



**Southwest LRT Community Works Steering Committee**

Thursday, January 19, 2017

1:30 – 3:00 PM

Council Chambers, St. Louis Park City Hall

**Agenda**

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| <b>I. Welcome and Announcements</b>                           | <b>1:30 – 1:40 PM</b> |
| • 2017 meeting schedule                                       |                       |
| <b>II. Approval of the November 2016 Meeting Minutes</b>      | <b>1:40 – 1:45 PM</b> |
| <b>III. Committee Updates</b>                                 | <b>1:45 – 2:00 PM</b> |
| <i>Technical Implementation Committee (TIC)</i>               |                       |
| <i>Business &amp; Community Advisory Committees (BAC/CAC)</i> |                       |
| <b>IV. Overview of local contributions to SWLRT</b>           | <b>2:00 – 2:20 PM</b> |
| <b>V. Shady Oak joint zoning district overview</b>            | <b>2:20 – 2:40 PM</b> |
| <b>VII. Investment Framework Tracker overview</b>             | <b>2:40 – 3:00 PM</b> |

*The next Southwest Community Works Steering Committee meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 16, 2017** at the St. Louis Park City Hall at 1:30 PM.*



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Steering Committee

2017 Meeting Schedule

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 1:30 PM at the St. Louis Park City Hall, Council Chambers.

*January 19th*

*March 16th*

*May 18th*

*July 20th*

*September 21st*

*November 16th*

**Southwest LRT Community Works Steering Committee  
Roster (January 2017)**

<b>Representing</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
Hennepin County	Jan Callison (Chair)	Member	jan.callison@hennepin.us
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	Cathy Bennett	Alternate	Cathy.bennett@uli.org
Community Advisory Committee	Russ Adams	Ex-officio	russ@metrostability.org
Business Advisory Council	Will Roach	Ex-officio	Will.Roach@bakertilly.com





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## Agenda Item 2: November 2016 Meeting Minutes

**Reviewed By:**

- Chair
- TIC Principals
- TIC
- Hennepin County staff
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Steering Committee Action Requested:**

Approval

**Background/Justification:** Draft meeting minutes from the November 2016 Steering Committee meeting, submitted for approval.

**Previous Action on Request:**

**Recommendation:**

**Attachments:** Minutes

**Comments:**

**Financial Implications?** No

**Are These Funds Budgeted?**







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## Southwest Community Works Steering Committee

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 17, 2016 – 1:30 – 3:00 PM St. Louis Park City Hall

### Meeting Attendees:

#### Steering Committee Members and Alternates

Chair Jan Callison, Hennepin County member	Kathy Nelson, City of Eden Prairie member
Marion Greene, HCRRRA member	Dick Miller, MCWD member
Linea Palmisano, City of Minneapolis member	Anita Tabb, Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board member
Anne Mavity, City of St. Louis Park member	Cathy Bennett, ULI member
Mary Brindle, City of Edina, alternate	Russ Adams, CAC member
Terry Schneider, City of Minnetonka alternate	

Other attendees: Crystal Myslajek (HC), Julie Wischnack (Mtka), Kersten Elverum (Hopkins), Janet Jeremiah (Eden Prairie), Meg McMonigal (SLP), Larry Blackstad (MCWD), Barry Schade (Bryn Mawr neighborhood), Molly Koivumaki, (Eden Prairie), Marissa Bayer (Eden Prairie), Andrea Brennan (Minneapolis), Meg Beekman (Hopkins), John Doan (HC), Allyson Sellwood (HC), Nacho Diaz (Natalio Diaz), Sean Walther (SLP), Patricia Fitzgerald (HC), Tom Hanson (Winthrop & Weinstein), Kevin Locke (SLP), Kathryn Hansen (SPO)

**Welcome and Announcements:** Chair Jan Callison called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM.

**Approval of September 2016 minutes:** Chair Callison asked for approval of the minutes. Dick Miller moved approval and Terry Schneider seconded. Minutes were approved on a voice vote.

**Committee Updates:** Kerri Pearce Ruch provided an update on the Technical Implementation Committee (TIC). The TIC met in October and November and is working on an update to the Investment Framework to identify which projects have been funded or completed and which are still in need of funding support. Russ Adams updated on the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and noted that residents are concerned about the disruption of construction activities. Will Roach was unable to attend but provided an update for the Business Advisory Committee (BAC). The committee has been talking about key risks to the project, including the Kenilworth Tunnel and a general demand on labor and materials. The BAC will be moving to quarterly meetings in 2017.

