



MEMORANDUM
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Executive Summary For Action

Golden Valley City Council Meeting

July 21, 2015

Agenda Item

METRO Blue Line Extension Update

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Project Summary

Representatives from the Project Office will be available to update the City Council on the efforts to understand the likely parking demand at a Golden Valley Road station and to provide dedicated parking there for the light rail line.

The Project Office has scheduled a public Open House for Wednesday, August 12, in the Council Chambers from 5:30 to 7 pm with a presentation at 6 pm to give an update on the proposed station(s) located in Golden Valley and to discuss parking and pedestrian/bicycle access.

A revised timeline for local approval of the preliminary design plans (municipal consent) has plans being submitted to the cities by the end of December of 2015. This would mean a public hearing on the plans would need to be scheduled in January of 2016 and a vote for local approval taken in February or March.

Station Area Planning Summary

The City Council is being asked to receive and file the final report from the Station Area Planning process. A digital version can be found on the Hennepin County web site via the link below:

<http://www.hennepin.us/~media/hennepinus/residents/transportation/bottineau/minneapolis-gv-report-final-150601-web.pdf>

This report is the culmination of over a year of work by the Bottineau LRT Planning Advisory Committee and involved many conversations with stakeholders, three open houses, and one community meeting. For each of the station areas, the report analyzes the existing conditions, summarizes the station area vision, and lays out an implementation framework.

The report was reviewed by the Planning, Environmental, and Open Space and Recreation Commissions on June 22. Commissioners agreed that their main areas of concern were: the reconstruction of Golden Valley Road, the connections to Three Rivers Park District trails, the issue of parking at the Golden Valley Road station, and the fact that a large percentage of Golden Valley residents are not within a ½ mile of either of the proposed stations.

The findings and recommendations that came out of the Station Area Planning process and that are included in the report will provide a critical reference point for possible changes to the City's Comprehensive Plan as it is updated in 2018.

Attachments

METRO Blue Line Extension (Bottineau LRT) Phase 1: Station Area Planning Final Report for Plymouth Avenue and Golden Valley Road Stations (96 pages)

Recommended Action

Receive and file METRO Blue Line Extension Update.

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