

TH 55 Transit Study – Policy Advisory Committee Corridor Tour

Date: 08/18/2025

Time: 12 PM – 4 PM

Location: Tour Start/End: Metro Transit – Heywood Building (560 6th Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55411)

On-Site Meeting: Hennepin County Public Works Facility (1600 Prairie Drive, Medina, MN 55340)

Attendees: TH 55 PAC and TAC members, consultant team

Purpose of event: To survey corridor conditions and potential TH 55 BRT stations/terminus location(s)

12:00-12:15 PM – Arrival at Metro Transit Heywood Building

12:30 PM – Bus Tour Departs

The corridor tour will depart from the Heywood Building at 12:30 PM. PAC members or agency staff who miss the departure should plan to join the group at the Hennepin County Public Works Facility by 2 PM.

12:30-2:00 PM – Corridor Tour

The corridor tour will follow the proposed TH 55 BRT alignment as follows:

- **Minneapolis:** No formal stops. Staff will point out existing METRO C Line stations along Olson Memorial Highway at N 7th Street, Bryant Avenue, Humboldt Avenue, and Penn Avenue.
- **Golden Valley:** Staff will point out existing bus stops and proposed station locations at Theodore Wirth Parkway / Meadow Lane and Douglas Drive along TH 55, then follow Rhode Island Avenue and Golden Valley Road to the Winnetka Avenue station (Golden Valley City Hall).
- **Winnetka Avenue (Designated Stop – 12:45 PM):** Bus will follow TH 55 past the proposed Douglas Drive station location along TH 55, then follow Rhode Island Avenue and Golden Valley Road to the Winnetka Avenue station (Golden Valley City Hall). Bus will stop for 5-10 minutes at Winnetka Avenue where City of Golden Valley staff will provide information about Golden Valley's plans for their downtown and the City campus. Tour will depart by 12:55 PM.
- **Station 73 Park & Ride (Designated Stop – 1:05 PM):** Bus will stop for 15-20 minutes to allow riders to exit at Plymouth Metrolink's Station 73 Park & Ride. City staff will point out the planned pedestrian underpass and related improvements, and PAC members can observe Monday Park & Ride activity. Tour will depart Station 73 by 1:25 PM.
- **Xenium Lane / Fernbrook Lane:** Staff will point out these station locations while moving on TH 55.

- **Plymouth Boulevard & 36th Avenue (Designated Stop – 1:35 PM):** Bus will stop for 5-10 minutes on 36th Avenue to allow PAC members to survey the proposed terminus location for Alternative 3 and where City of Plymouth staff will provide information about plans for the City Center area. Bus will depart by 1:45 PM.
- **Medina:** Bus will travel west on TH 55 to Sioux Drive, where it will turn left to reach Hamel Road. Staff will point out proposed station location at Hamel Road / Sioux Drive, as well as the currently proposed terminus at Pinto Drive / Tower Drive. Bus will pause at Pinto/Tower to allow staff to point out the City-owned parcels where a driver break facility could be constructed.
- **Hennepin County Public Works Facility:** Bus will continue on to the Hennepin County Public Works Facility, approximately 1.9 miles via Hamel Road and Arrowhead Drive.

2:00 PM – Hennepin County Public Works Facility (15-minute break)

2:15-3:15 PM – Meeting and Discussion

The one-hour meeting will include a presentation from Metro Transit and discussion of tour observations.

3:30 PM – Bus Tour Departs

Bus will return directly to Metro Transit's Heywood Building.

