



METRO Orange Line Update

Bloomington City Council

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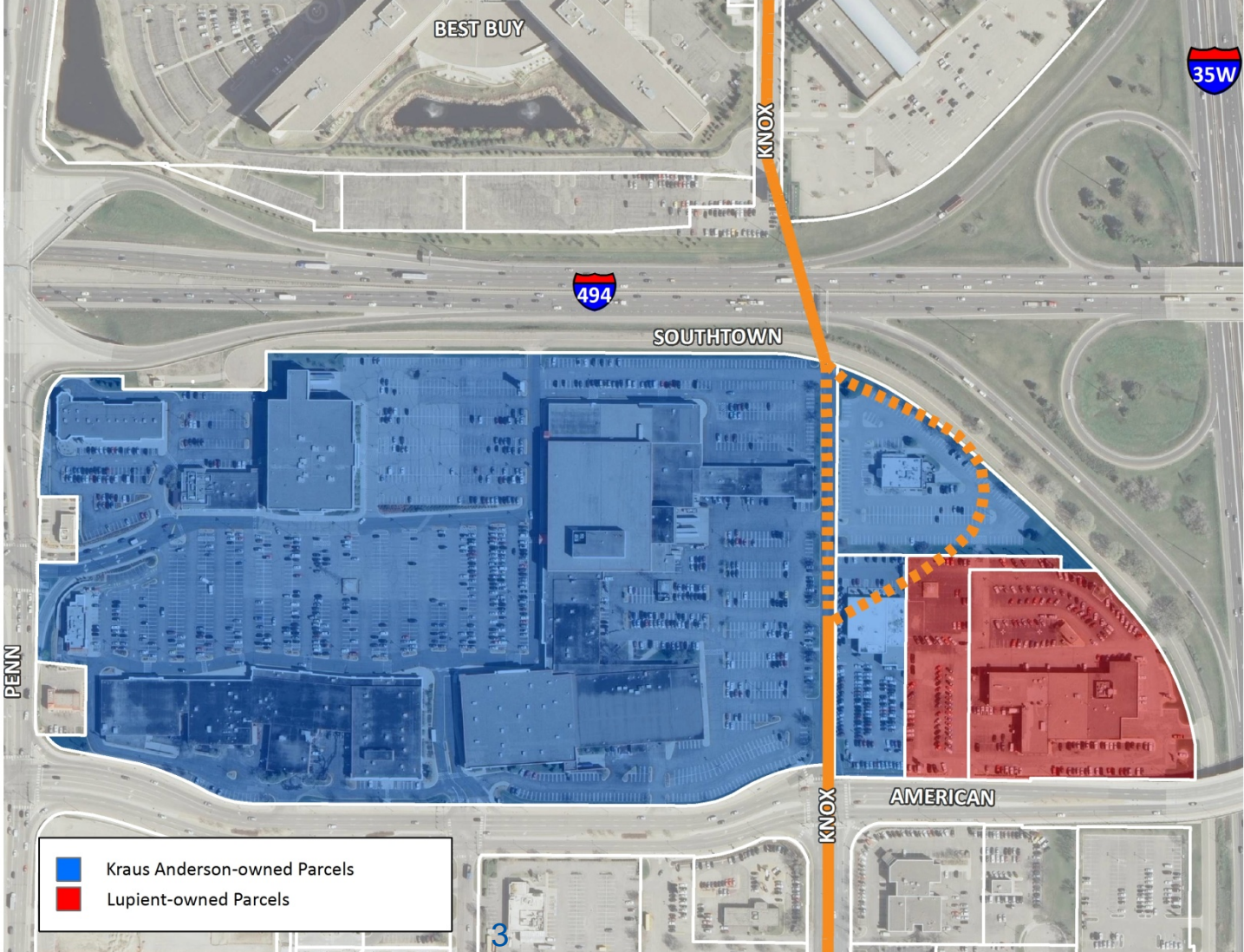
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Project Facts

- 17 miles, 11 stations, Guideway Improvements
 - Minneapolis (2 stations + downtown)
 - Richfield (2 stations)
 - Bloomington (2 stations)
 - Burnsville (1 station)
- Major accessibility improvements
- 2040 Daily Ridership: 26,500
 - 11,400 on BRT
 - 15,100 on 35W Express routes

