



**MEMORANDUM**  
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**Executive Summary For Action**  
**Golden Valley City Council Meeting**  
**June 16, 2015**

**Agenda Item**

METRO Blue Line Extension Update

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**Project Summary**

The Project Office has been refining their ridership model and is beginning to evaluate the parking demands at each of the LRT stations. Project Office staff continue to work to explore all possible options for providing parking at the Golden Valley Road station.

City staff have been coordinating with staff from the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to prepare a list of issues that may need to be addressed as part of the project, rather than handled outside of it. Major concerns include the functionality and safety of the Golden Valley Road and Theodore Wirth Parkway intersection and improvements to trails in the area.

**Station Area Planning Summary**

The third and final open house was held on Thursday, June 4, at the Harrison Community Center in Minneapolis to present the final report for this phase of work. Staff and elected officials from Metro Transit, Hennepin County, Minneapolis, and Golden Valley reviewed the station area plans and answered questions from residents. Approximately 150 people attended.

The final report will now be reviewed by the Planning, Environmental, and Open Space and Recreation Commissions on June 22 before being presented to the City Council in July. Once it has been received and filed, the report will be used to help inform decisions during the upcoming Comprehensive Plan update process.

The digital version of the report, along with accompanying information, has been posted on the Hennepin County Bottineau Community Works web page and can be accessed via the City's web site.

**Recommended Action**

Receive and file METRO Blue Line Extension Update.