

CITY OF  
MINNEAPOLIS

SOUTHWEST  
CORRIDOR  
(GREEN LINE  
EXTENSION)  
SDEIS  
COMMENTS



# CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS SOUTHWEST CORRIDOR DEIS COMMENTS

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## Why is an SDEIS needed?

A Supplemental Draft EIS is needed because the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Metropolitan Council determined that design adjustments made to the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) after publication of the Draft EIS could result in new adverse environmental impacts that were not identified in the Draft EIS.



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## What is in the SDEIS?

### Chapters within the Supplemental Draft EIS:

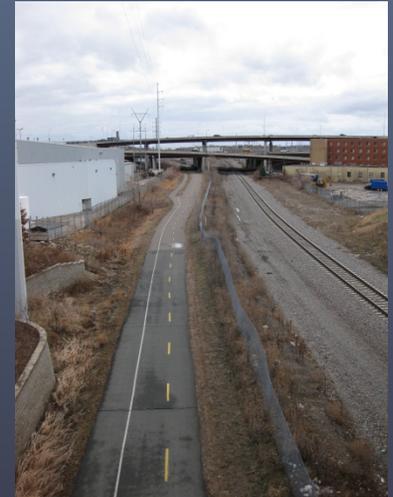
- Purpose and need
- Project overview
- Design adjustments following the Draft EIS
- Social effects
- Environmental effects
- Economic effects
- Transportation effects
- Environmental Justice compliance
- Draft Section 4(f) evaluation
- Public and agency coordination
- Next steps and funding
- Appendices

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## What is in the SDEIS?

### Design adjustments following the Draft EIS:

1. Freight Co-Location/Shallow Tunnel
2. Operations and Maintenance Facility in Hopkins
3. Adjusted Eden Prairie Alignment



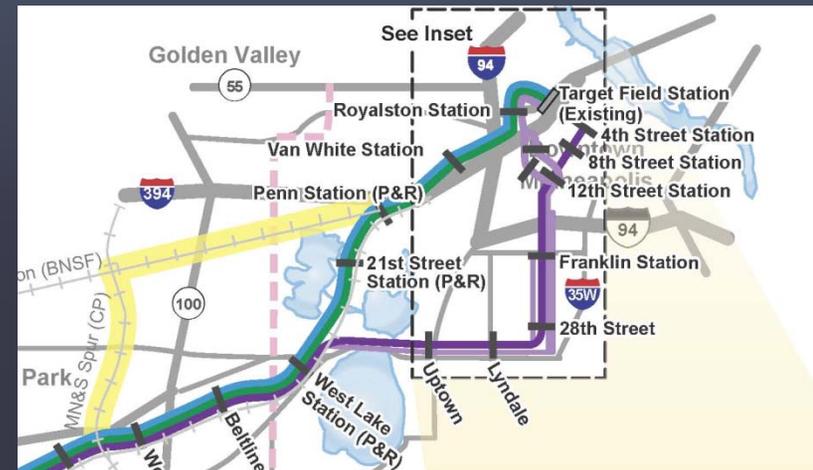
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## Principle # 1:

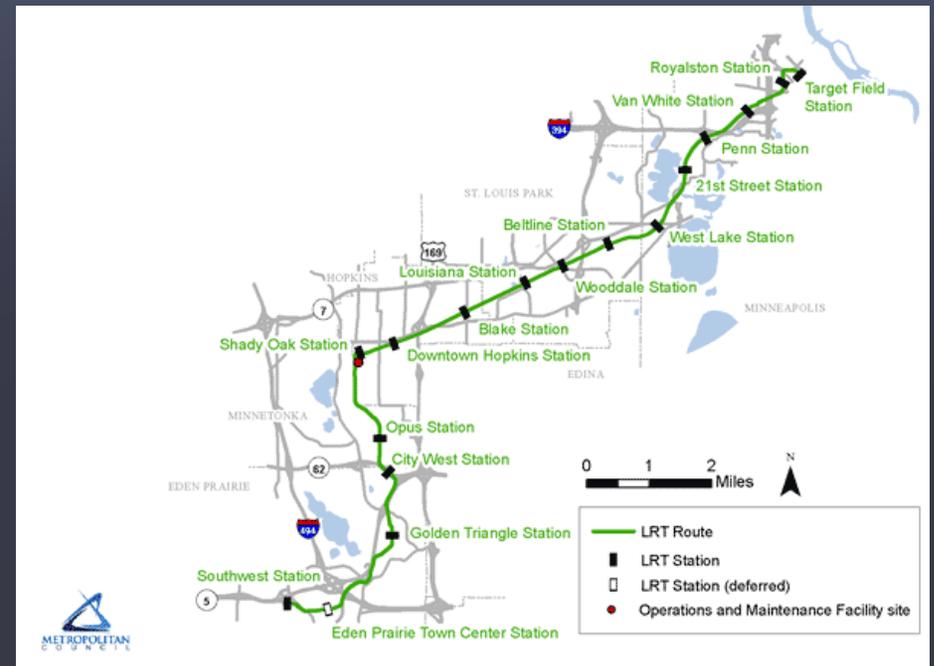
Comments are based on unresolved topics and the need to clarify, correct, or mitigate an issue in preparation for the FEIS. Comments are also intended to inform the final design, project specifications, construction means/methods, and long-term operation of the line.