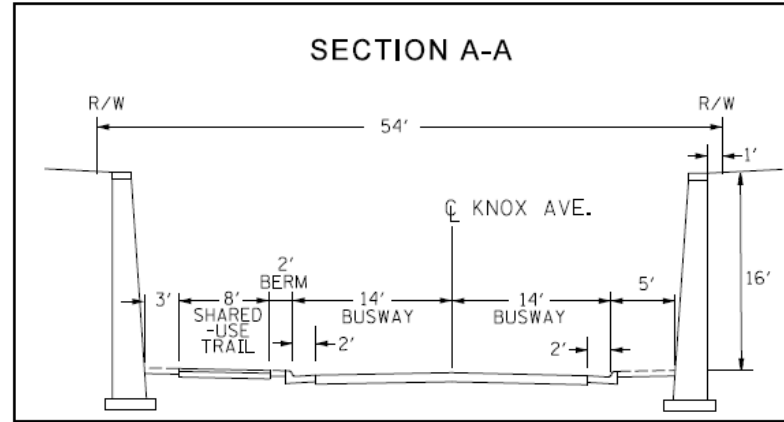
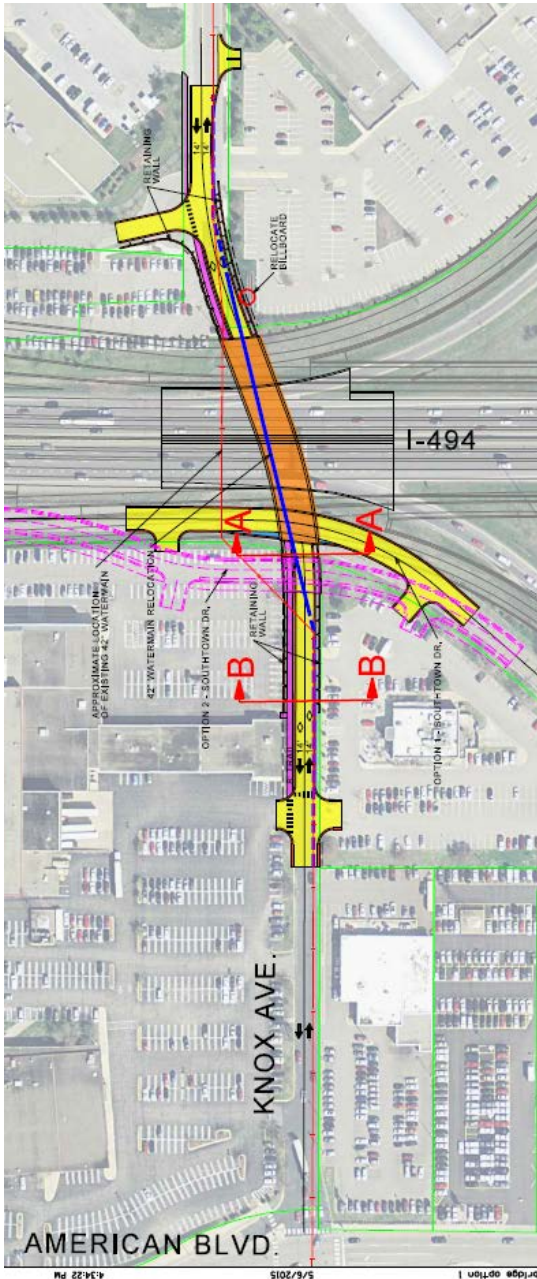


