



MEMORANDUM
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Executive Summary For Action

Golden Valley City Council Meeting

May 3, 2016

Agenda Item

METRO Blue Line Extension Update

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Summary

Over the past two months, staff has continued to work with the Project Office, Hennepin County, and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to refine and advance the 15% design plans that were approved as part of the Municipal Consent process. The following topics have been discussed:

- Park and Ride – Refinements to the Golden Valley Road park and ride design have resulted in a better connection to the station platform via Theodore Wirth Parkway and an increased width to the vegetative buffer along the southeast edge of the parking lot. The plans now call for full bus shelters at the Golden Valley Road station along Golden Valley road.
- New trail connection – The engineering of the new westerly trail connection between the Theodore Wirth Parkway trail and the trail through Sochacki Park has been advanced and details of the design have been shared with City staff and representatives of the Parks group.
- Intersection design – Two designs have been examined for the Golden Valley Road and Theodore Wirth Parkway intersection. Based on a number of factors (see attached table), the Project Office is advancing the signalized intersection design for consideration by the Corridor Management Committee (CMC). The preferred design will be made available for review and comment by the Community Advisory Committee and Business Advisory Committee.
- Bridge design – Staff from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) have been advising on the design of the reconstructed bridges associated with the project
- Schedule – Publication of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) is expected in June, followed by a presentation of the final project scope and budget to the CMC. If

approved, the project will submit an application for New Starts and Entry into Engineering in August.

Attachments

Intersection Evaluation (2 pages)

Recommended Action

Motion to receive and file METRO Blue Line Extension Update.