**2017 Legislative Session Discussion:** Tom Hanson, Winthrop & Weinstein, provided a legislative overview focusing on transportation. Mr. Hanson noted that Republicans control both the House and the Senate, with a very slim minority in the Senate. At this time, key committee chairs are not known but this information should be available by Thanksgiving. Rep. Torkelson, current bonding chair, is a likely choice for transportation. Mr. Hanson noted that state's economic forecast will be released on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, showing a surplus which makes



negotiations easier, but it is likely less than earlier projections. Leadership is saying that they want to work with the Governor and the minority, a change from past sessions. Republican caucus attendees oppose funding for transit so Governor Dayton will have to lead transit funding efforts. We may also see changes to CTIB. Business support is important in talking to new Republican leadership. On a national level, Mr. Hanson noted that President-elect Trump has talked about infrastructure but no details are available yet. However, federal funding levels should be clear by the new fiscal year in October. Members noted that Sen. David Hann (R) lost his seat in part over his lack of support for SWLRT and that SWLRT is fully funded now so the legislative changes may have less impact. It was also noted that SPO is positive regarding the Full Funding Grant Agreement, expecting to receive it by July 2017.

**Rail~volution lessons learned:** Committee members and staff who attended the 2016 Rail~volution conference in October spoke about their experiences. Staff also provided a handout. Russ Adams noted that the connection between transit and housing was a big focus this year, which is new. He suggested that we need to think about how we integrate housing in the balance of choices for TOD. Marion Greene concurred that there was a new focus on housing this year. Meg McMonigal, Kersten Elverum, Julie Wischnack and Kathryn Hansen all reported on sessions they attended as staff. They noted that California is dealing with an affordable housing crisis and while they face greater challenges than Minnesota, we need to keep gentrification and affordability in mind. Key lessons included a discussion of housing with services, co-locating community services with affordable housing, the effects of gentrification, the relationship between transit and health, and the importance of last-mile connections. Emeryville, a small town of primarily industrial properties that has seen huge transformation, is similar to what could be possible at Shady Oak and provided a lot of lessons.

**Finance tools discussion:** Julie Wischnack, City of Minnetonka, provided an update on the finance tools draft legislation. Staff from cities and partners met last week at Minnetonka. They discussed viability of the proposal given the election, and also a request from Minneapolis to include language related to affordable housing in the legislation. There was staff concern about adding specific affordable housing language in this proposal as affordable housing is already allowed in TIF districts. City staff are supportive of moving forward if the timing is good and a sponsor can be found.

Linea Palmisano indicated that Minneapolis was supportive but wanted affordable housing language included as not all cities have inclusionary housing standards. Anne Mavity concurred with including language to advance affordability, noting that St. Louis Park has an inclusionary housing policy and great developer interest. Cathy Bennett noted that this proposal would allow for pooling of TIF funds and uses that might not meet the current "blight test". Kathy Nelson indicated that this proposal gives cities additional tools, which should not generate opposition, and supported language that encouraged affordable housing, rather than prescribed. Russ Adams noted that inclusionary housing linked to a major infrastructure investment could have an amazing impact. Marion Greene asked if it was possible include revised affordable housing language, given the large amount of public dollars going into SWLRT. Dick Miller cautioned that bringing any proposal forward carries risk that TIF could be eliminated or modified unfavorably, so expert advice is needed as to timing. Mr. Adams suggested that the six cities advance the proposal and that framing it as community development or housing may lead to success this year. Ms. Nelson and Ms. Wischnack both suggested holding off until more is known about this legislative session, as future years could be more favorable. Mary Brindle suggested that some of the language could be included in cities' comp plan work. Jan Callison noted that it is important to respect the cities' knowledge of needs and suggested revisiting this in January to allow for more staff work.

**The meeting adjourned at 3:02 pm.**



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## Agenda Item 3: Committee Updates

**Reviewed By:**

- Chair
- TIC Principals
- TIC
- Hennepin County staff
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Steering Committee Action Requested:**

Information

**Background/Justification:**

Staff will provide updates from the Technical Implementation Committee (TIC) meetings and Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings that have occurred since the last Steering Committee meeting. Will Roach, co-chair of the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) will provide the BAC update.

