



**MEMORANDUM**  
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**Executive Summary For Action**

**Golden Valley City Council Meeting**

**October 6, 2015**

**Agenda Item**

METRO Blue Line Extension Update

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**Project Summary**

Representatives from the Project Office will attend the Council/Manager meeting on October 13 to discuss environmental issues, the municipal consent process, and how these will dovetail with the release of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). A public open house at City Hall will be held from 5:30 to 7 pm on Wednesday, October 28, to discuss environmental issues associated with the light rail line.

New (revised) ridership numbers for the Blue Line Extension were presented at the Corridor Management Committee (CMC) on October 1. A number of adjustments along the line resulted in no net gain or loss in projected riders and an average weekday estimate of 27,000 riders in 2040. Golden Valley Road station is projected to contribute 900 riders per day; Plymouth Avenue station is projected to contribute 250 riders per day. This model assumed a 100 stall park and ride at Golden Valley Road.

In advance of a looming decision on the number and location of stations in Golden Valley, the Project Office provided both quantitative and qualitative comparisons of the Golden Valley Road and Plymouth Avenue stations. This information was provided to the CMC and will be considered in concert with the revised scope and cost estimates at the October 29 CMC meeting. A decision on the station question is expected at the November 12 CMC meeting.

As the project approaches the conclusion of the Project Development phase of work, additional meetings have been added to the calendar. The current projected schedule is below:

Oct 12	TPAC	TH 55 recap
Oct 15	CMC	
Oct 26	TPAC	Presentation of revised project scope/cost estimate
Oct 26	CAC/BAC	
Oct 29	CMC	
Nov 2	TPAC	Discussion of revised project scope/cost estimate
Nov 2/3	CAC/BAC	
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

**Recommended Action**

Receive and file METRO Blue Line Extension Update.