



# METRO Gold Line Corridor Management Committee

October 7, 2021

# Today's Topics

- Welcome & Announcements
  - Review notes from June 3, 2021 meeting
- CBAC Update
- Project Update
- Updates from Cities on Land Use and Development around Stations
  - St. Paul, Oakdale, Woodbury
- Engagement Update
- Next Steps

# Gold Line CMC Membership

Representative	Agency/County/City
Chair Charlie Zelle	Metropolitan Council
Councilmember Francisco Gonzalez	Metropolitan Council
Commissioner Jim McDonough	Ramsey County
Commissioner Rafael Ortega	Ramsey County
Commissioner Stan Karwoski	Washington County
Commissioner Lisa Weik	Washington County
Councilmember Jane Prince	Saint Paul
Councilmember Rebecca Cave	Maplewood
Mayor Stan Suedkamp	Landfall
Mayor Paul Reinke	Oakdale
Mayor Anne Burt	Woodbury
<b><i>Deputy General Manager Nick Thompson*</i></b>	<b><i>Metro Transit</i></b>
Deputy District Engineer Sheila Kauppi	MnDOT
Co-Chair Mary Brandt	Community and Business Advisory Committee (CBAC)
Co-Chair Darrell Paulsen	Community and Business Advisory Committee (CBAC)

# CBAC Update

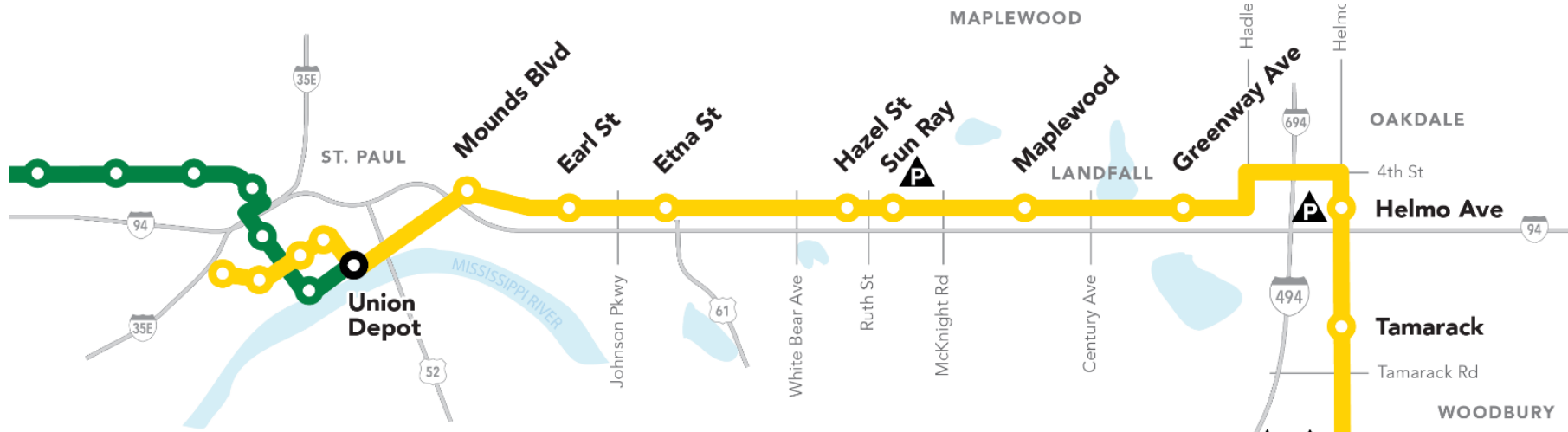
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# CBAC Update

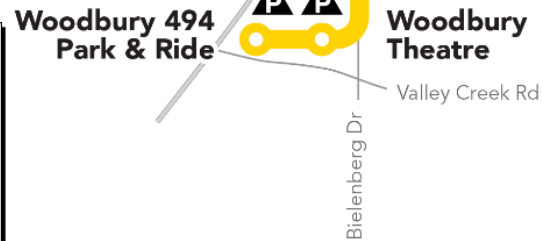
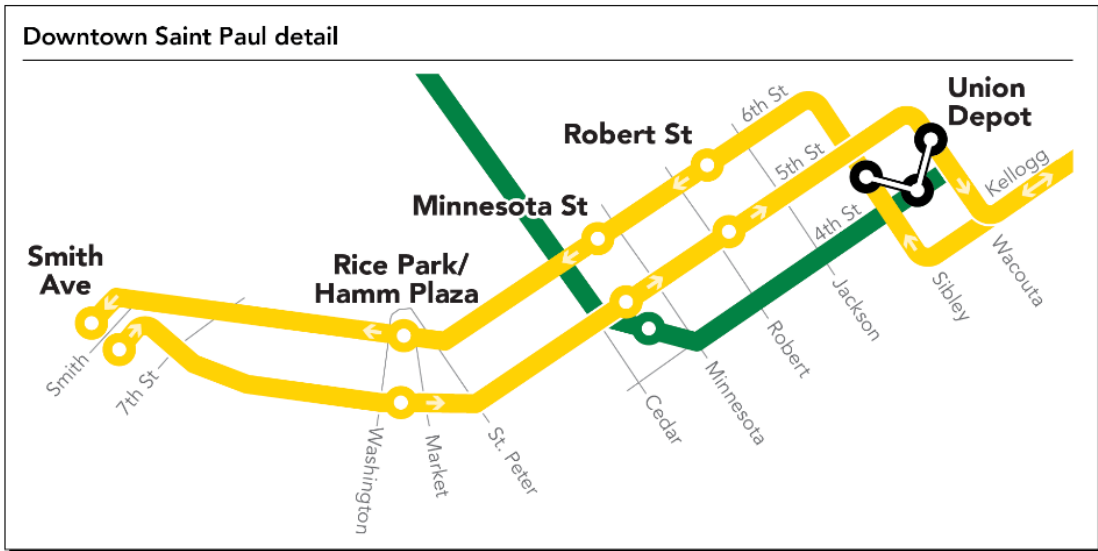
- Membership:
  - One business and one residential representative from each station and for downtown
  - Ten at-large members
- Meetings:
  - Two to three per year
  - Recent meetings focusing on station design details
- Station Spotlights:
  - Station spotlight series will feature one station per month
  - Each station's CBAC members will be asked if they want to be featured in their station's spotlight series





