also attended a December 9 Victory Neighborhood Association meeting to provide an additional opportunity for community members to learn about the project and provide comments on the draft *C Line Station Plan*. Metro Transit staff visited the Victory neighborhood throughout the planning process to speak with area residents face-to-face about the project. For more information on draft *C Line Station Plan* outreach and engagement activities, please see Section II regarding the planning process.

Over 20 submitted comments focused on Osseo & Victory Area station location options. In general:

1. Comments expressed support for and opposition to specific station locations;
2. Comments expressed support for and opposition to a C Line station in the vicinity of Osseo Road and Victory Memorial Drive; and
3. Comments indicated a clear interest in further exploring Alternative C, which would place BRT platforms immediately adjacent to Victory Memorial Parkway and away from the residential properties adjacent to Alternatives A and B.

As a result, Metro Transit coordinated with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board on a potential station adjacent to Victory Memorial Parkway, including a discussion at the December 16, 2015 Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Planning Committee meeting. The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board expressed strong support for a no-build option under Alternative D, citing the incompatibility of a BRT station with the historic character of Victory Memorial Parkway and its role as a memorial to veterans. See Appendix B for additional comments from the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board regarding the Osseo & Victory Area station plan.

City of Minneapolis policy maker comments expressed concerns about a station's proximity to residential properties and related potential impacts. Policy maker comments also invited additional discussion about locations 6 and 11 identified within the draft station plan. However, restrictions like limited available right-of-way and low ridership potential limit the feasibility of these platform options, as documented in the draft plan.

As a result of input received from community members and policy makers, low transit demand, and an abundance of non-C Line transit service options in this area, a station in the area of Osseo Road and Victory Memorial Parkway will not be built as part of the C Line project. The Osseo & Victory area will continue to be considered for future transit investments as part of ongoing transit service planning and the beginning of D Line (Chicago-Emerson/Fremont) project development.

Figure 1: Osseo & Victory Area Platform Location Alternatives

