



**MEMORANDUM**  
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**Executive Summary For Action**  
**Golden Valley City Council Meeting**  
**October 20, 2015**

**Agenda Item**

METRO Blue Line Extension Update

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**Project Summary**

The topics covered with the Issue Resolution Team, Technical Project Advisory Committee, Community Advisory Committee, Business Advisory Committee, and Corridor Management Committee over the past two weeks include a summary of the ongoing issues and negotiations with BNSF, a recommendation to relocate the existing Xcel towers to the west side of the rail trench and replace the current lattice structures with monopoles, and a recommendation to locate two Traction Power Substations within Golden Valley. Details about the exact locations and design of the last two items will be addressed at a future point in the process.

Representatives from the Project Office attended the Council/Manager meeting on October 13 to discuss parking at the Golden Valley Road station, environmental issues, and the municipal consent process and how it will dovetail with the release of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). Following this agenda item, the Council discussed six draft position statements related to light rail and directed staff to prepare a resolution for the November 4 City Council meeting that would provide direction and support for the City's representative on the CMC.

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.

The revised project scope and cost estimate will be presented to the CMC on October 29. 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:

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Oct 26	TPAC	Presentation of revised project scope/cost estimate
Oct 26	CAC/BAC	
Oct 29	CMC	

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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

**Attachments**

Emails regarding METRO Blue Line Extension (7 pages)

**Recommended Action**

Receive and file METRO Blue Line Extension Update.