# Project Update

Chris Beckwith



- Gold Line Facts:**
- Operates primarily in bus-only lanes
  - Frequent, all-day service
  - 10-miles & 21 new stations
  - Serving the Twin Cities  
East Metro: 301,000 jobs/522,000 people by 2040



 METRO Gold Line (Bus Rapid Transit)  
 METRO Green Line (Light Rail)  
 Transfer Station  
 Park & Ride

# METRO Gold Line

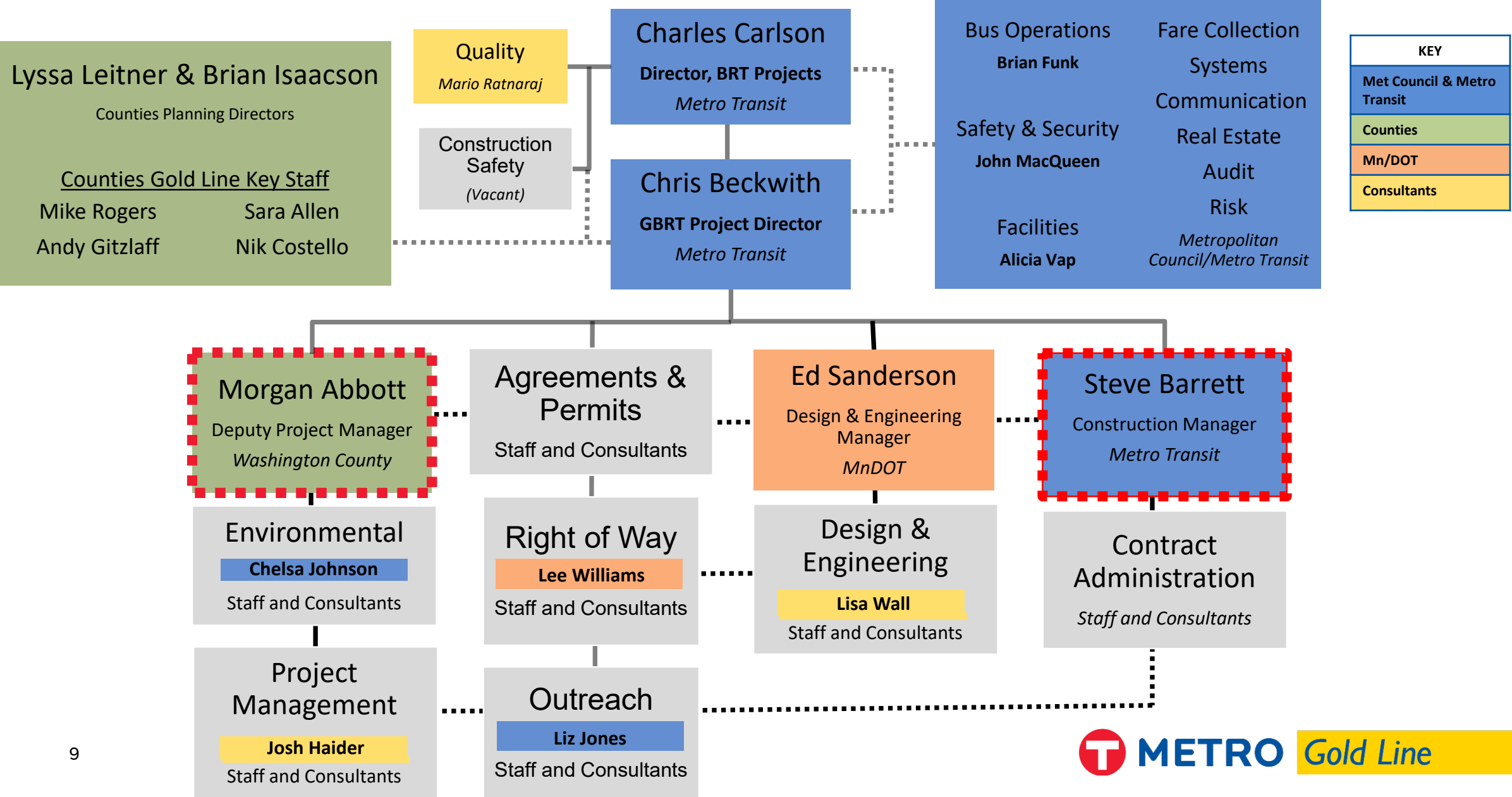


