

CITY OF  
MINNEAPOLIS

SOUTHWEST  
CORRIDOR  
(GREEN LINE  
EXTENSION)

FEIS  
COMMENTS



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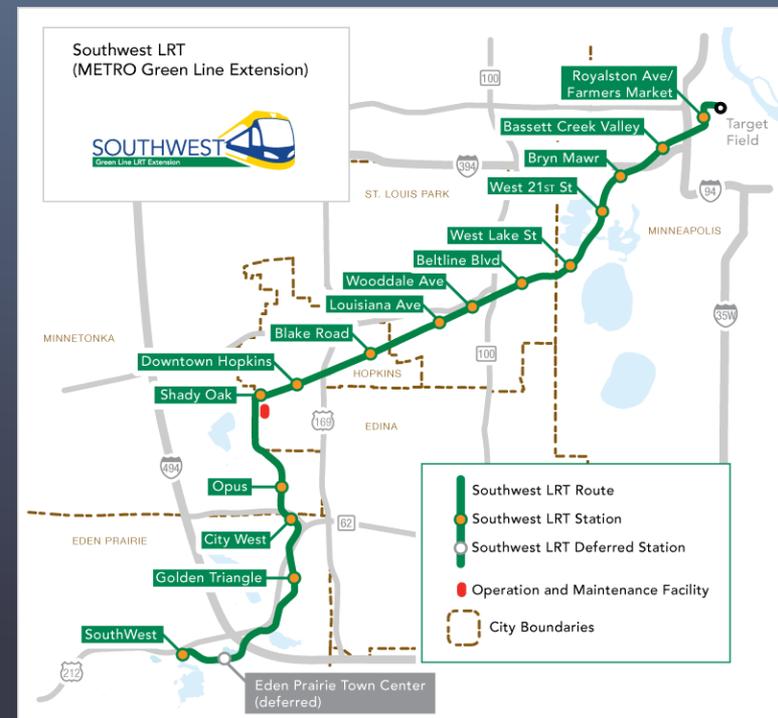


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## What is in the FEIS?

### Contained within the FEIS:

- Purpose and Need
- Alternatives Considered
- Environmental Analysis
- Transportation Analysis
- Environmental Justice Compliance
- Final Section 4(f) Evaluation
- Financial Analysis
- Public and Agency Coordination
- Comments received during the DEIS, SDEIS, and 4(f) Evaluation
- Responses to Comments



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## Guidelines for Staff Comments:

On May 13, 2016 the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) was issued for public review, with comments on the adequacy of the FEIS to be accepted by the Metropolitan Council through June 13, 2016. The FEIS is considered adequate under Minn. Rule 4410.2800, subp. 4, if it:

- Addresses the potentially significant issues and alternatives raised in scoping so that all significant issues for which information can be reasonably obtained have been analyzed in conformance with part 4410.2300, items G and H;
- Provides responses to the substantive comments received during the draft EIS and SDES review concerning issues raised in scoping; and
- Was prepared in compliance with the procedures of the act and parts 4410.0200 to 4410.6500.

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## Restatement of Previous Concerns

Resolutions 2014R-362, 2015R-384, and 2015R-385 which as part of the granting of Municipal Consent in both 2014 and 2015 stated the City's position on the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA), the co-location of freight rail, and freight rail safety.

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## Safety & Security

- Freight Rail Safety
- LRT Operations
- Pedestrian Connections



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## Construction Impacts:

- Noise and vibration impacts need to be mitigated (Shallow Tunnel)
- Determine tree removal means/methods
- Limit hours of operation (mitigates noise/vibration and light pollution at night)
- Mitigate truck impacts (control dust, determine truck access points, establish truck haul routes)
- Develop a Construction Management Plan

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## LRT Operations - Noise:

- Mitigate horns, whistles, and bells where Metro Transit discretion applies.



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## Visual Impact:

Visual impacts to the Kenilworth Corridor to be mitigated and improved in the manner described by the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Minneapolis and the Metropolitan Council.

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## Q&A:

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