**Previous Action on Request:**

**Recommendation:**

**Attachments:** None

**Comments:**

**Financial Implications?** No

**Are These Funds Budgeted:**







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**Agenda Item 4: Overview of Local Contributions to SWLRT**

**Reviewed By:**

- Chair
- TIC Principals
- TIC
- Hennepin County staff
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Steering Committee Action Requested:**

Information

**Background/Justification:**

Sarah Ghandour from the Southwest Project Office will provide an overview of local funding contributions to the SWLRT project and the project elements that those contributions will support.

**Previous Action on Request:**

**Recommendation:**

**Attachments:** Powerpoint presentation

**Comments:**

**Financial Implications?** No

**Are These Funds Budgeted:**





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Green Line LRT Extension



# Southwest LRT Community Works Steering Committee

January 19, 2017



EDEN PRAIRIE | MINNETONKA | EDINA | HOPKINS | ST. LOUIS PARK | MINNEAPOLIS

# Today's Topics

- Subordinate Funding Agreements (SFA) for Local Funding Commitments
- Subordinate Funding Agreements (SFA) for base projects elements
- SFAs for locally funded work



# Subordinate Funding Agreements for Local Funding Commitments

# SWLRT Local Funding Commitments

- Local funds needed to preserve the project scope as recommended by SWLRT Corridor Management Committee on July 1, 2015 and approved by Met Council on July 8, 2015
- Cities and county committed funds through respective governing board approved resolutions

# Local Funding Commitment SFAs

City/County	Amount	City/County Approval
Eden Prairie	\$2.5 M	January 3, 2017
Minnetonka	\$2 M	January 9, 2017
Hopkins	\$550 K	January 3, 2017
St. Louis Park	\$2 M	January 3, 2017
Hennepin County: Environmental Response Funding	\$5 M	November 15, 2016
Hennepin County: Community Works Funding	\$3 M	November 15, 2016

# Subordinate Funding Agreements for Base Project Elements

# Base Project Elements: Background

- Elements that were requested by Hennepin County or City to be added to base project scope to improve station access
- City or County agrees to pay local share to secure federal match
- Agreement allows transfer of funds to Council to pay contractor for work and materials related to the base scope elements

# Base Project Elements SFAs

City/County	Elements Funded	Amount	City/County Approval
Hopkins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional access (stairs) to Blake Rd trail tunnel</li> </ul>	\$30,000	January 3, 2017
St. Louis Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional access (stairs) to Wooddale Ave trail tunnel</li> <li>• Additional access (stairs) to Beltline Blvd trail bridge</li> <li>• Trail tunnel at Louisiana Station</li> <li>• Lynn Ave extension</li> </ul>	\$2,062,928	January 3, 2017
Hennepin County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blake Rd trail tunnel</li> <li>• Wooddale Ave trail tunnel</li> <li>• Beltline Blvd trail bridge</li> </ul>	\$2,605,000	November 15, 2016

# Subordinate Funding Agreements for Locally Funded Work

# Locally Funded Work (“Local Work”): Background

- Elements outside of project scope and budget
  - 100% local funds from requesting city, county or MnDOT
  - 0% FTA, CTIB, HCRRA, Met Council
- Elements added to the Civil Contract to be built by contractor
  - More efficient and cost effective
  - Less disruptive
  - Easier to coordinate work
- Agreement needed to allow transfer of funds to Council to pay contractor for work and materials related to these elements

# Locally Funded Work SFAs

Agency	Amount	Agency Approval
Eden Prairie	\$4,552,536	January 3, 2017
Minnetonka	\$1,571,478	January 9, 2017
Hopkins	\$772 K*	February 7, 2017**
St. Louis Park	\$1.6 M*	February 7, 2017**
Hennepin County	\$3.95 M*	January 24, 2017**
MnDOT	\$1,210,613*	January 2017**