# FTA Administrator Nuria Fernandez visited Minnesota in August



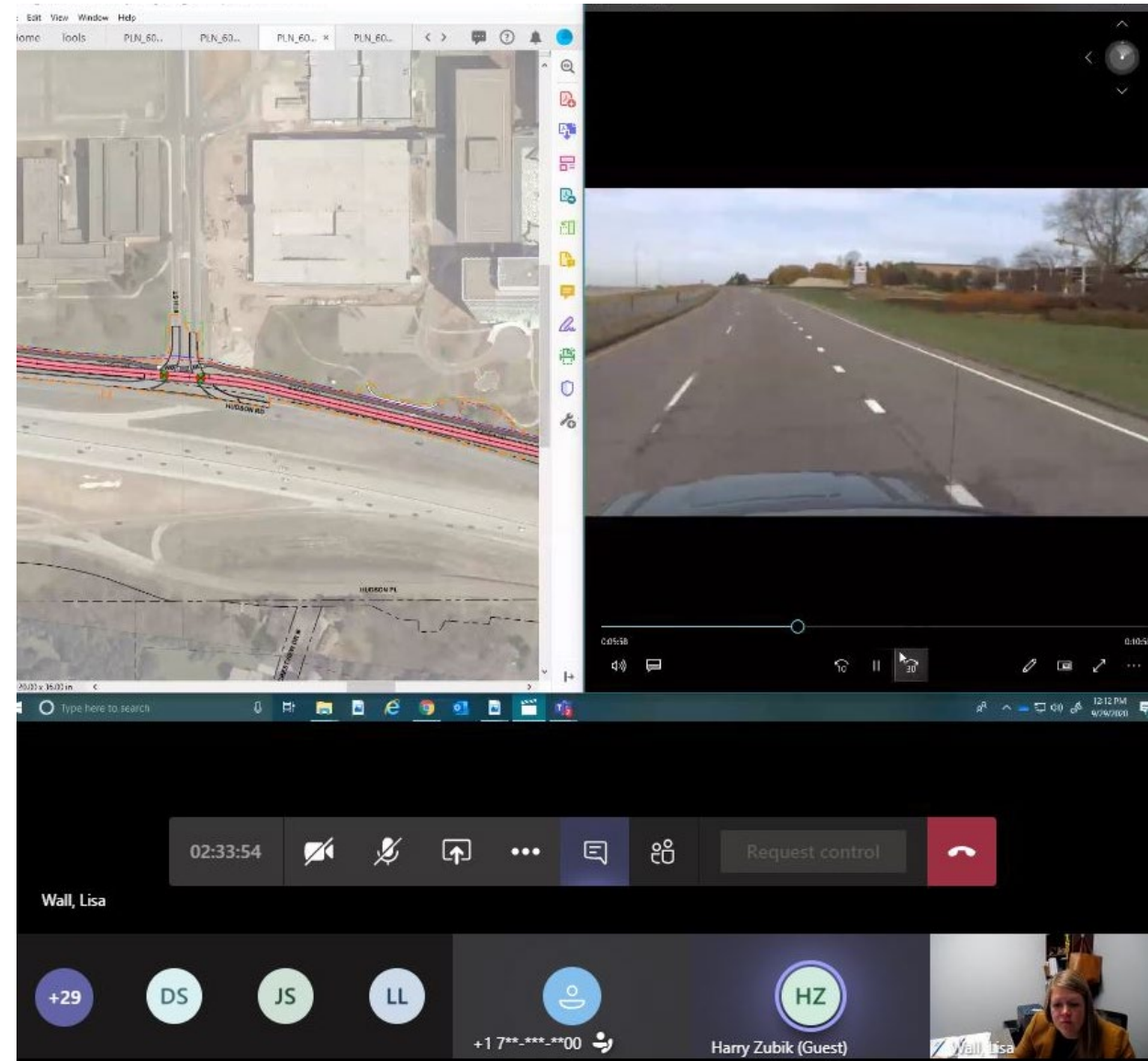


# Organizational / GPO Staffing Updates



# FTA Risk Refresh Workshop

- Two-day Workshop Aug 31-Sept. 1
  - Positive feedback for depth of team and presentation... “the best in the business”
  - “Nice to be a part of a workshop when everyone is engaged”
  - “A nicely well-conceived project”
- Follow up meetings on schedule and cost held Sept. 7-8
- Final report anticipated late Oct.



