

A Line (Snelling BRT) Technical Advisory Committee Meeting #5

Date/Time: Monday, February 24, 2014, 9:00–10:30 a.m.

Location: Central Corridor Project Office, 540 Fairview Ave N., St. Paul – Rooms 2&3, 2nd Floor

TAC Invitees:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deb Jones (City of Falcon Heights)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lynne Bly (MnDOT)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Hay (City of Minneapolis)	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Goff (MnDOT)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Paul Mogush (City of Minneapolis)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carl Jensen (MnDOT)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Duane Schwartz (City of Roseville)	<input type="checkbox"/> Mark Lindeberg (MnDOT)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Pat Trudgeon (City of Roseville)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shawn Combs Walding (MnDOT)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marc Culver (City of Roseville)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erin Laberee (Ramsey County)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hilary Holmes (City of Saint Paul)	<input type="checkbox"/> Joe Lux (Ramsey County)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Eriks Ludins (City of Saint Paul)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Roggenbuck (Ramsey County)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul St. Martin (City of Saint Paul)	<input type="checkbox"/> Charles Carlson (Metro Transit)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patrick Boylan (Metropolitan Council)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kate Christopherson (Metro Transit)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Steve Elmer (Metropolitan Council)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter DeMuth (Metro Transit)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Tom Johnson (Hennepin County)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Katie Roth (Metro Transit)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Kristy Morter (Hennepin County)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Leverett (Kimley-Horn)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Scala (Hennepin County)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Rasmussen (Kimley-Horn)

Meeting Summary (actions in bold)

The meeting began at 9:05 a.m.

1. **Introductions** (5 min)
2. **Design Team Introduction / Scope Overview** – Leverett/Rasmussen (10 min)

Chris Leverett of Kimley Horn went through the project's organization chart. Subconsultants include SRF Consulting, Luken Architecture, M-P Consultants, MFRA, Braun Intertec, and Kraus-Anderson Construction.

- Scala asked if Leverett knew of or expected any urban geotechnical issues for the A Line corridor. Leverett said he did not have any significant concerns. No major subsurface work will be done. Kimley-Horn in talks with MnDOT to ensure compliance with all regulations and procedures concerning this.
- Scala also wanted to know what the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goals were. Roth said goal is 15.5%, team commitment is 26.9%.

3. **2014 Design Schedule** – Leverett/Rasmussen (20 min)

Leverett explained the tight year-long design and engineering schedule that included the pilot station on Olson Memorial Highway and 7th Street, system-wide shelter design, and A Line design. He also stressed the importance of collaborating with other corridor projects in order to maintain the schedule.

- Combs Walding wanted to know what would be included in the 30% MnDOT review. Leverett answered that at 30% design the consulting team would have two-dimensional geometry of the project. This would be a bird's eye view of what the stations would look like along the corridor.
- Roggenbuck wanted to know when Metro Transit would be applying for federal funds. Roth responded that funds would be applied for in 2014 or 2015. Federal funds would be used to purchase the bus fleet.

4. Issue Resolution Team Progress (20 min)

- 7th & Olson Pilot Station – DeMuth
- Snelling & University Station, Snelling & Selby/Dayton Station – Roth
 - Jensen asked who from MnDOT was on this team. Roth and DeMuth responded that Shawn Combs Walding, Lynne Bly, Gayle Gedstad, and Gina Mitteco were involved.
- TSP Architecture & Agreements – Roth
- Station Technology – DeMuth

5. Outreach Activities – Christopherson (5 min)

Christopherson summarized January outreach efforts to property / business owners and the Roseville / Falcon Heights Open House.

- Scala asked if Metro Transit met with Midway Book. Roth responded in the affirmative and added that it was a productive meeting.

6. Station Concept Design Review – Roth (10 min)

Roth explained that initial ABRT station design was advanced through funds remaining in the Midtown Corridor project contract. The designs showed were the top five designs of 10 produced, as voted by Community Advisory Committee members last week.

- Scala asked if the station design would be used system-wide. Roth replied yes. Scala then asked if tweaking to design was possible from corridor to corridor. Roth stated that Metro Transit wants to avoid that. The goal is to design one station for system-wide deployment. Rasmussen added that the chosen design will be a “kit of parts,” meaning that the design is the same but the dimensions can be tweaked to fit the intersection.
- St. Martin asked if Metro Transit was going to provide advertising room on shelters. Roth answered in the affirmative. This will be a design input, and once the preferred station design is chosen, Metro Transit will work to identify optimal spaces for advertising programming.
- Scala asked if real-time information would be on the station pylon. Roth said that yes it would and that it would be at eye-level. In addition, Metro Transit is currently working on a standardized static information panel that would include a schedule, line map, bus connections, and a surrounding area map.
- Bly asked for clarification of pylon location at station areas. Roth responded that on bumpouts, there will be a two foot tactile strip along the curb, just like light rail stations, and then a four foot clear zone, and then the shelter. Culver followed up by asking what the total width of the

shelter would be. Roth replied that a four foot envelope is planned for shelter and pylon and other furnishings. She summed the preferred dimensions (from the curb) as a two foot tactile strip, four foot clear zone, and four foot furniture zone.

- Roggenbuck asked how much sidewalk space there would be. Roth said that it depended on the city and existing conditions. Curb extensions are being built so that the station does not have to take up already limited sidewalk. Rasmussen added that ADA requires a minimum sidewalk width of three feet, but most cities like to have five-six feet wide sidewalks.

7. Roundtable / Project Coordination Updates

(15 min)

- I-94 Bridge Redeck / Snelling Multi-Modal Improvements – Combs Walding
- Ford Parkway Reconstruction –Laberee
 - Laberee requested a meeting with Metro Transit to discuss Ford & Fairview and the planned station’s bumpouts. **Roth will schedule this meeting.**
- Highland Village Streetscape – St. Martin
 - St. Martin requested a meeting with Metro Transit to discuss new timeline and bike facility considerations. **St. Martin will schedule this meeting.**
- Minnehaha Avenue Reconstruction – Morter
 - No updates since Hennepin County members were absent. **DeMuth will follow up with Morter offline.**

8. Other Updates

No TAC members had any additional updates.

9. Decision to Confirm or Reschedule Next Meeting

Tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 20, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

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- **Roth will confirm the next meeting with an Outlook appointment.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.