



# POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting #2

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# Welcome and Introductions

# Review of Action Items

- Procedure for meeting summaries.

# Updates: Engineering and Pre-Environmental

# Approach – Months 1-15



# Purpose and Need

- Revisit purpose and need from Pre-Project Development Study.
- View from environmental and decision-making lens.

*Reference purpose and need summary handout.*



# Purpose and Need – Next Steps

- Current – Update data in support of revised needs.
- February – Committee review of full statement.
  - Project Management Team, Technical Advisory Committee.
- March – Invite public comment.
- April – Policy Advisory Committee meeting.
  - Approve purpose and need for Federal Transit Administration review.

*Does PAC agree with this direction?*

# Issue Resolution Teams

- Saint Paul - Downtown.
- Saint Paul - General.
- Bdote/Fort Snelling: Crossings and Connections.
- Airport/ Bloomington.



# Issue Resolution Teams – Approach

- Technical representation from agencies.
- Private entities brought in as necessary.
- Meetings will occur bi-weekly or monthly.
- Invites will be comprehensive, but attendance may flex based on particular topic.
- Generally start with issues of alignment.

## Key Issues: Saint Paul - Downtown

- Green Line connection.
- Union Depot connection.
- Downtown alignment.
- West 7th/Smith alignments.
- Event operations.
- Vehicle selection.
- Station siting.
- Roadway cross sections.
- Interaction with local transit service.

# Issue Resolution Team Members

## Saint Paul - Downtown

- Metro Transit.
- City of Saint Paul.
- Ramsey County.
- MnDOT.

## Key issues: Saint Paul - General

- West 7th/CP Spur alignments.
- Streetscape and pedestrian environment.
- Service to Sibley Plaza.
- Shepard Road interchange.
- I-35E/Highway 5 interchange.
- Possible roadway turnbacks.
- Vehicle selection.
- Station siting.
- Roadway cross sections.
- Interaction with local transit service.

# Issue Resolution Team Members

## Saint Paul - General

- City of Saint Paul.
- MnDOT.
- Metro Transit.
- Ramsey County.
- CP Rail.

# Key Issues: Bdote/Fort Snelling: Crossings and Connections

- River crossing type.
- Alignment through Fort Snelling.
- Blue Line connection.
- Vehicle selection.
- Station siting.
- Roadway cross sections.
- Interaction with local transit service.



# Issue Resolution Team Members

## Bdote/Fort Snelling: Crossings and Connections

- MnDOT.
- Metro Transit.
- City of Saint Paul.
- Metropolitan Council.
- Metropolitan Airports Commission.
- Hennepin County.
- Ramsey County.
- National Park Service.
- Department of Natural Resources.
- Historic Fort Snelling.
- Minneapolis Park and Recreation.
- Minnesota Historical Society.
- Tribes.

# Key Issues: Airport/Bloomington

- South Loop intersection operations.
- Connection to Mall of America.
- Airport/Blue Line tunnel operations.
- Vehicle selection.
- Interaction with local transit service.

# Issue Resolution Team Members

## Airport/Bloomington

- City of Bloomington.
- Metropolitan Airports Commission.
- Hennepin County.
- Ramsey County.
- Metropolitan Council.
- Metro Transit.

# Issue Resolution Teams - First Agenda

- Introductions.
- Issue resolution process overview and expectations.
- Overview of technical issues list.
- Approach/priority to resolving technical issues.
- Technical issue discussion.
- Future meeting schedule.

## Issue Resolution – Next Steps

- Current: Scheduling first Issue Resolution Team meetings.
- February – December: Conduct meetings, update committees.
- End 2021/Early 2022: Evaluation of alternatives report.
- 2 build alternatives for further study.
- Continued Issue Resolution Teams in 2022/2023.

## Upcoming Tasks – Next 60 Days

- Committee and public review of purpose and need.
- Formation of Issue Resolution Teams.
- Approach to operation and maintenance facility location selection.
- Framework of committee topics.

# Updates: Cultural Resources

# Background Research Report

- Focus on corridor study area south of the river.
- MnDOT CRU prepared for St. Paul segment.
- Identification of National Register listed or previously determined eligible properties.
- Identification of areas with archaeological potential .



## Upcoming Tasks – Next 60 Days

- Submittal of draft Background Research Reports (architecture/history and archaeology) to Ramsey County.

# Updates: Communications/Community Engagement

# Communications/Community Engagement

- Public engagement summary.
- Look ahead and schedule coordination.

## Upcoming Tasks – Next 60 Days

- Post and advertise Purpose and Need summary for public comment on website.
- Engage community networks for Purpose and Need summary feedback.
- Compile comments for project team; provide for potential Purpose and Need refinement.
- Monitor and respond to comments from project email.
- Begin solicitation process for community artist liaisons.

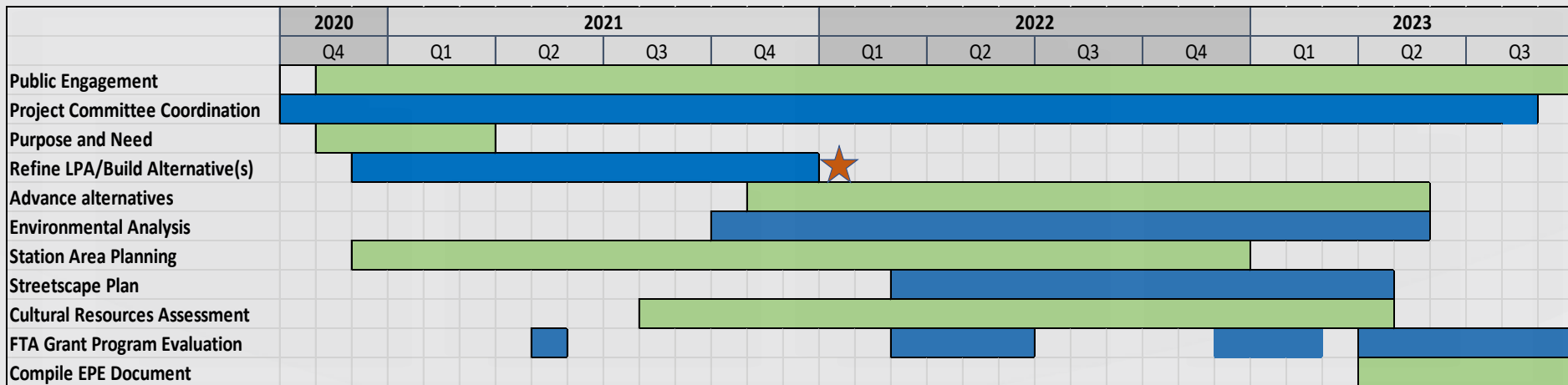
# **Updates: Community Advisory Committee and Station Area Planning Task Force**

## Community Advisory Committee and Station Area Planning Task Force

- Applications accepted from November 13, 2020 to January 4, 2021.
  - 71 Community Advisory Committee applications.
  - 26 Station Area Planning Task Force applications.
- Policy Advisory Committee subgroup developing list of recommended appointees.
- Request for Policy Advisory Committee action to approve membership of both groups expected at April meeting.

# Project Schedule and Agency Coordination

# Milestone Schedule



Key Milestone – Identification of up to 2 build alternatives for further study.



# Agency Coordination

- January 25 – Federal Transit Administration call.
  - Anticipated reviews.

# Public Comment

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# Next Meeting – April 1, 2021

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