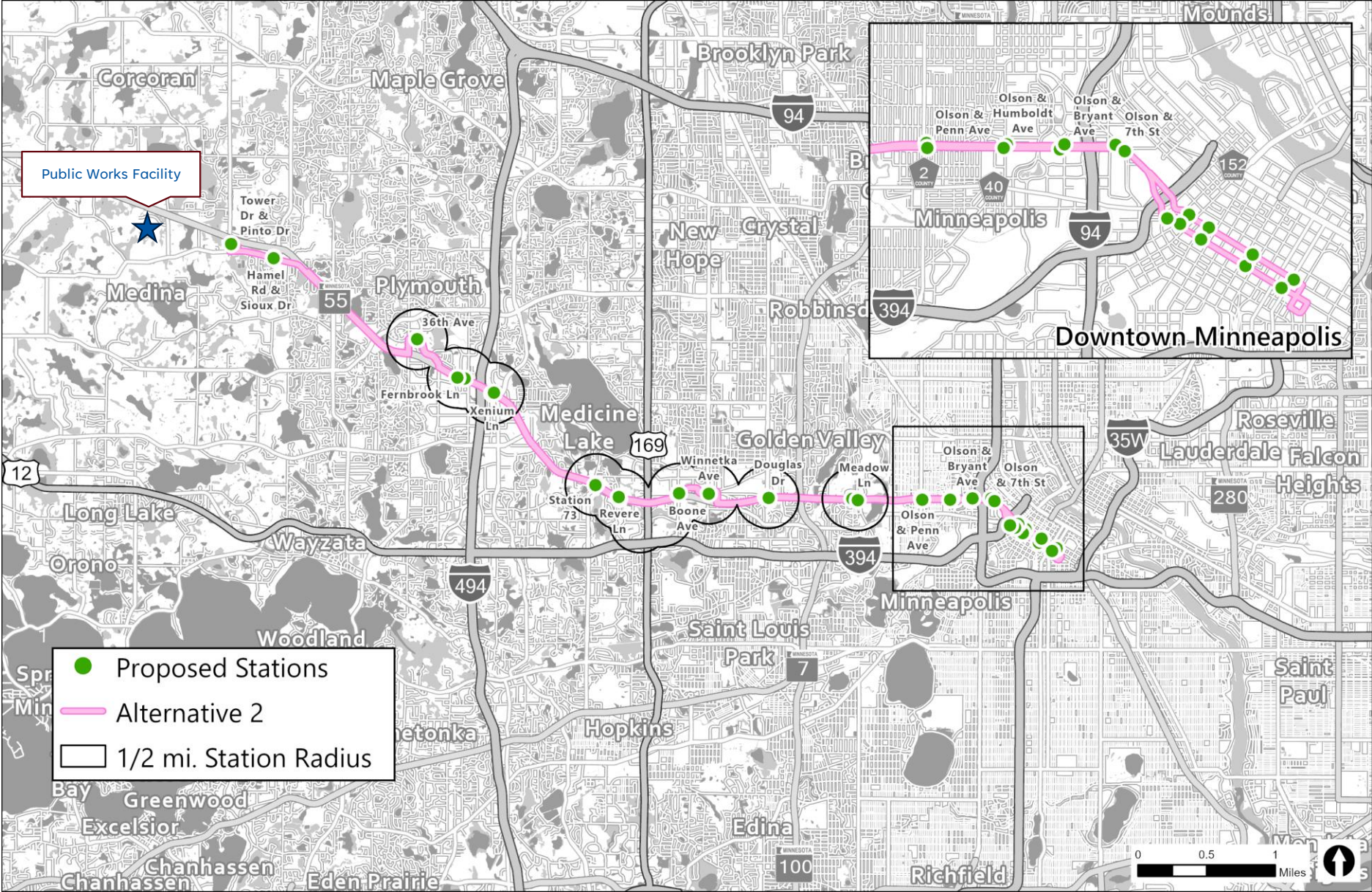
4:00 PM – Tour Concludes

Driving Directions

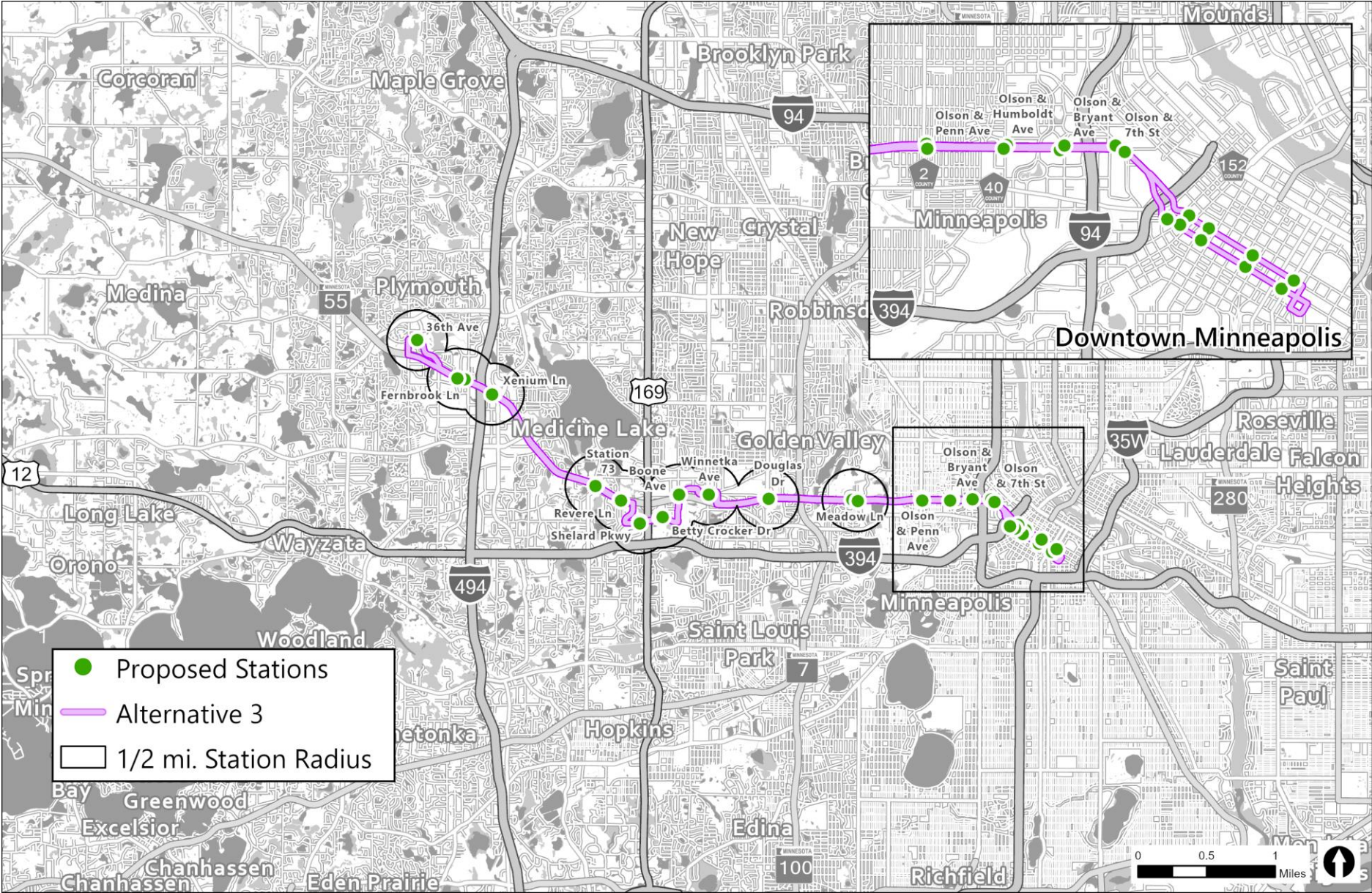
Driving directions for the bus tour are available via Google Maps at the following link:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/hBSywhMjmiiFDWbe7>