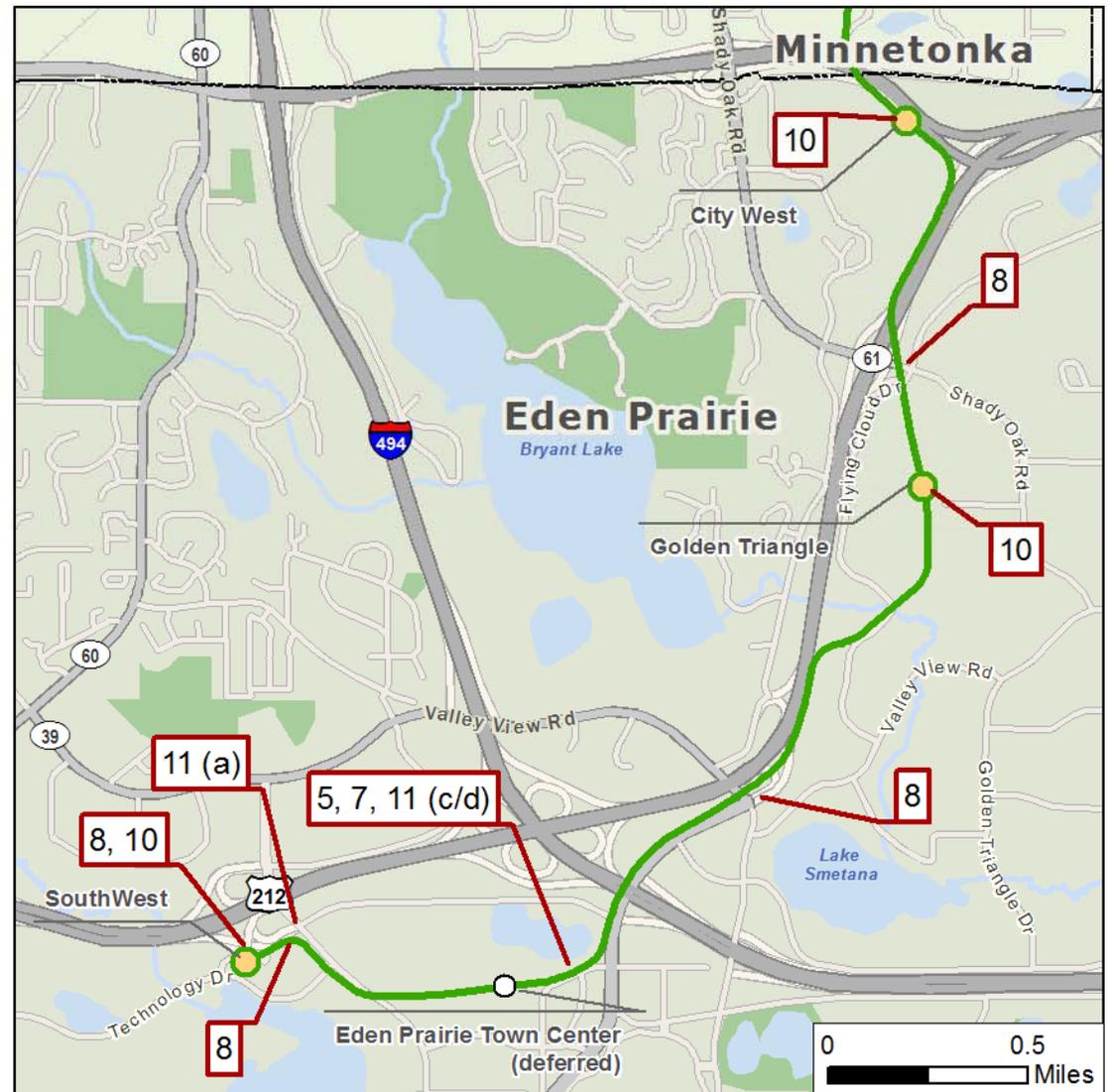
\*Final cost determined upon approval

\*\*Anticipated date of approval

# Eden Prairie: \$4,552,536

## EDEN PRAIRIE REQUESTED ITEMS

- 4 Tapered tubular catenary poles (various locations – not shown)
- 5 Decorative street lighting on Eden Rd
- 6 Fencing/railing upgrades (various locations – not shown)
- 7 Planter boxes/landscaping on Eden Rd
- 8 Bridge aesthetic upgrades
- 10 Public plaza amenities
- 11 (a) Technology Dr reconstruction
- 11 (b) Sanitary sewer and water main casings (various locations – not shown)
- 11 (c) Realign sanitary sewer
- 11 (d) Upsize storm sewer pipes