*Screenshot from “virtual” tour during FTA Risk Assessment*

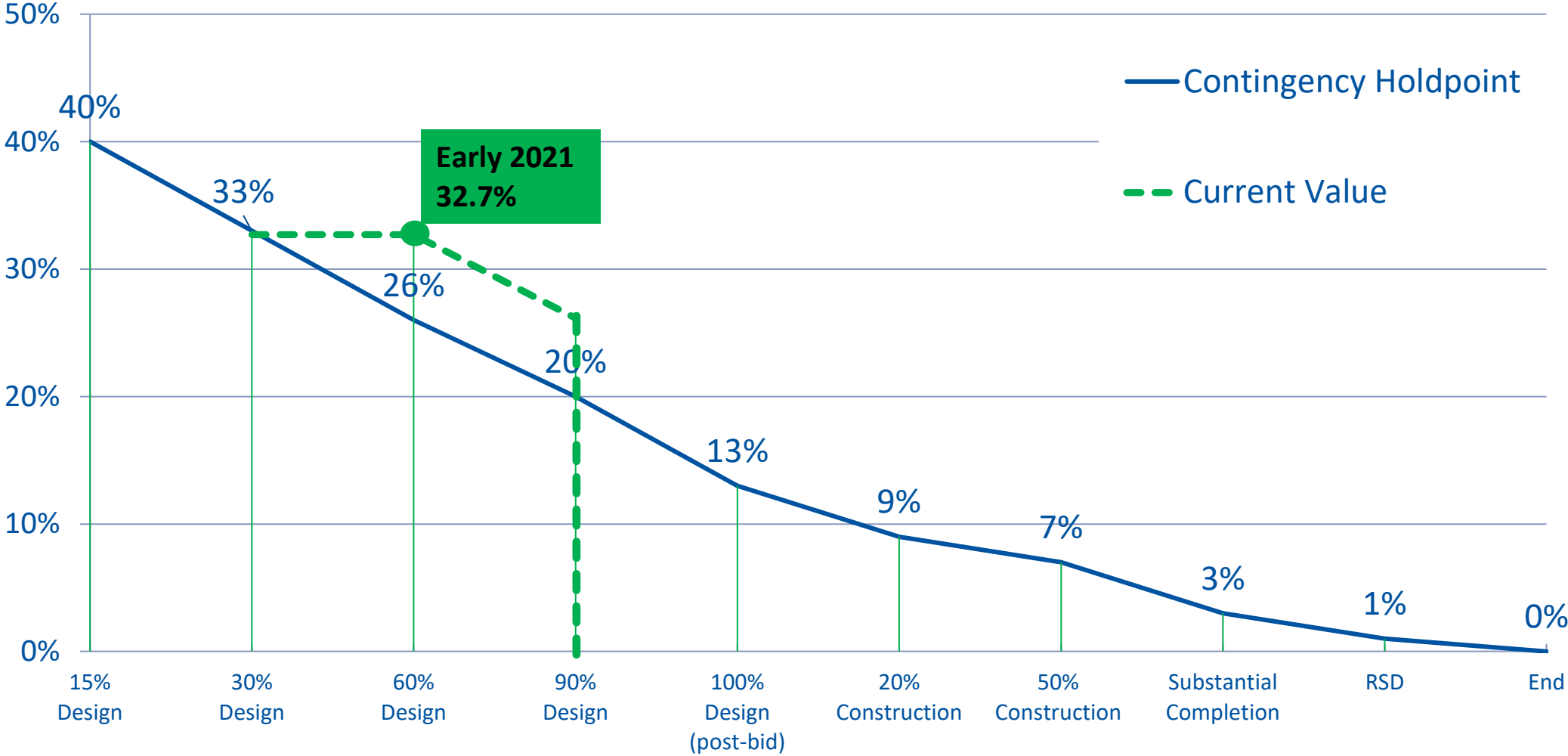
# Current Baseline Project Budget

	Entry to Engineering - 60% Cost Estimate	Cost Estimate update after Risk Assessment
Project Budget	\$531.9 M	TBD
Total Project Contingency	32.7%	TBD
Total Project Contingency	\$173.9M	TBD
Escalation Factor	3.5%	3.5%
Base Year Estimate	2019	2021
Forecast Year	\$YOE (2022-2024)	\$YOE (2022-2025)

