METRO Gold Line BRT
CBAC Meeting
June 28, 2018
Today's Topics

- Welcome and Introductions
- Introduction of CBAC Co-Chairs
- First Meeting Summary
  - Meeting Notes
- CBAC Roles and Responsibilities
- Pedestrian Connections
- Public Engagement Update
  - Open Houses
  - Targeted Meetings
- Public Comment Period
- Next Meeting
Introductions

- Name
- Station you represent
- Business or residential representative
First Meeting Summary
Gold Line BRT Overview

- Serving the East Metro:
  - 2 counties, 5 municipalities
  - 301,000 jobs (2040)
  - 522,000 people (2040)
- 8,000 Est. Daily Riders (2040)
- $420M Est. Capital Cost
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

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Project Partners and Key Staff

• Project Partners
  – Metro Transit
  – Ramsey County
  – Washington County
  – Saint 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)

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

**Pre-Project Development**
January 2018–January 2020

**Project Development**

- **Environmental Review**
- **Design Advancement**

**Engineering**

**Construction**

**Revenue Service**
2024

**Ongoing Public Engagement**
Community Meetings, Open Houses, Public Meetings, Committee Meetings, Newsletters, Web and Social Media

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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
• Any edits or points of clarification?
• Notes (and other meeting materials) will be posted on the Gold Line project page at www.metrotransit.org/gold-line-project
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
• Review and Discuss 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

• Comments or changes?
Pedestrian Connections
Process Overview

• 1% design complete through Locally Preferred Alternative process completed by the Gateway Corridor Commission
• Project Development phase to refine design to 30%
• Information is review by smaller groups of technical staff
  – Cities
  – Counties
  – Gold Line Project Office
  – Metro Transit
  – Minnesota Department of Transportation
• Focus on key issues geographically
• Take options to public to provide input to the CMC
Route Overview and Pedestrian Connections

• Draft concepts the same to those that will be presented at public meetings

• Gold Line Project Office (GPO) staff looking for questions from CBAC on the design with a focus on:
  – Do the materials make sense
  – Do you have questions about the design
  – Are there key issues or concerns

• Input from CBAC and outreach events will be provided to CMC before design decisions are finalized
Public Engagement Update
Summer 2018: Open Houses

• Corridor-wide Open Houses

July 17 5:00-7:00 pm
Grace Lutheran Church
1730 Old Hudson Rd, Saint Paul, MN

July 18 5:00-7:00 pm
Guardian Angels Catholic Church
8260 4th St N, Oakdale, MN
Summer 2018: Targeted Meetings

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  Hudson Rd: Mixed Traffic versus Bus-Only Lanes
  July 10 5:00-7:00 pm Eastside Community Center at Harding High School

  White Bear Ave Station Options
  July 24 5:00-7:00 pm Culver’s, 2065 Old Hudson Rd, Saint Paul

  Mounds/Maria Station Options
  July 31 5:00-7:00 pm East Side Enterprise Center, 804 Margaret St, Saint Paul
Summer 2018: Getting the Word Out

- Community Events
- Direct Mailing
- Door Knocking
- E-newsletter
- Flyer Distribution
- Individual and Group Meetings
- Phone Calls
- Pop-up Events
- Public Meetings
- Social Media

**NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING:**
Hudson Road between Etna Street and White Bear Avenue

Your feedback is needed on how the proposed Gold Line BRT will travel on Hudson Road between Etna Street and White Bear Avenue. Should Hudson Road be ch bus-only lanes or remain a two-way street for mix?

Your input will help make critical design decisions.

Attend the neighborhood meeting to:
- Provide input on how the Gold Line BRT will travel on Hudson Road between Etna Street and White Bear Avenue
- Learn more about the project, the current status
- Speak with project staff and ask questions
- Find out how to stay engaged in the project

No formal presentation is planned. Attendees are welcome to arrive anytime.

**Proposed Gold Line Project**

**CORRIDOR-WIDE OPEN HOUSES**

- **Tuesday, July 17**
  5:00-7:00 p.m.
  Grace Lutheran Church
  1739 Old Hudson Road
  Saint Paul
  Accessible by routes 63 & 70

- **Wednesday, July 18**
  5:00-7:00 p.m.
  Guardian Angel Catholic Church
  8204-46th Street North
  Oakdale

The METRO Gold Line BRT is the first of its kind in Minnesota. Learn more about what makes this project unique at an upcoming open house.

**Proposed Gold Line Project**

**STAY INFORMED**

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Email us: gold-line@metrotransit.org

Call us: 651-462-1935

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- @MetroTransitMN
Summer 2018: What You Can Do

- Attend open houses and targeted meetings
- Distribute flyers
- Share information with customers, employees, and neighbors
- Forward newsletters and retweet
Questions and Public Comment Period
• 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
Next Meeting

• 4th Thursday of the month
• Next Meeting
  July 26 6:00 to 7:30 pm
  Location TBD
For more information:

www.metrotransit.org/gold-line-project

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