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## Principle # 2:

Comments are based on the SDEIS, but also reflect the city's understanding of recent changes to the scope and budget recommendations made by the July 1, 2015 Corridor Management Committee meeting and adopted by the Metropolitan Council on July 8, 2015.



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## Principle # 3

**The City of Minneapolis continues to support the project. Comments are intended to lessen the negative impacts to residents and businesses near the corridor and to improve the quality of the project.**

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## General Comments – Ridership:

It is recommended that ridership projections be consistent by year and that a table be created that shows opening day ridership, 2040 projected ridership, reverse commute ridership, new transit trips, and transit dependent user ridership by station.

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## General Comments – Construction Impacts:

- Noise and vibration impacts need to be mitigated (especially sheet piling)
- Determine tree removal means/methods
- Limit hours of operation (mitigates noise/vibration and light pollution at night)
- Mitigate truck impacts (control dust, determine truck access points, establish truck haul routes)
- Develop a Construction Management Plan
- City Noise Ordinances will be enforced

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## General Comments – Shallow Tunnel; Environmental Issues

Mitigation will be required for adverse impacts to city surface waters, storm drains, storm tunnels, sanitary sewers, and surface drainage, including but not limited to physical conflicts, pollutant loads, surface water levels, increased stormwater runoff, changes to surface drainage impacting public or private properties or degradation of hydraulics, condition, capacity, or operational/maintenance access.

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## General Comments – Freight Rail Safety

- There must be coordination with the operating railroad throughout the construction project to minimize the risk of derailment, especially if hazardous materials are being hauled.
- Emergency Response Planning is needed.
- Emergency vehicle access during construction must be considered.
- Important topic at recent public hearings.

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## General Comments – LRT Operation:

- Mitigate emergency vehicle delays by suggesting alternate routes (part of Emergency Response Planning).
- Mitigate horns, whistles, and horns where Metro Transit discretion applies.
- Proposed ventilation improvements as part of new scope and budget will improve safety.



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## General Comments – Visual Impact:

Visual impacts to the Kenilworth Corridor must be mitigated and improved in the manner described by the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Minneapolis and the Metropolitan Council.

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## General Comments – Regional Transit Connections:

The SDEIS needs to discuss the following transit connections:

- Connections at the West Lake Station to the Midtown Greenway Corridor.
- Connections at the West Lake Station to the Lake Street BRT Corridor.
- Connections at the Royalston Station to the C and D lines.
- Sidewalks at Penn Avenue to improve pedestrian access.
- Connections at Van White to new local bus routes.

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## Detailed Technical Comments:

- Comments are organized by SDEIS chapter
- Detailed comments are included in the attachment
- Comments will inform the FEIS document

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## Timeline:

2<sup>nd</sup> Municipal Consent – Summer/Fall 2015

FEIS Published - TBD

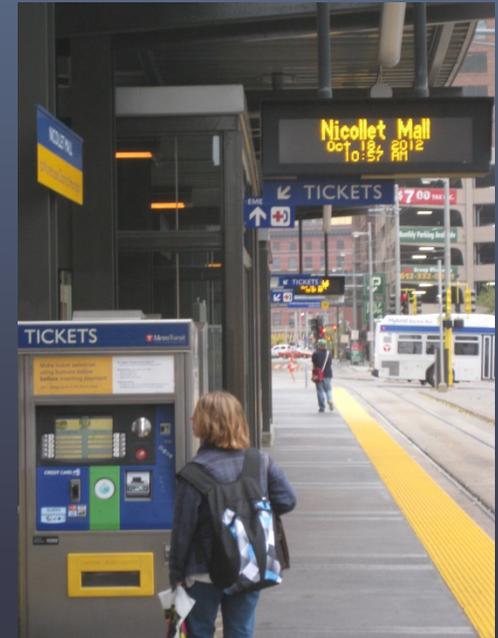
Record of Decision (ROD) – 2016

Final Engineering - 2016

Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) - 2016

Construction – 2017-2019

Open for Service – 2020



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