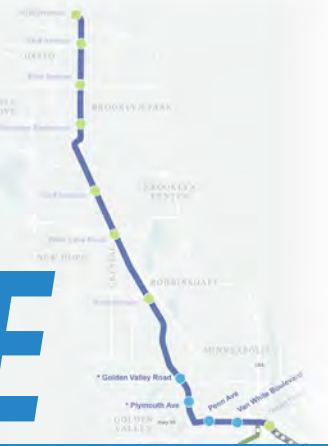


COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE



METRO Blue Line extension (Bottineau LRT) Phase 1: Station Area Planning

Welcome!

November 12th, 2014
5:30-8:00 p.m.

Agenda:

5:30 - Refreshments and Visit

- » Information Displays
- » Penn Avenue Community Works
- » METRO Blue Line Extension
- » C-Line Arterial Bus Rapid Transit

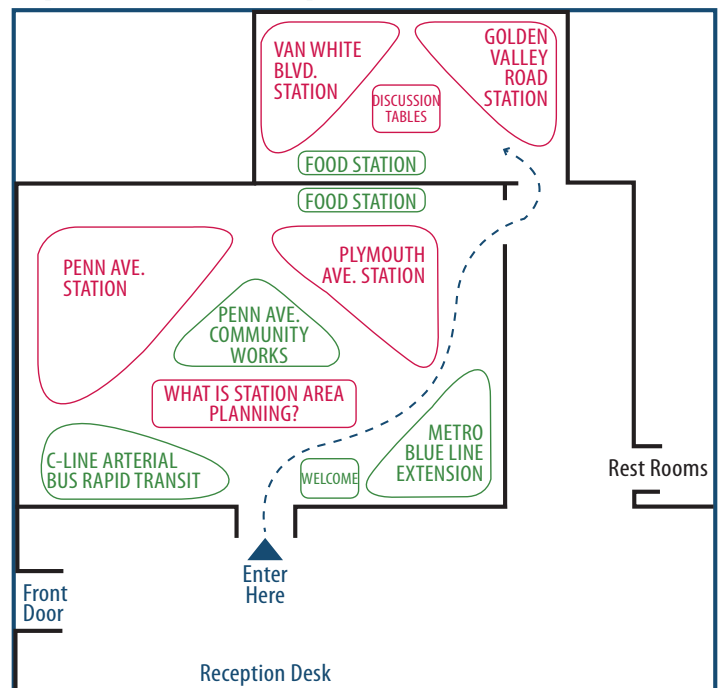
6:00 - Welcome

6:10 - Open House Introduction

6:20 - Station Area Exercises

8:00 - Meeting Closes

Open House Map:



Station Area Planning

What is a station area plan?

- » Plan for the area that surrounds a proposed transit station
- » ½ mile radius and/or 10 min. walk
- » Community-based
 - » Focus is on maintaining great neighborhoods and high quality transit-oriented development.
- » Creates a plan that supports Light Rail Transit by looking at:
 - » Land uses and types/character of buildings
 - » Access/circulation (bike, walk, car, bus)
 - » Improvements to public spaces, including streets/trails



Plans will make recommendations on:

- » Future land use alternatives
- » Housing (preservation and new)
- » Potential markets for new development
- » Circulation and access improvements
- » Strategies for health equity
- » Implementation measures such as zoning changes, comprehensive plan amendments and other ordinances or policies

Implemented by the cities, county and other partners

About the Project

METRO Blue Line Extension (Bottineau light rail transit)

- » 13-mile line with up to 11 stations
- » Connects north Minneapolis, Golden Valley, Robbinsdale, Crystal, and Brooklyn Park to downtown Minneapolis and the regional transit system
- » Scheduled to open as soon as 2021
- » Projected to carry 27,000 riders daily by 2030
- » Led by the Metropolitan Council

Station Area Planning

- » Local effort with Hennepin County and Phase 1 partners
 - » Minneapolis, Golden Valley, Metropolitan Council and Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board
- » Planning 11 station areas in two phases
 - Phase 1:
 - » 2 stations in Minneapolis,
 - » 2 stations in Golden Valley and Minneapolis
 - Phase 2:
 - » 1 station in Robbinsdale &
 - 1 station in Crystal, 5 Brooklyn Park stations



Planning for Health in Station Areas



Source: Minnesota Department of Health

Healthy Communities Design Features

Some healthy community design features are listed below. How should station area planning address these features?

- » **Socially equitable and accessible** community
- » **Housing** for different incomes and different stages of life
- » Easy **connections** to the METRO BLUE Line Extension and the regional transit system
- » **Mixed land uses** where homes, shops, schools and work sites are located close together
- » **Jobs and education** are accessible from/within the community
- » **Walking and biking** are safe and comfortable
- » Public places for **social interaction**
- » **Parks and green spaces** are easy to get to
- » **Outlets for fresh, healthy food**