# Review of inputs to 90% Cost Estimate

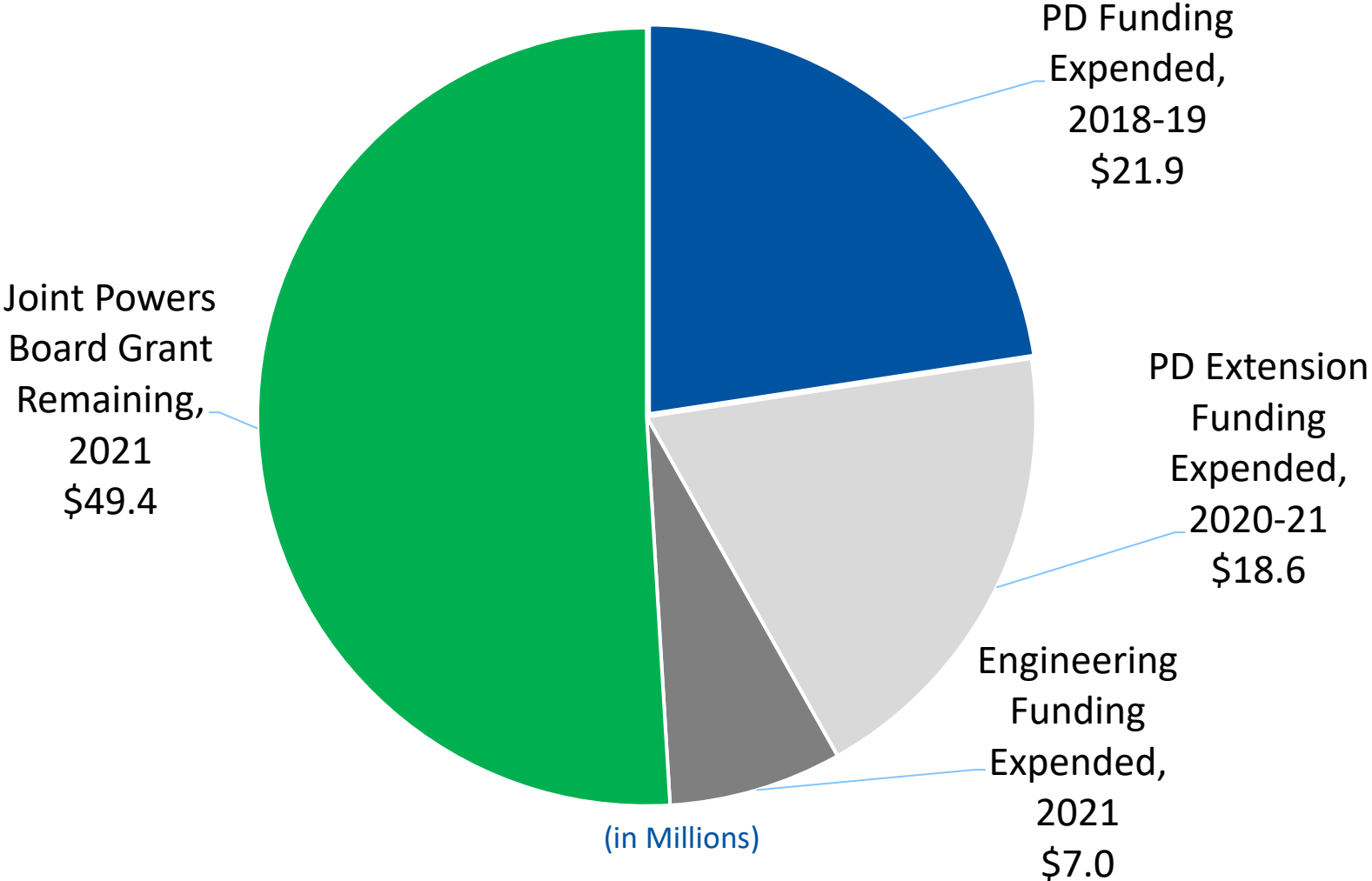
- Removed Joint Development (Washington County Service Center) from scope
- Schedule Assumptions
  - Start of construction remains in 2022, partial year of construction
  - Additional inflation costs to account for construction schedule risk and 2025 opening
- Bus Propulsion
  - Add 5 electric buses and charging equipment to project scope
  - Maintain 12 diesel buses as project baseline
- Contingency
  - Assumed contingency is 23-28%, but dependent on outcome of Risk Assessment
  - Subject to FTA review and determination for final cost

