

WELCOME

Beltline Transit Station Area Design Guidelines Project

**Community Open House
Tues, November 29, 2011**



Project Team

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SOUTHWEST LRT CORRIDOR PLANNING

Southwest LRT Community Works Vision

The Southwest LRT corridor: connecting people to jobs, housing, shopping, and fun.

The Southwest Community Works Initiative collaborates with citizens, businesses, and government to align land use and transit planning so that the Southwest LRT Corridor is a premiere destination that is **·accessible ·livable ·vibrant**

Economic competitiveness and job growth

Promoting opportunities for business and employment growth

Housing choices

Positioning the Southwest LRT communities as a place for all to live

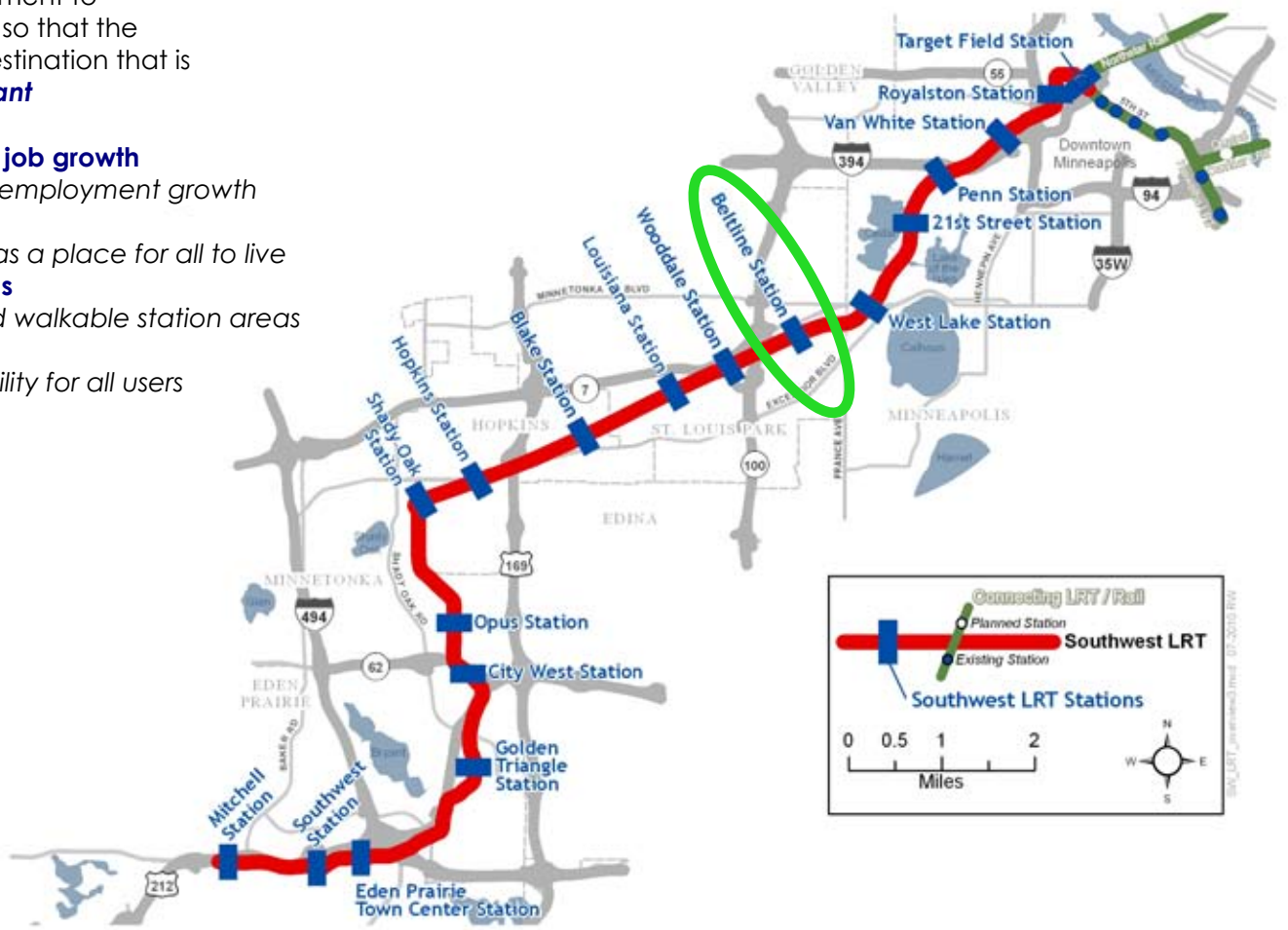
Quality neighborhoods

Creating unique, vibrant, safe, beautiful, and walkable station areas

Critical connections

Improving affordable regional mobility for all users

LRT Route & Stations



SOUTHWEST LRT CORRIDOR PLANNING

Southwest LRT Project Process & Schedule

Phase	Year	Status
Alternatives Analysis	2006	Complete
Local Preferred Alternative	2009	Complete
Draft Environmental Impact Statement	2008-2012	Under Federal Review
Final Environmental Impact Statement	2012-2014	
Preliminary Engineering	2012-2014	
Final Design	2014	
Construction	2015-2017	
LRT Line Opens	2018	



