

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION – AGENDA #7

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- A. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Hollies Winston**
- B. GENERAL INFORMATION**
None.
- C. DISCUSSION ITEMS/GENERAL ACTION ITEMS – These items will be discussion items but the City Council may act upon them during the course of the meeting.**
 - C.1** Blue Line Extension LRT Update and Visioning Elements Review
 - C.2** Emergency Management Overview and Next Steps
 - C.3** Discuss Litter Pick Up in Brooklyn Park
- D. VERBAL REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - D.1 COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - D.2 CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- E. ADJOURNMENT**

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Meeting Date:	March 3, 2025	Originating Department:	Operations & Maintenance
Agenda Item:	C.1	Prepared By:	Marc Culver, City Engineer
Agenda Section:	Discussion Items/ General Action Items	Presented By:	Marc Culver
Item:	Blue Line Extension LRT Update and Visioning Elements Review		

Overview:

As the City prepares to review 60% plans for the Blue Line Extension LRT Project, now is a good time to review the aesthetic design elements, of Visioning Elements, of the project primarily along West Broadway up through the Oak Grove Parkway Station.

The BLE project involves extending the LRT Blue line from Target Field in downtown Minneapolis to Oak Grove Parkway and West Broadway Ave north of TH 610, adjacent to the Target campus in Brooklyn Park. The project is proposed to operate on 13.4 miles of light rail track connecting downtown Minneapolis to the communities of North Minneapolis, Robbinsdale, Crystal, and Brooklyn Park. The proposed project would provide transit improvements in the highly traveled northwest area of the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area and a one-seat ride from Brooklyn Park to MSP airport and Mall of America. The project provides an opportunity to invest in BIPOC communities and reduce regional disparities. Currently the project team expects construction to begin in 2027.

This project has a long history with the City of Brooklyn Park and the other project partners. City staff have been working with the Metropolitan Council on this proposed transit line for more than 14 years. The original alignment reached 90% plans in 2018 before Hennepin County and the Metropolitan Council determined the original concept alignment along the BNSF tracks was no longer feasible. Since then, the project team has been working to design a new alignment.

The change to this new alignment, which will now run down the center of CSAH 81/Bottineau Boulevard instead of along the railroad tracks, has reached a point at which the design team is seeking municipal consent from the partner cities. Fortunately, in Brooklyn Park, the new alignment does not change the design of the vast majority of the line within the city limits.

On September 23, 2024, the City Council voted to approve Municipal Consent for this project affirming the proposed updated alignment, station locations, and other key design elements. Staff will continue to update the Council on the design process and updates to anticipated costs and construction timing.

A key component to the long-term benefit of this project to the City of Brooklyn Park is the complete reconstruction and revisioning of the West Broadway corridor. The BLE project currently plans to install corridor lighting, enhanced trails, colored and textured concrete elements, planters, landscaping, privacy fence, railing, and other treatments that will enhance and encourage new investments along the corridor. During this presentation the Council will see renderings of the stations as well as surrounding areas and examples of the aesthetic treatments currently proposed. The City is currently planning to invest approximately \$8-10 million on these treatments and the undergrounding of utility poles.

City staff as well as representatives from the BLE Project Team will be on hand to answer questions from the Council on this project.

The Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Study, which is currently out for public review and comment and is scheduled to have a formal Record of Decision in July, can be found here:

<https://metro council.org/Transportation/Projects/Light-Rail-Projects/METRO-Blue-Line-Extension/Environmental/Supplemental-Draft-EIS.aspx>

More information on the project can be found at the Metro Transit's project website:

<https://metro council.org/Transportation/Projects/Light-Rail-Projects/METRO-Blue-Line-Extension.aspx>

Budgetary/Fiscal Issues:

Current estimates for the City of Brooklyn Park's cost participation on this project is approximately \$29-32 million. These costs will be covered by federal grants, Municipal State Aid funds, Utility funds, special assessments in developing areas, and EDA funds.

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Meeting Date:	March 3, 2025	Originating Department:	Fire
Agenda Item:	C.2	Prepared By:	Dan Johnson-Powers, Emergency Management Coordinator
Agenda Section:	Discussion Items/ General Action Items	Presented By:	Dan Johnson-Powers; Shawn Conway, Fire Chief
Item:	Emergency Management Overview and Next Steps		

Summary:

The Fire Department will introduce Emergency Management, outline the city's Hazard Mitigation Plan, and present background on a proposed weather station, along with next steps for council action.

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Meeting Date:	March 3, 2025	Originating Department:	Administration, Operations and Maintenance
Agenda Item:	C.3	Prepared By:	Cindy Devonish-Hall, Community Experience and Engagement Manager Tim Pratt, Recycling Manager
Agenda Section:	Discussion Items/ General Action Items	Presented By:	Cindy Devonish-Hall and Tim Pratt
Item:	Discuss Litter Pick Up in Brooklyn Park		

Overview:

The City Council has requested staff develop strategies to address the littering problem and the overall cleanliness of our parks, neighborhood streets, and larger street corridors.

Currently litter prevention and pick up efforts are scattered among different departments, contractors, and other governments such as Hennepin County and the State of Minnesota. No one staff person, department, or division coordinates these efforts.

Current efforts are made with existing staff time and budgets.

We will begin the discussion with an overview presentation of what is currently being done. Here are some ideas of what additional things the City could do:

- Communications could conduct a public education campaign on litter prevention and resources available to support litter pick up done by individuals or groups. This could include videos, graphic design, social media, electronic communications (web and email), and earned media. Note that these efforts are most effective if focused on an event.
- Communications and Community Engagement could publicize litter pick up events organized by Community Partners.
- Communications could promote litter pick-up events organized by Council members.
- The City could hire a Volunteer Coordinator whose duties could include promoting/coordinating litter pick-up events.
- O & M could contract for additional litter pick up.
- Council could approve funding for additional staff who would dedicate some of their time to litter pick up.

We are requesting guidance to better understand what the Council envisions as successful litter pick up efforts.

Budgetary/Fiscal Issues:

Current cost of litter prevention and pick up efforts are incorporated into existing budgets. Additional efforts may require dedicated staff time, funding, and other resources.