

City of Minneapolis
Request for Committee Action

To: Transportation & Public Works
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Subject:

Set the Public Hearing for Blue Line LRT Extension Municipal Consent drawings

Description:

Setting the Blue Line LRT Extension Municipal Consent Public Hearing for February 2, 2016 at the regular Transportation and Public Works Committee meeting at 9:30 AM in Council Chambers, Room 317 City Hall.

Previous Actions:

May 13, 2014 - Approve the proposed comments on the DEIS for the Blue Line LRT Extension (Bottineau Corridor) and direct the Public Works Department to submit the comments to Hennepin County.

February 15, 2012 – City Council Resolution to endorse the D1 alignment for the Bottineau Transitway, subject to an executed Memorandum of Understanding with Hennepin County and Metro Transit to pursue an arterial transitway project and transit-oriented development initiatives in North Minneapolis, separate from the Bottineau Transitway project.

February 15, 2012 – City Council Resolution to approve and submit comments on the scope of issues to be studied in the Bottineau Transitway Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

February 15, 2012 – City Council Resolution to accept the invitation to become a participating agency for the Bottineau Transitway Draft Environmental Impact Statement process.

February 14, 2012 – T&PW Committee received and filed presentation by Hennepin County on the Bottineau Transitway Draft Environmental Impact Statement process.

September 22, 2009 – T&PW Committee Receive and File presentation on the Bottineau Transitway Alternatives Analysis Study.

Ward/Neighborhood/Address:

Ward 5
Near-North

Background/Analysis:

The 13-mile Blue Line LRT Extension (Bottineau Corridor) is a regional light-rail transit corridor that will serve Minneapolis, Golden Valley, Robbinsdale, Crystal, and Brooklyn Park (Attachment #1). This line will directly connect to the Green Line (Central Corridor), to the Green Line Extension (Southwest Corridor), and to the Northstar Commuter Rail Line in Downtown Minneapolis.

On December 9, 2015, the Metropolitan Council approved the project scope, set the budget at \$1.498 billion, and directed staff to release the physical design component of the preliminary

design plans, which were submitted to the affected cities pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.3994 Subd. 3 on December 15, 2015. Consistent with the requirements of Section 473.3994, the Metropolitan Council, the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners, and the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority will hold a public open house on January 19, 2016, beginning at 5:00 p.m., with a joint public hearing to follow at 6:00 p.m. These meetings are scheduled to be held at the Hennepin County Minneapolis Central Library. Following the statutory timeline, it is recommended that the Minneapolis public hearing be set for February 2, 2016 as part of the regular Transportation and Public Works Committee meeting in Council Chambers, Room 317 City Hall at 9:30 AM.

Financial Review:

No additional appropriation required, amount included in current budget.

Attachments:

1. Attachment #1 - Map