



MEMORANDUM
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Executive Summary For Action
Golden Valley City Council Meeting
November 4, 2015

Agenda Item

METRO Blue Line Extension Update

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Project Summary

A public open house was held at City Hall on Wednesday, October 28, to discuss environmental issues associated with the light rail line.

A revised project scope and cost estimate was presented by the Project Office staff to the TPAC, CMC, BAC, and CMC over the past two weeks.

For Golden Valley, the key items of note were the recommended inclusion of both light rail stations in the project—at Plymouth Avenue and at Golden Valley Road—and the lack of inclusion of a park and ride facility at the Golden Valley Road station. Project Office staff did recommend continued coordination with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board on property impacts and design of a potential Golden Valley Road station park and ride.

Overall, the estimated cost of the project rose from the DEIS cost estimate of \$1.002 billion to \$1.488 billion. Action by the CMC on the scope and cost estimate is scheduled for November 12.

The calendar of meetings remaining in the Project Development phase of work is listed below:

Nov 4	MPRB	Resolution on project as it relates to park properties
Nov 12	CMC	Action on revised project scope/cost estimate
Nov 23	Met Council	Transportation Committee recommendation on revised project scope/cost estimate
Dec 9	Met Council	Action on revised project scope/cost estimate; authorize Municipal Consent process

Attachments

Blue Line Extension Project Office Response to Council Questions (2 pages)

Recommended Action

Receive and file METRO Blue Line Extension Update.