METRO E Line Preliminary Design Update

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We will cover:

• Where are we in the process?

• How did Metro Transit engage with community members?

• Engagement by the numbers

• How is public feedback used?

• What are the next steps?
Where are we in the process?

• The preliminary design phase collected comments from May 29th through July 10

• Metro Transit has reviewed feedback and will be incorporating it into final station designs as they are developed

• Staff will continue to review safety, accessibility, drainage, lighting, utilities, and sightlines as plans are further developed

• More specific details about the placement of the bus shelter, real-time signage, and other amenities within the station area will be reflected in the final designs

• Final station design considers:
  – bus operations and standard BRT station architecture and features
  – city and county street design standards
  – station activity level and size
  – amount of space available
  – accessibility and safety for all users
  – input from station neighbors
  – other street uses in the same area (trails, bike lanes)
  – geographic features
How did Metro Transit engage?

1. Emails to subscribers of E Line updates
2. Emails to previously engaged stakeholders
3. Social media blasts
4. Updated E Line Project website https://www.metrotransit.org/e-line-project
5. Postcards to residential station neighbors
6. A June 1st virtual open house
7. Door knocking station neighbors
8. Distributed project fact sheets in 5 languages
9. Meeting in person and virtually with station neighbors and organizations
Engagement by the numbers:

100+ unique emails were received at ELine@metrotransit.org

100+ addresses were door knocked by E Line project team

12 Neighborhood groups and station neighbors met with Metro Transit

140+ comments received through our online interactive map
How is public feedback used?

Public feedback CAN:
- Influence placement of station amenities such as benches and shelters
- Promote station designs that fit in neighborhood context
- Influence sight lines and business visibility

Public feedback CANNOT:
- Change the intersections where stations are planned
- Change the corners where stations are planned
- Change the materials used at stations
- Remove planned dedicated bus lanes
- Change the operating hours of buses
- Change the size of the shelters or amenities
Next Steps

• As final designs are being developed Metro Transit is using feedback to enhance designs where possible

• The design team will create final designs

• Metro Transit will share final designs with the public and station neighbors in December

• Metro Transit will begin construction in spring 2024

• Additional construction details will be shared in December 2023

• Major E Line construction is planned to be complete by late 2025
Thank You!

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