METRO Gold Line BRT
CBAC Meeting
May 29, 2018
Today’s Topics

• Welcome and Introductions
• Project Overview
• CBAC Roles and Responsibilities
• 2018-2019 Look Ahead
• Questions/Discussions
Introductions

- Name
- Station you represent
- Business or residential representative
- Why do you want to be a part of the CBAC?
Project Overview
Gold Line BRT Overview

- 8,000 Est. Daily Riders (2040)
- $420M Est. Capital Cost (YOE)
- $5.1M Annual Operating Cost
- Opening 2024

Serving the East Metro:
- 2 counties, 5 municipalities
- 301,000 jobs (2040)
- 522,000 people (2040)
What is Bus Rapid Transit?

**BRT: Exclusive Bus-Only Lanes**

- Specialized bus
- Limited stops
- Runs on own roadway
- Frequent service: All-day; 10-15 min service
- Pre-boarding fare payment
- More green light time
- Operates seven days a week
- Travels with general traffic
- Stations with improved features
• **Project Partners**
  – Ramsey County
  – Washington County
  – St. Paul
  – Maplewood
  – Landfall
  – Oakdale
  – Woodbury
  – MnDOT

• **Key Staff**
  – Christine Beckwith, Project Manager, Metro Transit
  – Lyssa Leitner, Deputy Project Manager, Washington County
  – Marc Briese, Design and Construction Lead, MnDOT
  – Liz Joes, Outreach Coordinator, Metro Transit
Cost Update

2018-2019 Funding
($25M approved, authorized)

- Ramsey Co. 34%
- Washington Co. 34%
- Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) 24%
- State 8%

Overall Funding
($420M anticipated)

- Federal New Starts 45%
- Ramsey County 26.5%
- Washington County 26.5%
- CTIB 1.5%
- State 0.5%
# Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project Timeline

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Pre-Project Development</th>
<th>Project Development</th>
<th>Engineering</th>
<th>Construction</th>
<th>Revenue Service 2024</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>January 2018–January 2020</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Environmental Review</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Design Advancement</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ongoing Public Engagement</td>
<td>Community meetings, open houses, public meetings, committee meetings, newsletters, web and social media</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
GBRT Goals and Objectives

Tier 1 goals must be considered first

1. Improve Mobility (Ridership & Travel Time)
2. Cost-Effective & Economically Viable
3. Support Economic Development
4. Protect the Natural Environment
5. Preserve & Protect Quality of Life
CBAC Roles and Responsibilities
Gold Line Committee Structure

- Issue Resolution Teams (IRTs)
- Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
- Community and Business Advisory Committee (CBAC)
- Corridor Management Committee (CMC)
- Counties
- Metropolitan Council
CBAC Purpose

• Review and Discuss *Draft* CBAC Charter

• Purpose
  – Serve as a voice for the community
  – Advise the Corridor Management Committee
  – Provide input on design: stations, operations, bike and pedestrian, bus lane locations
  – Serve as information resource and liaison to community
CBAC Charter Discussion Items

- Meeting Date and Schedule
  - Monthly meetings
  - Discuss reoccurring meeting schedule

- CBAC Leadership
  - Co-Chairs represent a corridor-wide perspective (one business and one residential rep)
  - Lead committee through their tasks and ensure charter compliance
  - Identify agenda topics
  - Serve on Corridor Management Committee

- Appointing Co-Chairs
  - Send one-paragraph statement of interest to Liz Jones by June 15
  - Metropolitan Council Chair will select Co-Chairs by next meeting
2018-2019: Design and Engineering

- Exact locations of stations
- How the bus lanes fit with existing road lanes
- Locations of bike and pedestrian elements
- Station sizing and what goes on each station platform
- Cost update
- Update data to get federal program rating

CBAC Input to Design and Engineering:
- Ask questions and provide input on design options
- Bring perspective of your community
- Help technical team ensure information is clear to wide range of audiences
Cost Uncertainty by Project Phase

- **Project Development (2018-2019)**
  - % Design Complete: 1%
  - Cost Uncertainty: 15%

- **Engineering**
  - % Design Complete: 30%
  - Cost Uncertainty: 60%

- **Construction**
  - % Design Complete: 100%

METRO Gold Line

Metro Transit
a service of the Metropolitan Council
2018-2019: Environmental

- Environmental Review Analyzes Potential Impacts
- Comply with federal and state laws
  - Land Use
  - Community Character
  - Property
  - Business
  - Historic properties
  - Parks
  - Visual
  - Safety
  - Transportation
  - Water
  - Soils
  - Plants
  - Animals
  - Noise
  - Contaminated Sites
  - Air Quality
2018-2019: Environmental Timeline

Now to Fall 2018
- Identify what design elements need to be included in environmental review process
- Update design
- Public outreach to confirm design

Fall 2018-Summer 2019
- Analyze design elements for environmental resource areas
- Agency (federal, state, local) technical and legal review

Summer – Fall 2019
- Public comment period on environmental document
- Respond to public comments
- Environmental decision
2018-2019: Public Engagement

- **Pre 2018:** Over 500 stakeholder meetings
- **2018-2019:**
  - Small Group to Large Group Public Meetings (tailored to specific needs of each community group)
  - Project website, online newsletter, social media
  - Other materials as necessary
  - Update CBAC on public comments the project receives
- **Community Outreach Coordinator (Liz Jones)**
  - Available to answer questions and relay feedback
  - Transparency
  - Two-way communications
  - Call, e-mail, meet in-person
• Visit project website and review meeting materials
• Have conversations with friends, neighbors, coworkers, employees, etc about Gold Line
• Think about questions you or others have about project and how we can provide better information
• Submit short paragraph if you are interested in being a Co-Chair

• CBAC Input at next meeting:
  – Provide input on design options along route
  – Help technical team design the outreach process for engagement events in July
Questions and Public Comment Period
Public Comment

• Each CBAC meeting will have time for public comment
  – Public encouraged to attend CBAC meetings
  – Comments should be limited to 3 minutes
  – Comments will be summarized in CBAC meeting summary and Co-Chairs will present summary at CMC meetings
  – Comments should be presented in a respectful manner
For more information:
www.metrotransit.org/gold-line-project

Liz Jones
Community Outreach Coordinator
Elizabeth.Jones@metrotransit.org
651-602-1977