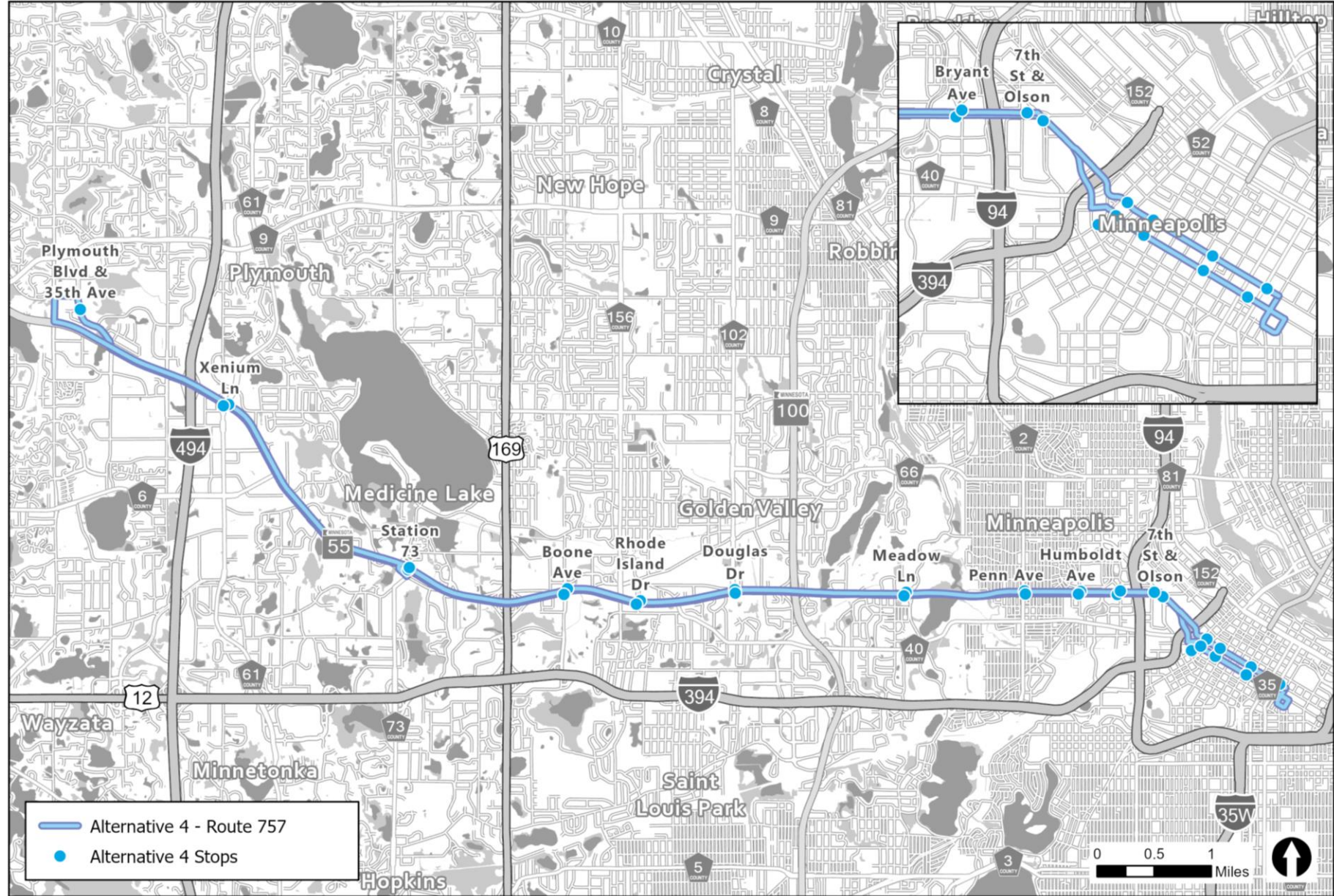
Alternative 2: BRT from Downtown Minneapolis to Medina



Alternative 3: BRT from Downtown Minneapolis to Plymouth



Alternative 4: Limited-Stop Bus Route 757



Station 73: Softening the TH 55 Experience for Transit Users



Front-view rendering of the waiting area proposed for Station 73 with park and ride in the background



Plan-view rendering of the waiting area proposed for Station 73

Station 73 TRIP Project Overview

Transit and Regional Improvement Project – Plymouth, MN

Multi-Entity Collaboration

This regional project is a partnership between:

- Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT)
- Hennepin County
- City of Plymouth
- Three Rivers Park District

Project Purpose

To **improve safety, accessibility, and mobility** for all users—**pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders**—in the area around **Highway 55 and County Road 73**.

Key Issues Addressed

- No safe pedestrian or bike crossings on Highway 55
- Outdated and unsafe roadway design causing delays and crashes
- Poor access to parks, trails, businesses, and Station 73 transit center

Major Improvements

- **Reconstruction of 3,000 feet of Highway 55**
- **New bus stops** on both sides of Hwy 55
- **Trail underpass** beneath Hwy 55 for safe crossing
- **Realignment of County Rd 73** from Hwy 55 to Sunset Trail
- **Three new roundabouts** at key intersections
- **1.2 miles of new trail and new sidewalks**
- **Stormwater and utility infrastructure improvements**

Project Timeline

- **Start Date:** June 2025
- **Estimated Completion:** Late 2026

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