



Gold Line BRTOD: 3M/Maplewood Station Area Maplewood City Council Feedback on Phase 2 BRTOD Concepts

26 February 2018, in-person Work Session, Maplewood Council Chambers

Participants

- Maplewood Mayor and City Council members attending work session: Mayor Nora Slawik, Council members Kathleen Juenemann, Tou Xiong, Marylee Abrams, Bryan Smith (representative to Gold Line Commission)
- Maplewood lead staff Michael Martin and DuWayne Konewko (Environmental and Economic Development Director), WCRRA representatives Sara Allen and Lyssa Leitner
- Crandall Arambula team members Don Arambula and Jason Graf

Background, Opportunities and Constraints

- PPT [presentation](#) on BRT, BRTOD, and opportunities and constraints
- Handout on 3M-Maplewood station area [opportunities and constraints](#)
- Supplemental handout for reference: [BRTOD overview](#)

Council Feedback

Unless otherwise identified, questions were from the Mayor and Council members, and answers were from project team members and Gold Line partners.

- What level of engagement has there been with 3M and what concerns do they have with the Hudson Road trail or bridge crossing of I-94?
- <Don Arambula> 3M representatives have reviewed the presentation and do not want to encourage non-3M pedestrian or auto traffic within or through the 3M campus. The design of the trail should clearly define a separation with the 3M campus, and have as little impact on their property or vehicle access to Hudson Road as possible. 3M did acknowledge the need for the trail along Hudson Road as the primary public access route to and from the station and that from a 3M perspective might be attractive to 3Mers who may bike to work. 3M will consider shuttle service for their employees to and from the station.
- <Don> 3M is concerned with the potential encroachment of the land bridge on 3M property and desire that any impact be clearly identified and as minimal as possible. They acknowledged that the bridge may be attractive for 3Mers to use Battle Creek Park, but they also do not want this to encourage non-3Mer's on to the campus. They had questions about who would pay for the bridge and how would it be maintained.

- From a city perspective the land bridge was identified as a necessary project to provide access to the BRT from south of I-94. The benefit of also providing safe and more direct access to Battle Creek Park from the north was discussed. The city council would like to engage stakeholders and potential partners (3M and Ramsey County) to further the concept.
- <Don> We have had experience in other cities with corporations becoming willing partners in support for and financial assistance with a walk and bike land bridge as it establishes an identify for the station and the corporation and benefits workers.
- City council asked about station access for residents north of 3M and what discussions have been with them to identify routes through campus.
- <Don> 3M does not wish to encourage any non-3M access through campus and would prefer that public access occur along McKnight Road and Century Avenue. The Hudson Road trail was acknowledged as a necessary public route to allow for station access from McKnight and Century.
- City council has directed city staff to include the I-94 land bridge concept in the current Comprehensive Plan update
- City council asked about the Phase 2 Maplewood Station engagement plan and when those meetings would occur.
- <Jason Graf> The BRTOD project is working with 3M representatives to prepare a a 3M employee survey to gather feedback on the Maplewood Station access concepts as well as additional information on transit use habits or desire and frequency of use with respect existing corridor shopping and recreation now and with BRT. The survey will likely occur in May or June.
- <Jason> Phase 2 community meeting is planned for May and is intended to gather feedback on station access concepts. The meeting will be held in the evening at the Carver Elementary School
- <Jason> Ramsey County parks has been engaged to coordinate the 3M survey and Community Meeting response sheet to gather information on what type of facilities are currently used or would be desirable in the future at Battle Creek Park. This information will help guide the upcoming Battle Creek Park master plan effort scheduled to start in late 2018
- Washington County provided an update on the Metro Transit project engineering schedule and process. The engineering team is beginning refinement drawings of the station and guideway design and are informed by the BRTOD plans design concept as well as the needs of 3M. As design drawings are refined the project engineering team will schedule issue resolution team meetings to vet concepts with the cities and key stakeholders in an effort to establish a final preliminary design and extents of the project for the environmental assessment.