# Contingency Draw-down curve

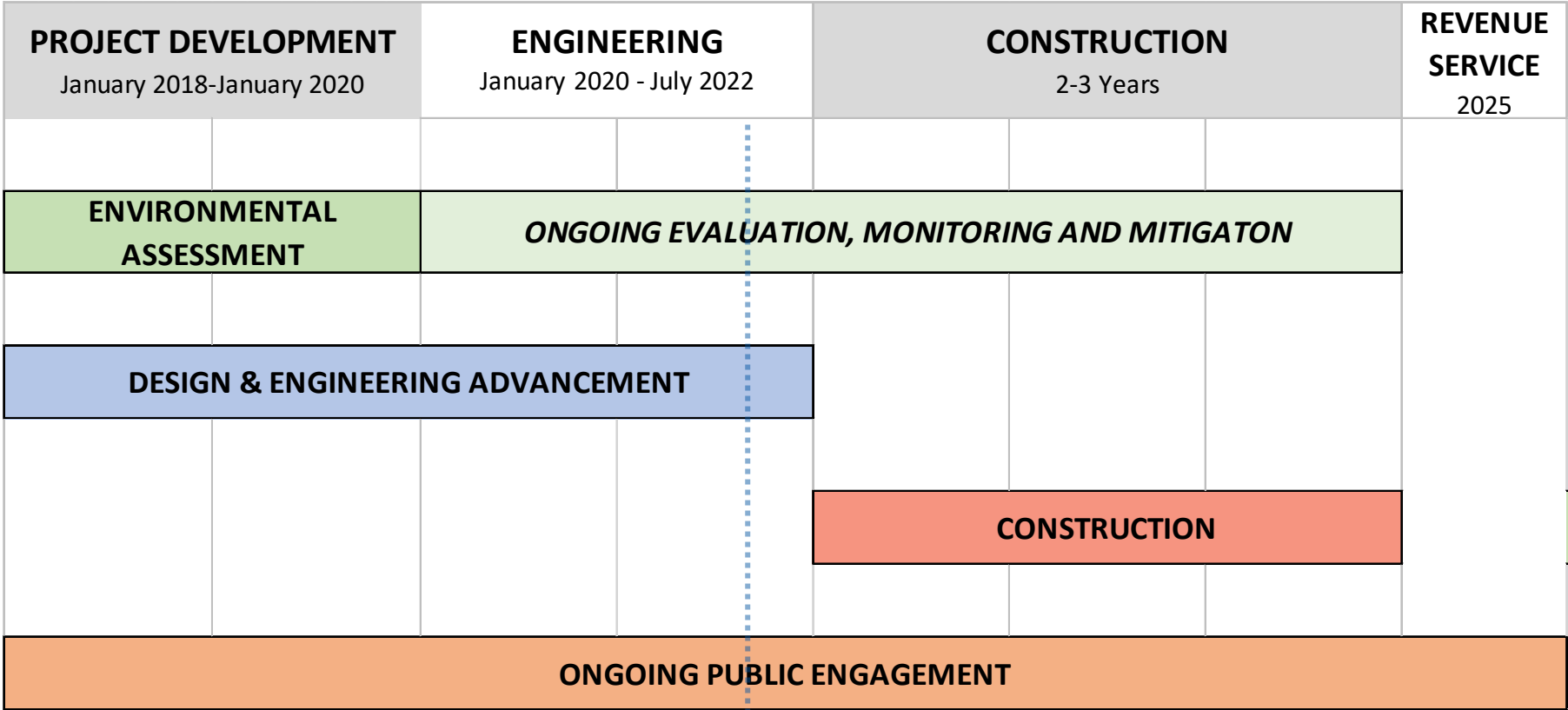




# Grants Expended to Date **as of Sept. 1, 2021**



# Overall Project Schedule



# Gold Line Civil Construction Plans 100% Complete!



# Project Schedule Major Milestones


Activity	Date
FTA grants entry into Project Development <b>(complete)</b>	Jan 19, 2018
FTA issues Environmental Decision Document <b>(complete)</b>	Jan 17, 2020
30% Plans and Cost Estimate <b>(complete)</b>	Jan 17, 2020
FHWA issues Environmental Decision Document <b>(complete)</b>	Mar 6, 2020
60% Plans & 60% Cost Estimate <b>(complete)</b>	July/Dec, 2020
FTA grants Entry to Engineering <b>(complete)</b>	April 13, 2021
90% Cost and Scope Refresh <b>(complete)</b>	June 2021
FTA conducts Pre-FFGA Risk Assessment <b>(complete)</b>	Aug 31-Sept 1
100% Civil Plans <b>(complete)</b>	Sept 2021
Advertise Early Utility Contract <b>(complete)</b>	Sept 10, 2021
Request Full Funding Grant Agreement	Q1 2022
Begin Early Utility Relocation	Spring 2022
Advertise Civil Construction	Jan 2022
FTA issues Full Funding Grant Agreement	July 2022
Civil Construction Begins	Summer 2022
Revenue service	2025

*Gold Line*



# Metro Gold Line Advanced Utility Relocation

**METROPOLITAN COUNCIL  
GOLD LINE BRT  
ADVANCED UTILITY RELOCATION**



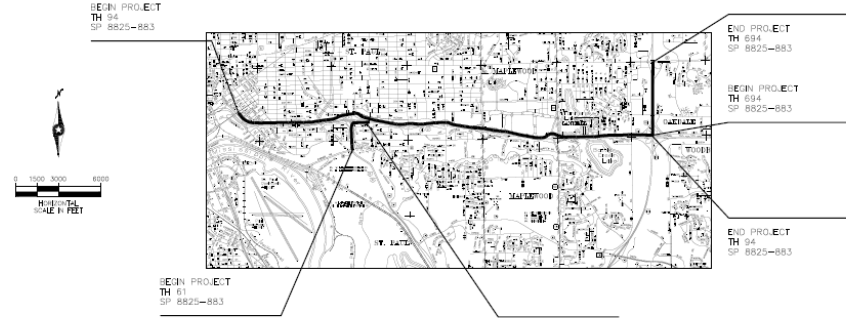
METROPOLITAN COUNCIL PROJ. NO. 61402

CONSTRUCTION PLANS FOR: TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

SP 8825-883 LOCATED ON: TH 94 FROM MOUNDS BLVD RAMP TO TH 694

SP 8825-883 LOCATED ON: TH 61 FROM WARNER RD TO TH 94

SP 8825-883 LOCATED ON: TH 694 FROM TH 94 TO 10TH ST



PROJECT LOCATION  
RAMSEY, WASHINGTON COUNTY  
METRO DISTRICT

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FINAL REVISIONS, IF ANY, OF THIS PLAN SET HAVE BEEN REVIEWED BY ME OR UNDER MY SUPERVISION AND THAT I AM A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.


