METRO Gold Line BRT
Corridor Management Committee

September 26, 2019
Proposed DRAFT CMC Agenda

• Welcome
• Review Notes from 5/2 Meeting
• CBAC Update
• FTA New Starts Submittal
• Schedule Update
• Environmental Assessment Update
• Next Steps
• Adjourn
CBAC Update

Future Role and Membership of CBAC – 2020 and Beyond
CBAC Overview

• 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

• Topics
  – 2018-2019 focused on broad, corridor-wide issues
  – 2020-2024 will be more area-specific issues

• Monthly meetings to-date, many have been cancelled
CBAC – 2020 and Beyond

• Asked CBAC for feedback about future role and membership

• CBAC Input from August Meeting:
  – Members should be asked if they want to stay, replace as-needed
  – Hold geographically-focused meetings, as-needed, but invite all members
  – Hold corridor-wide meetings as-needed (approx. twice a year)

• Next steps
  – CMC feedback
  – Membership application process will be re-initiated
FTA New Starts Submittal
When Does FTA Rate?

- Annually and,
- FTA rates the project at two milestones:

  ![Diagram]
  
  - **PROJECT DEVELOPMENT**: Request Entry into Engineering
  - **ENGINEERING**: FFTA Rating
  - **CONSTRUCTION**: FFTA Rating

*Metro Gold Line*
Gold Line Rating Timeline

• **August 23, 2019**: Rating materials submitted to FTA

• **February 2020**: Ratings for all projects are public in the annual CIG report

• **Q1 2020**: Resubmit materials based on 30% plans
### New Starts Rating Criteria

#### Project Justification (50%)
- Mobility Improvements
- Cost Effectiveness
- Environmental Benefits
- Congestion Relief
- Economic Benefit
- Land Use

#### Local Financial Commitment (50%)
- Current Condition
- Commitment of Funds
- Reliability/Capacity
New Starts Rating Criteria

- Mobility Improvements: 8.33%
- Cost Effectiveness: 8.33%
- Environmental Benefits: 8.33%
- Congestion Relief: 8.33%
- Economic Development: 8.33%
- Land Use: 8.33%
- Local Financial Commitment: 50%
- Commitment of Funds: 12.5%
- Current Condition: 12.5%

Overall Project Rating: 50%

**Note:** The diagram shows the distribution of ratings across various criteria, with a focus on the percentage allocated to each category.
Criteria Impacted by Project Changes

Land Use and Economic Development criteria are driven by local plans and policies.

Remaining financial commitment ratings are region-wide measures.
Estimated Gold Line Overall Rating – Medium High

*Federal share <50%, rating is raised to Med-High*
Base Project Information for Ratings – Ridership/Day

- **2016**
  - Used as proxy for opening year, calibrated on observed values

- **Average**
  - Used in ratings calculation for FTA
  - 6700
  - 6800

- **2040**
  - Driven by local comp plan growth projections
  - 8000
  - 7100

1% Design (Dec 2016) vs. 15% Design (May 2019)
Ridership –Forecast change factors

• Less parking, more Transit Oriented Development
  – Over $13 million in savings for park and ride structures removed from project; cities prefer TOD instead of parking

• New ridership forecasting tool
  – FTA STOPS model works differently from past regional model
  – Ridership models are uncertain, especially 20+ years in the future
### Base Project Information for Ratings - Cost

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- Capital Cost based on CMC scope approval on May 2, 2019
- O&M Cost
  - Updated to reflect 2018 observed costs
  - Added more accurate guideway maintenance cost based on county roadway experience
  - Does not include farebox recovery or other revenue sources (ad revenue)
Schedule Update
# Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project Timeline

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- **WE ARE HERE**
Gold Line Project Development Phase Funding

Jan 19, 2018
FTA grants Entry into Project Development

May 2019
CMC project scope and funding identified

August 2019
Local funding commitments

August 2019
New Starts Annual Report submitted to FTA (Med-High rating anticipated)

Oct-Nov 2019
EA Published, Comment Period

Q4 2019
Request PD Extension, if necessary

Jan 2020
FTA issues Decision Document

Q1 2020
Apply for Entry into Engineering
Environmental Assessment Update
• Evaluates beneficial and adverse impacts to environmental, social, economic, and transportation resources
• Identifies solutions to avoid, minimize, and mitigate adverse impacts
• To inform the public and agencies on impacts as part of the decision-making process
Resource Areas

- Evaluated by Build Alternative: No Build, Alternative 1, Alternative 2
- Short-term (construction phase) and long-term (operating phase) activities are evaluated for all resource areas.
EA Availability

- EA Published October 7, 2019
- Online: metrotransit.org/gold-line-project
- Libraries & Government Buildings Along the Corridor
  - Gold Line Project Office
  - Federal Transit Administration, Region 5
  - Downtown Saint Paul Central Library (George Latimer Central Library)
  - Sun Ray Library
  - Maplewood Library
  - Oakdale Library
  - Dayton’s Bluff Library
  - Landfall City Hall
  - Woodbury Library (R.H. Stafford Library)
- Public Open Houses
- Requested Copies
  - Email: goldline@metrotransit.org
  - Call: 651-602-1997
• 30-day Comment Period (October 7 to November 5)
• Open Houses: East Side Community Room at Harding High School October 22nd 5-7 PM Landfall Community Center October 23rd 5-7 PM
• Drop-In Hours: Gold Line Project Office October 28th 11 AM -1 PM
• The FTA and Metropolitan Council will review all comments
• Comments will be responded to in the decision document
• Outcome of comment period: Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) determination or complete additional analysis (EIS)
• FTA Anticipated FONSI January 2020
CMC Next Steps

• Gold Line Project Office (GPO) to continue design coordination with project partners

• Next scheduled CMC meeting is Nov 7
  – No actions currently anticipated
  – Cancel?

• Next CMC project update in December
  – Update on public comments
To submit comments on the Environmental Assessment:
By email: goldline@metrotransit.org
Online: www.metrotransit.org/gold-line-environmental
By regular mail: ATTN: Chelsa Johnson, METRO Gold Line Project Office

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