

## COMMENT SUMMARY: GOLDEN VALLEY MEETING

### Golden Valley Road & Plymouth Avenue station alternatives

#### KEY MESSAGES

- *Fundamental questions and concerns exist regarding the LRT project and alignment.*
- *Concerns for location of and need for the stations; questions regarding the local benefit of LRT.*
- *Concern for the potential effect on quality of life and the environment – particularly Theodore Wirth Park.*

#### Ideas & Concerns

- *Concern over project cost & route, viability of the stations, and what would be the local benefit.*
- *Concern over protection of parks and wetlands and the affect on residents' quality of life.*
- *Engage the people affected by these decisions using a variety of methods (like mailings, small groups or going door-to-door) as not everyone can get to meetings.*
- *Walking and biking connections are important, especially in winter.*
- *Suggestions on parking, access and station siting & amenities.*

#### Challenges for station area planning

- *Providing public transportation options to destinations and services around the region, to downtown, and to jobs, (including commuting to suburbs).*
- *Ensuring safety, (personal, traffic and LRT); and addressing traffic congestion.*
- *Providing trails and sidewalks for bicycles and pedestrians.*
- *Connecting through Theodore Wirth Park.*

#### Considerations for station area planning

- *Consider parking management strategies, like parking permits for residents; consider park and rides.*
- *Address personal safety concerns with lighting, fences and other measures.*
- *Provide a pleasant travel experience; stations should fit in with community character.*
- *Consider ways to increase social and economic well-being; attract jobs & housing to the community.*
- *Environmental impact of LRT; preserve the environment and protect Theodore Wirth Park.*

## COMMENT SUMMARY: MINNEAPOLIS MEETING

### Penn Avenue N. & Van White Boulevard stations

#### KEY MESSAGES

- ***LRT and station area planning should bring local benefits, such as increased access to regional destinations and increased social and economic well-being.***
- ***Honor local history, celebrate & build from the diversity of the areas' people and neighborhoods.***

#### Ideas & Concerns

- *Access is important; concerned about good bus connections, and about connecting to LRT & BRT.*
- *Walking and biking connections are important, especially in winter; be mindful of needs of users who cannot travel quickly, such as the children, the elderly, and the disabled.*
- *Preserve and honor local history; including concerns about what happens to the Floyd B. Olson Memorial.*
- *Suggestions on parking, access, station siting & amenities.*
- *Engage the people affected by these decisions; use a variety of methods to ensure broad participation.*
- *Location and alignment concerns; concerns for environmental and neighborhood impacts.*

#### Challenges for station area planning

- *Providing local benefit so that the LRT line is not a pass through to other destinations.*
- *Providing public transportation options to destinations and services around the region, to downtown and to jobs, (including commuting to suburbs); access to connecting bus routes.*
- *Ensuring safety, (personal, traffic and LRT); traffic congestion; mitigation of noise and light pollution.*
- *Providing good pedestrian and bicycles access/connections.*
- *Penn & Olson Memorial Highway intersection (bottleneck, safety, crossing) .*

#### Considerations for station area planning

- *Parking management strategies, such as parking permits for residents, park & rides/kiss & rides.*
- *Address personal safety concerns with policing, lighting and other measures; money handling at stations (ticket vending machines) is a safety concern.*
- *Provide amenities and land uses of similar range and quality to those found on other LRT lines; stations should fit in with and celebrate community character.*
- *Address needs of special populations (non-English speakers, non-readers, elderly, children, and the disabled).*
- *Attract jobs, housing, mixed-use development, and economic/business development to the community.*