ENGINEER: \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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GOVERNING SPECIFICATIONS  
THE 2018 EDITION OF THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR HIGHWAYS SHALL GOVERN ALL WORKS UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. THESE SPECIFICATIONS SHALL CONFORM TO THE MOST RECENT EDITION AVAILABLE. THE FOLLOWING CONTROL ZONE LAYERS, INCLUDING FIELD MANUALS FOR TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL ZONE LAYERS:

SHEET NO.	DESCRIPTION
2-15	FILE SHEET
16	GENERAL LAYOUT
17	TRAFFIC COMPONENTS & STANDARD PLATES
18	UTILITY LISTINGS
19	CONSTRUCTION NOTES
20-41	ESTIMATED QUANTITIES
42-64	REMOVAL PLANS
65-78	CONSTRUCTION PLANS
79-105	CONSTRUCTION DETAILS
	COMMUNICATIONS SCHEMATICS & TESTING

THIS PLAN SET CONTAINS 105 SHEETS

**Kimley-Horn** 

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAN WAS PREPARED BY ME OR UNDER MY SUPERVISION AND THAT I AM A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

DATE: 05/10/2021 U.S. NO. 53081

ENGINEER: \_\_\_\_\_  
JOEL A. BINKENKAMP

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ 2021  
METRO TRANSIT PROJECT DIRECTOR

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ 2021  
RAMSEY COUNTY ENGINEER

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ 2021  
WASHINGTON COUNTY ENGINEER

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MNDOT RMC DIRECTOR

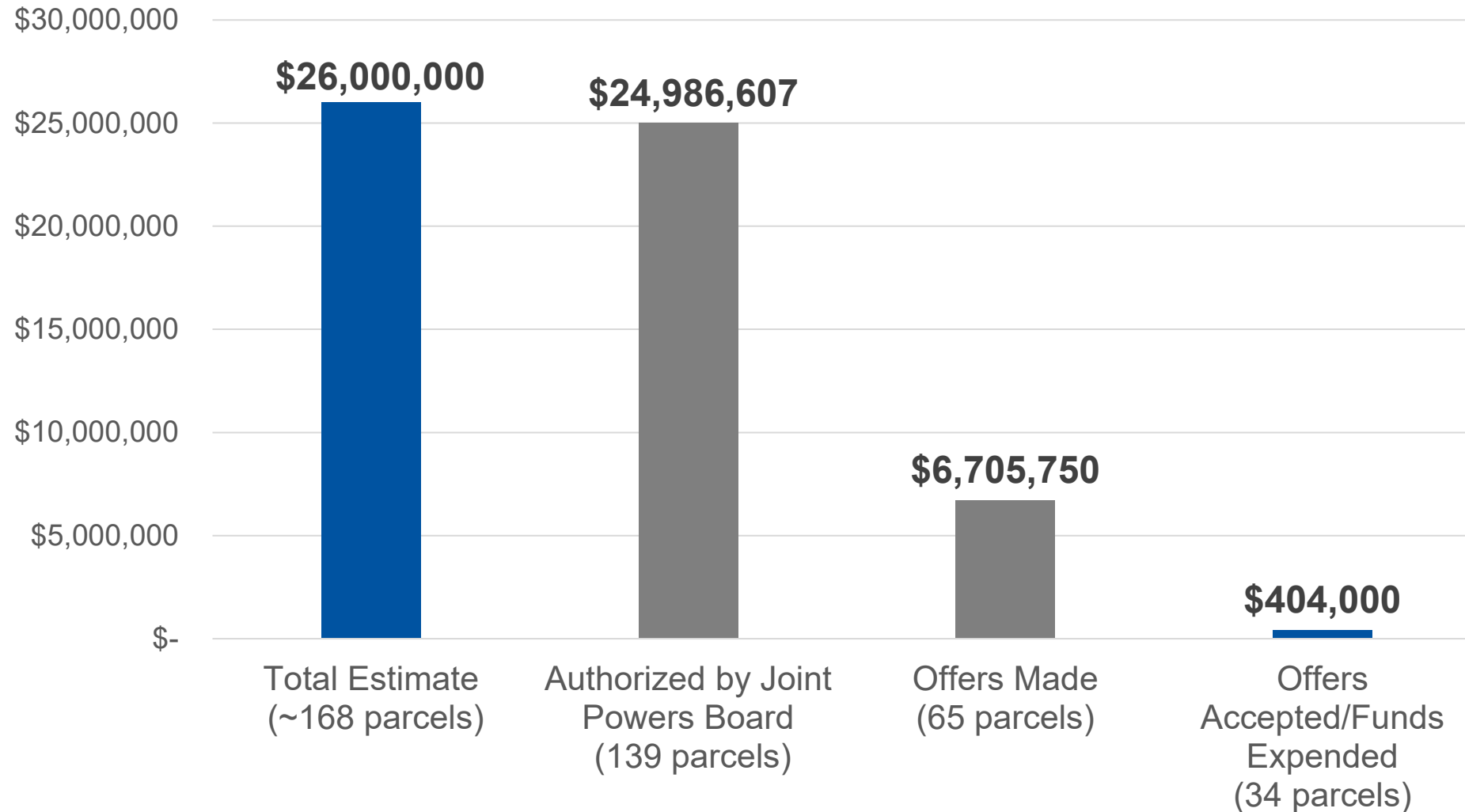
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- Advertised September 10
- October 19 Bid Opening
- Q4 2021 Award
- March–July 2022 Construction



# Real Estate Update - Acquisitions

(as of 9/10/21)



