Joint Regional Council of Mayors and ULI MN Advisory Board Meeting

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Today’s Topics

• Regional Transitways
• Southwest LRT Project Overview
• Southwest LRT Project Update
Grow METRO, Arterial BRT, Base Bus System

PLANNED TRANSIT SYSTEM

- METRO Blue Line (Hiawatha / Bottineau LRT)
- METRO Green Line (Central / SWLRT)
- METRO Red Line (Cedar BRT)
- METRO Orange Line (I-35W S BRT)
- Gateway LRT or BRT
- Future Highway BRT / Managed Lane MnPASS (Corridors TBD)
- Existing Bus System
What does additional ¼ cent buy?

• Up to 21 transitways over 20 years by paying the non-federal share of capital and operations across the metro region. This could include:
  ▪ Up to 3 new Light Rail Transit lines
    • Southwest, Bottineau, and Gateway (LRT or BRT)
  ▪ Up to 12 Arterial Bus Rapid Transit lines
  ▪ Up to 6 Highway Bus Rapid Transit or managed lanes
  ▪ Pays for 1.0% annual growth in base bus system
  ▪ Pays for portion of current bus and rail operations
Southwest LRT

- 17 new stations
- 15 miles of double track
- 30,000 average weekday ridership in 2030

- Will provide single seat trips to downtown Minneapolis, U of M and St. Paul
- Connections to the Airport and Mall of America via the Blue Line
Connecting the Region’s Employment Centers
LPA Project Budget: Sources of Funding

- 50% $625 million
- 30% $375 million
- 10% $125 million
- 10% $125 million

*$44 million committed to date

$1.25 Billion
Project Budget Recommendation*

- **SWLRT Base Project** $1.390 B
- **Freight Rail**
  - **Common Elements** $.090 B
  - **Kenilworth Shallow LRT Tunnel** $.160 B
- **Scope/Cost Reductions** ($0.087 B)
- **SWLRT Adjusted Budget** $1.553 B**

*October 9 SWLRT Corridor Management Committee Recommendation
**Includes 27% contingency allowance
Additional Analyses

• Freight Rail Relocation Study

• Water Resources Evaluation Study

• Kenilworth Corridor Landscaping/Greenscaping Inventory
## Southwest LRT Development Timeline

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