SWLRT Community Works
Steering Committee

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PROJECT UPDATE

- Revised Conceptual Design
- Budget and Funding
- Project Timeline
- Design Build Process and Programming
- Urban Design Guidelines
- Development Proposals
PLAZA W/ LRT ALIGNMENT ALONG 5TH ST N

The Interchange
connecting people and places

Hennepin County
Minnesota
REVISED ALIGNMENT AWAY FROM 5TH ST N
REVISED ALIGNMENT WITH 5TH ST N DEVELOPMENT
INITIAL LRT QUEUING CONSIDERATIONS
Metro Transit and the Interchange Project Office have identified the following operational challenges with the initial LRT queuing plan:

- Causes conflicts between LRT patrons and pedestrians
- Access to neighborhood connections blocked
- Queuing becomes more problematic with future alignments
- Congestion at vertical circulation is worsened
- Serpentine queuing is “frightening”
WHAT IF . . . . ?
NEW LRT “CORRAL” QUEUING CONSIDERATIONS
REMAINING NEPA ACTIVITIES
PREPARATION OF URBAN DESIGN GUIDELINES
HC-ADOPTED D/B BEST VALUE DELIVERY METHOD
TOTAL: $23.6 Million
Committed

$15 Million
$14 Million
$13 Million
$12 Million
$11 Million
$10 Million
$9 Million
$8 Million
$7 Million
$6 Million
$5 Million
$4 Million
$3 Million
$2 Million
$1 Million

$6.7 Million HCRRA
$1.7 Million MBA
$14.7 Million State of MN
$0.5 Million FTA

33% Project Funds Secured

CURRENT FUNDING STATUS
CURRENT ESTIMATED PROJECT COST

Federal: $25.5 million
State / Met Council: $25 million
County: $9 million
Other: $10.5 million

Total Cost = $70 million
TIGER 2011 Discretionary Grant Application due October 31, 2011

- $35.8 M total request
- $25 M request for Interchange
- $10.8 M request for Dale St bridge/I-94
- “Corridors of Opportunity” regional enhancements
- Shovel-ready projects
- Increases transit accessibility and options

2012 State Bonding Request submitted to MMB, legislative committees
In November, Hennepin County is releasing a RFP for:
- Sponsorship
- Parking
- Development

DEVELOPMENT RFP
OVERALL PROJECT SCHEDULE

2011
• Complete Environmental Assessment process
• Complete program requirements for admin bldg, parking ramp, plaza, and LRT improvements
• Complete Urban Design Guidelines
• Issue RFP for final design and construction (D/B)
• Complete TIGER application
• Complete and issue development RFP

2012
• Receive FONSI
• Cease operations on LRT tail tracks
• Award Design/Build contract
• Construction begins: pile driving, foundations and structure for ramp, plaza, and LRT structures
• Continue funding requests and discussions
2013 • Complete utility relocations and construction of ramp superstructure
• Complete track superstructure, begin signal and power systems rough-in
• Relocation of HERC Administration facilities
• Complete LRT platform, track installation, plaza and construction of tail track

2014 • Metro Transit takes beneficial occupancy of all LRT elements
• Complete final installation of storage track
• LRT systems testing and startup activities
• Plaza and LRT platform grand opening April 1, 2014
• Complete final landscaping and closeout
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