PROJECT STUDY AREA



General boundaries of project area:

- * MN Highway 100
- * Excelsior Boulevard/County Road 3
- * France Avenue
- * Minnetonka Boulevard/County Road 5

Neighborhoods in the area:

- * Wolfe Park
- * Triangle
- * Minnikahda Oaks
- * Fern Hill

Funding for Project:

- * Metro Council Livable Communities Grant
- * Required City Match of 25%

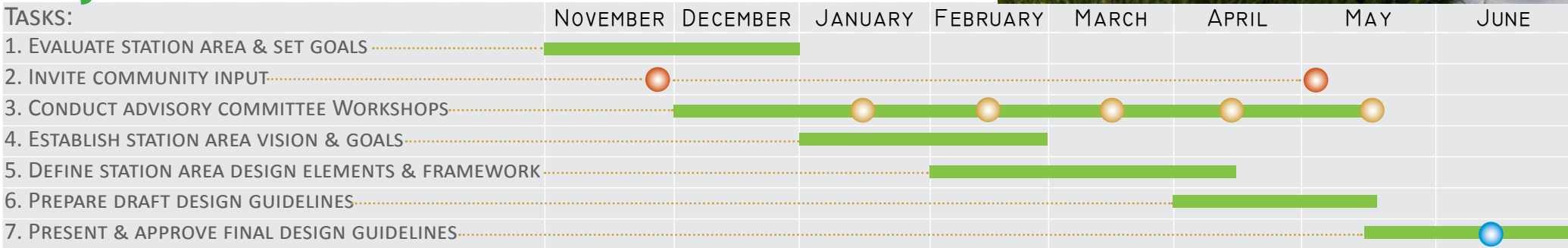
PROJECT PURPOSE

Purpose of Design Guidelines Project:

- a. Define the vision for the Beltline Transit Station Area
- b. Prepare design guidelines to achieve the vision
- c. Use community input and an advisory committee to prepare the vision and guidelines for future public and private improvements
- d. Establish long-term advisory committee for Beltline Area



Project Process and Timeline:



● Open Houses
 ● Advisory Committee Meetings
 ● City Council Meeting

TRANSPORTATION & DEVELOPMENT



Transportation infrastructure fosters surrounding development

- * rivers
- * railroads
- * highways
- * transit



PLANNING FOR CHANGE



Opportunity to:
define the vision for the area,
develop tools to guide that change,
and achieve the vision.



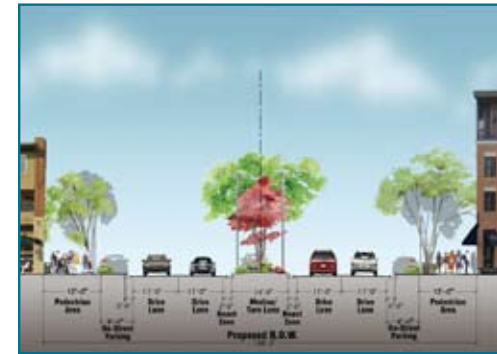
**You can help guide change
in the Beltline
Transit Station Area.**



BELTLINE VISION & DESIGN GUIDELINES

Vision and Design Guidelines will:

- * Help guide land use, building & site development, connections (vehicle, walk, bike & bus), parking, design character, public improvements, community identity and gathering places, etc.
- * Be an advisory tool to assist in development review and guide public improvements
- * Answer key questions such as:
 - a. How will you get to the LRT station?
 - b. What will new buildings look like?
 - c. What uses and amenities should be at the station?
 - d. Will LRT affect area circulation?
- * And other important questions for the area



HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE

Your input is valued! You can be involved in this project in a number of ways.



*** Tonight's meeting –**

- a. Complete questionnaire - Area Needs, Goals, Connections and Ideas
- b. Talk with City officials, staff and consultants
- c. Mark up and add notes to maps and display boards

*** Through membership on the Advisory Committee - Sign up tonight to be considered for membership**

*** Talk with your friends and neighbors**

*** City's website – Follow project's progress and provide input**

PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

An Advisory Committee will be organized to bring together community representatives to facilitate community input and communication throughout the development of the Southwest LRT Line.

- * Group of representative stakeholders (12-14 members) to provide community input to planning process for the area.**
- * Residents, businesses, institutions and property owners will be represented.**
- * Meetings will be fourth week of month (Tues, Wed or Thurs evening).**
- * Initial role will be to provide input on crafting a vision and design guidelines for area in monthly workshop meetings from January-May, 2012.**

NEXT STEPS

- * **Set up advisory committee - December**
- * **Complete evaluation of station area - Dec/Jan**
- * **Coordinate design guidelines project with related circulation and stormwater management projects focused on Beltline Transit Station Area - ongoing**
- * **Develop project page on City's website - December**
- * **Convene advisory committee meetings - January thru May**
- * **Community review of draft vision & design guidelines - May**

QUESTIONS?