Minutes – B-CAC Meeting #4

Monday, May 2, 2016

Newport City Hall

### Attendance

* Julie Johnson
* Chris Koop, Hastings Family Services
* Betsy Leach, St. Paul District 1
* Lorrie Louder, St. Paul Port Authority
* Mary Ann Newman, Newport Housing Preservation Commission
* Will Schroeer, East Metro Strong
* Lyssa Leitner, Washington County
* Brian Smalkoski, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

### Minutes

* Implementation Plan Update
  + Brian gave an overview of the implementation plan goals and where we are in the process. He noted that the project will extend past the end of the legislative session into the summer.
* Proposed Routes and Forecasts
  + Brian and Lyssa provided an overview of the two BRT alternatives that were evaluated and the subalternatives within Cottage Grove. It was noted that the proposed alignment will stay on the east side of TH 61 in Cottage Grove based on current development patterns and corresponding walksheds.
  + Discussion included whether total employment and households were calculated for each proposed station area. Will Schroeer requested the TAC PPT which includes this information. A question was also asked whether people’s preference for high quality transit was taken into account in the forecasts.
* Implementation Phasing
  + Brian and Lyssa provided an update on the current thoughts regarding phasing of Red Rock BRT. The two first phases not in any particular order would be express bus service between Hastings and Minneapolis and all day regular bus service between Cottage Grove and St. Paul.
  + Discussion included suggestion for short term implementation of something in-between bus and BRT. It was noted that the all day service is intended to be that interim step. A question was asked if downtown Newport service has been considered until development around the Newport station is more mature.
* Station Area Planning Update
  + Brian and Lyssa provided an overview of the station area planning conducted for each of the Red Rock station areas.
  + It was noted by the B-CAC that expansion of the existing Lower Afton Park & Ride along with a pedestrian overpass is the worst option for the neighborhood. The overpass would impact the neighborhood viewsheds.
  + The B-CAC also noted that Jamaica seems like a good opportunity for shared parking.
  + The B-CAC requested that the draft station area plans be shared with them.
* Next Steps and Upcoming Meetings
  + TAC: Monday, May 16
  + RRCC: Thursday, May 26