Knox Avenue: Orange Line Routing Options

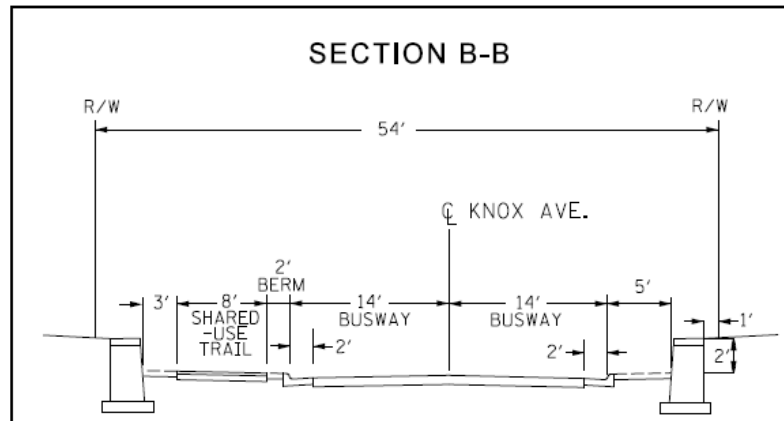


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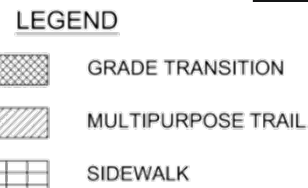
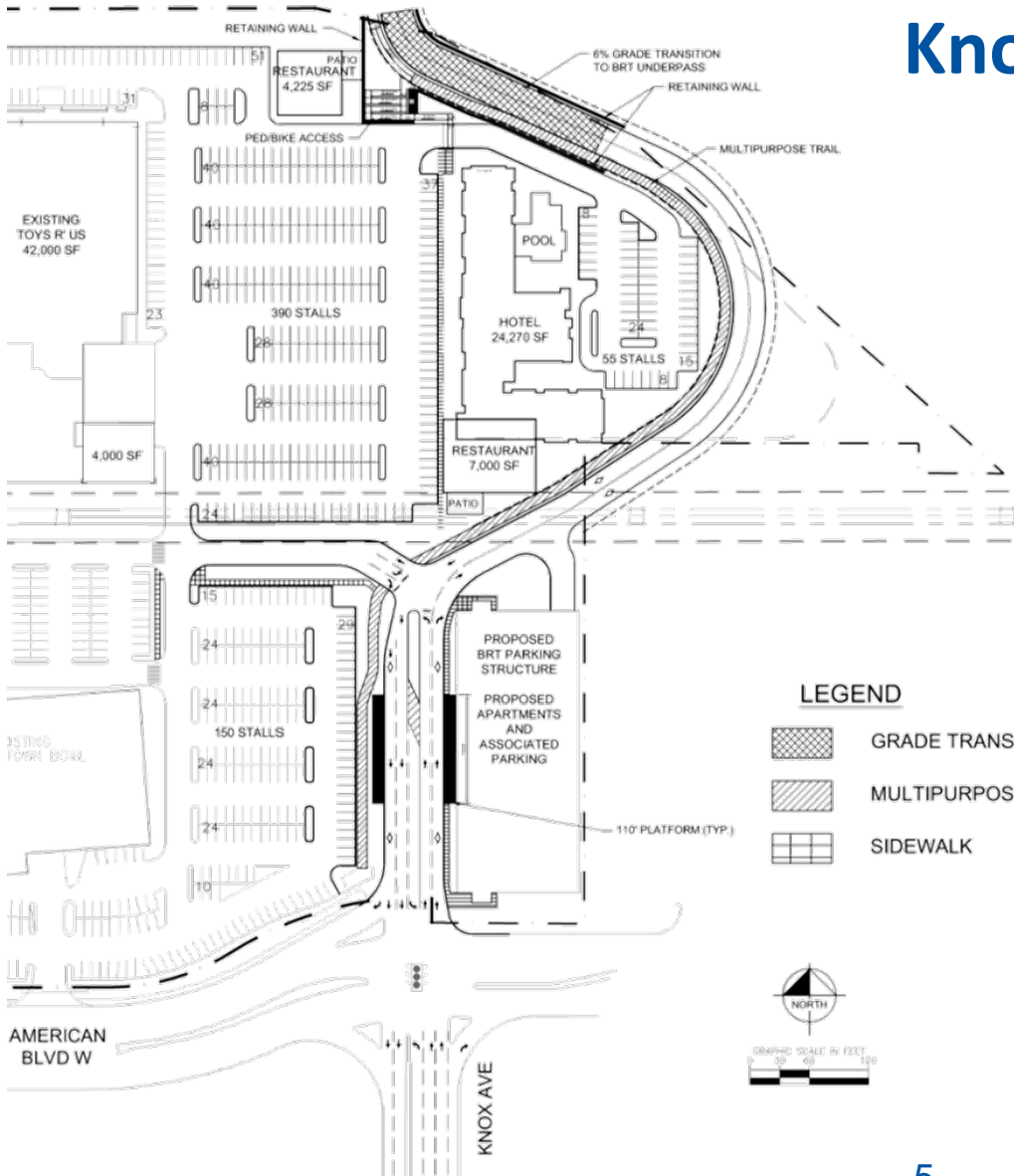
Knox Avenue: Direct Route



Design concepts provided by Metro Transit



Knox Avenue: Bowed Route



Design concepts provided by property owner

Six-Month Look Ahead



- Environmental work
- Orange Line Engineering contract
- Complete 2040 ridership forecasting
- Draft Project Management Plan
- Update Public Engagement Plan
- Financial Plan & Grant Applications
- Technical Issue resolution:
 - Knox Avenue layout
 - Downtown access
 - Burnsville terminus



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