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov/healthyplaces/toolkit>

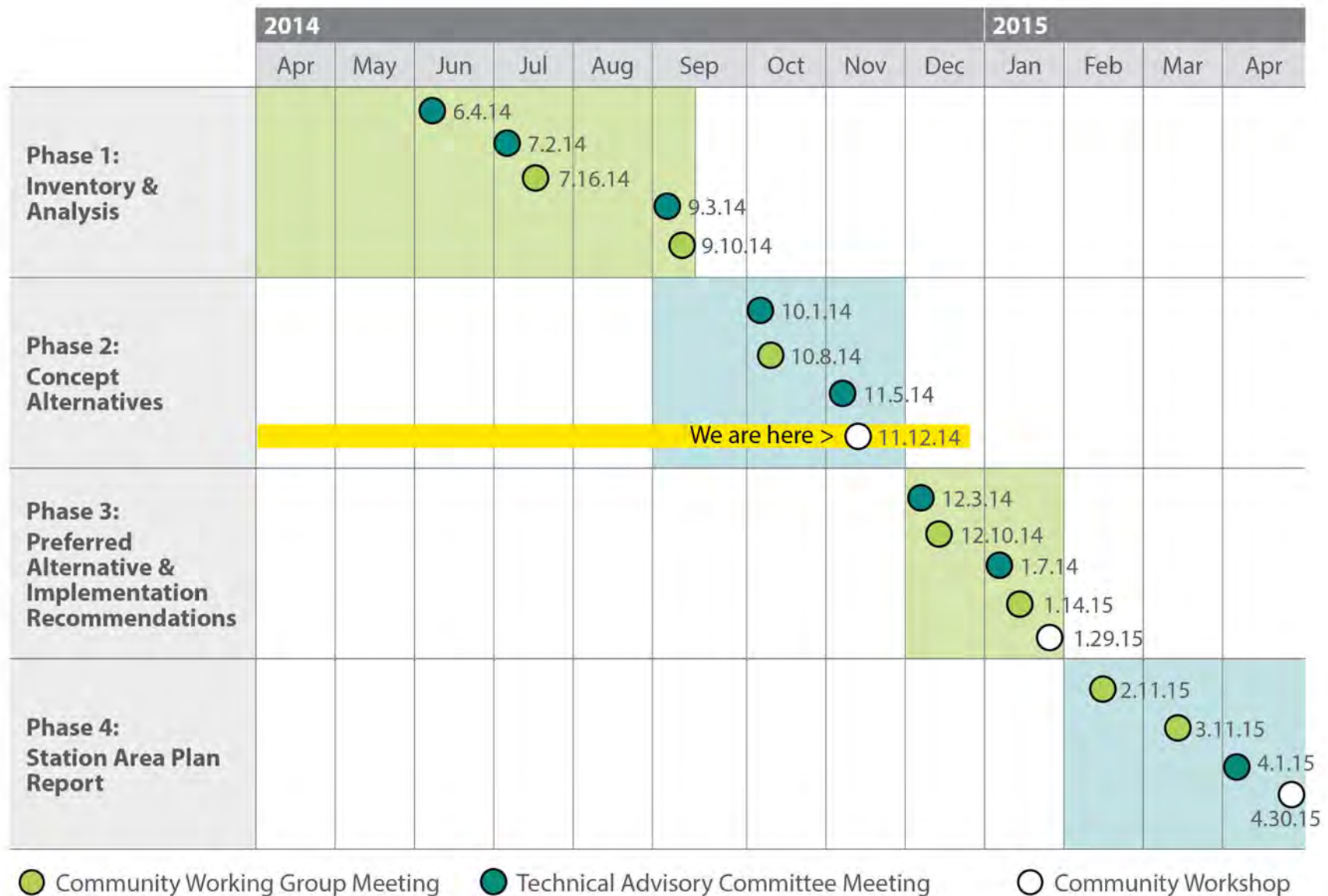
THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT CAN INFLUENCE COMMUNITY HEALTH.

The table below summarizes healthy community design features that are incorporated into current station area concepts.

HEALTHY COMMUNITY DESIGN FEATURE	HOW STATION AREA PLANNING IS ADDRESSING HEALTHY COMMUNITY DESIGN
Socially equitable and accessible community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » The Bottineau Transitway (METRO Blue Line extension) will bring light rail transit (LRT) to underserved communities. » Transit helps improve overall health in communities by improving physical activity levels, job access, housing and transportation costs, traffic safety, education access and access to healthy food.
Housing for different incomes and different stages of life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Development concepts show a variety of new housing types that could be either ownership or rental opportunities and show the preservation of a majority of existing housing.
Easy connections to the METRO Blue Line Extension and the regional transit system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Gaps in sidewalk network are proposed to be filled in. » New bicycle facilities are proposed. » Metro Transit will be investigating potential bus service improvements.
Mixed land uses where homes, shops, schools and work sites are located close together	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Development concepts show a variety of land uses in the station areas.
Jobs and education are accessible from/within the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Several development concepts show new job/education land uses. » Development concepts maintain existing sources of jobs.
Walking and biking are safe and comfortable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Safe crossings of Olson Highway are proposed. » Various options are proposed to safely reach the stations near the freight rail line. » Sidewalks are proposed to be buffered from the street by a planted boulevard. » New bicycle facilities are proposed. » Enhanced lighting is proposed.
Public places for social interaction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Development concepts provide community gathering spaces near the stations.
Parks and green spaces are easy to get to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » New sidewalk and bicycle connections to parks are proposed.
Outlets for fresh, healthy food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Several mixed use concepts shown could accommodate small grocery service or a small farmers market. » Existing community gardens maintained.

STATION AREA CONCEPTS: HEALTHY COMMUNITY DESIGN FEATURES

Project Schedule



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