



**MEMORANDUM**  
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**Executive Summary For Action**

**Golden Valley City Council Meeting**

**December 15, 2015**

**Agenda Item**

METRO Blue Line Extension Update

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**Project Summary**

On December 9, the Metropolitan Council voted to approved the revised project scope and cost estimate for the METRO Blue Line Extension, which included key items requested by the City of Golden Valley. The distribution of the approved plans to each of the BLRT cities, Hennepin County, and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board will officially begin the Municipal Consent process. This distribution has been slated for the week of December 14.

One printed set of plans will be provided for public review at City Hall. Due to the current renovations underway at the Hennepin County Library, a second set of plans will be housed at Brookview Community Center. Links to the digital version of the plans will be provided on the City website.

The Met Council, Hennepin County, and the Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority are anticipating a joint Open House and Public Hearing on January 19, 2016. Staff recommends holding the Golden Valley Open House and Public Hearing at the February 2, 2016, City Council meeting and voting on Municipal Consent at the City Council meeting on February 16, 2016. Additional details about the Municipal Consent public hearing process, including a communications plan, will be prepared for discussion at the January 12 Council/Manager meeting.

**Recommended Action**

Receive and file METRO Blue Line Extension Update.