



MEMORANDUM

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Executive Summary for Action

Golden Valley City Council Meeting

January 20, 2015

Agenda Item

METRO Blue Line Extension Update

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Summary

Representatives from the METRO Blue Line Extension Project Office and Hennepin County Community Works will be present to introduce themselves to the City Council and to give a brief overview of the LRT planning processes going forward.

The Issue Resolution Team (IRT) met on January 6 to discuss the question of the Golden Valley Road/Plymouth Avenue station location. Golden Valley staff advocated for the Golden Valley Road station and expressed support for an additional Plymouth Avenue station. Minneapolis staff supported both stations. The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board staff withheld formal support for either station at this time, citing the current lack of understanding of the floodplain implications associated with either location.

On January 7 the City's Bottineau Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) hosted a Community Meeting at the Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute to help answer questions about the various ongoing LRT planning efforts. Roughly 110 people attended.

There will be a second open house associated with station area planning on January 29 at the University of Minnesota Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center (UROC) at 2001 Plymouth Ave N in Minneapolis on November 12 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Revised concepts for the first four station areas in Minneapolis and Golden Valley will be displayed.

Attachments

Emails regarding METRO Blue Line Extension (2 pages)

Recommended Action

Receive and file METRO Blue Line Extension Update.