# Gold Line welcoming Purple Line to Metro Square!



Metro Square Building – 121 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, St. Paul  
Home of the Gold Line and Purple Line Project Offices

 **METRO**  
*Gold Line*

 **METRO**  
*Purple Line*

# Updates from Cities on Land Use and Development around Stations

Lyssa Leitner, Washington County Public Works Planning Director

St. Paul, Oakdale & Woodbury



# Saint Paul Update

1870 Old Hudson Road





# Oakdale Update

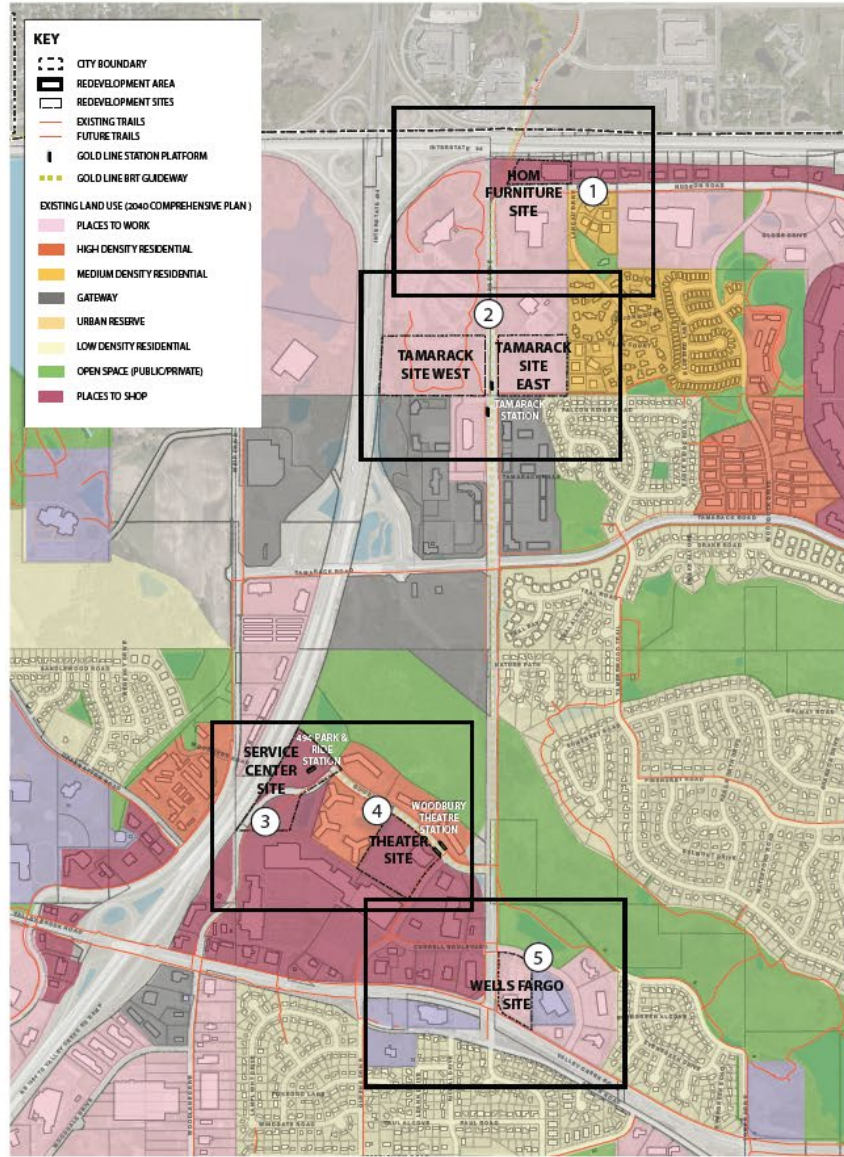


Helmo Station Area Plan



# Woodbury Gold Line Master Plan Update

Development Sites  
Key with Existing Land Use



① HOM FURNITURE SITE

② TAMARACK SITES:  
WEST (HARTFORD)  
EAST (MEDTRONIC)

③ 494 PARK & RIDE STATION

④ THEATER SITE

⑤ WELLS FARGO SITE

Gold Line Station Area Planning



# Engagement Update

Liz Jones

# Public Involvement

- Summer and fall community events
  - National Night Out downtown St. Paul at Union Depot
  - Washington County Fair
  - Oakdale Farmers' Market
  - Back to School event in Woodbury at Royal Oaks Elementary (school supplies and produce distribution)
  - Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES) Fiesta Latina in east St. Paul
  - Oakdale Touch-a-Truck
  - Woodbury Community EXPO
- Business, neighborhood and community group engagement/presentations
  - St. Paul and Woodbury Chambers
  - University of MN Center for Transportation Studies (CTS), transportation internship group
  - Minnesota Association of Assessing Officers (MAAO)
  - Retired Men's Group in Woodbury at King of Kings Church
- Pre-construction communications and outreach continues
  - Right-of-Way acquisition and property owner engagement

# CMC Next Steps

- Gold Line Project Office (GPO) continues to coordinate the Full Funding Grant Agreement request with FTA throughout the end of 2021
- Next CMC Quarterly Meeting Dec. 2, 2021