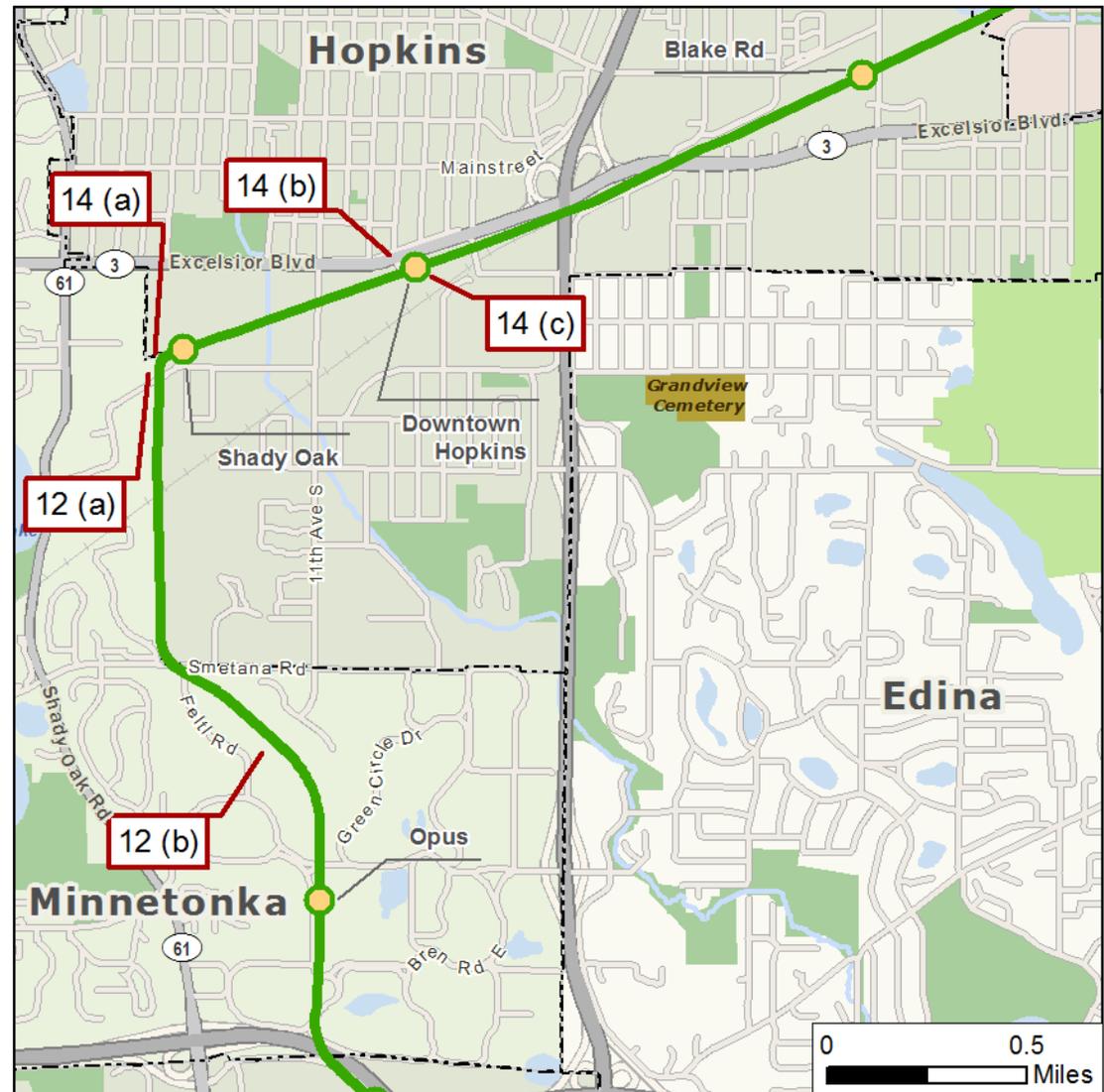
# Minnetonka: \$1,571,478 and Hopkins: \$772 K\*

## MINNETONKA REQUESTED ITEMS

- 12 (a) 17<sup>TH</sup> Avenue extension: roadway
- 12 (b) Aesthetic treatments on retaining walls; Upgraded railings/fencing (various locations)
- 12 (c) Storm sewer casings (various locations – not shown)

## HOPKINS REQUESTED ITEMS

- 14 (a) 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue extension: Water main and sewer
- 14 (b) 8<sup>th</sup> Ave & Excelsior Blvd: Traffic signal enhancements
- 14 (c) Downtown Hopkins Station Plaza Enhancements

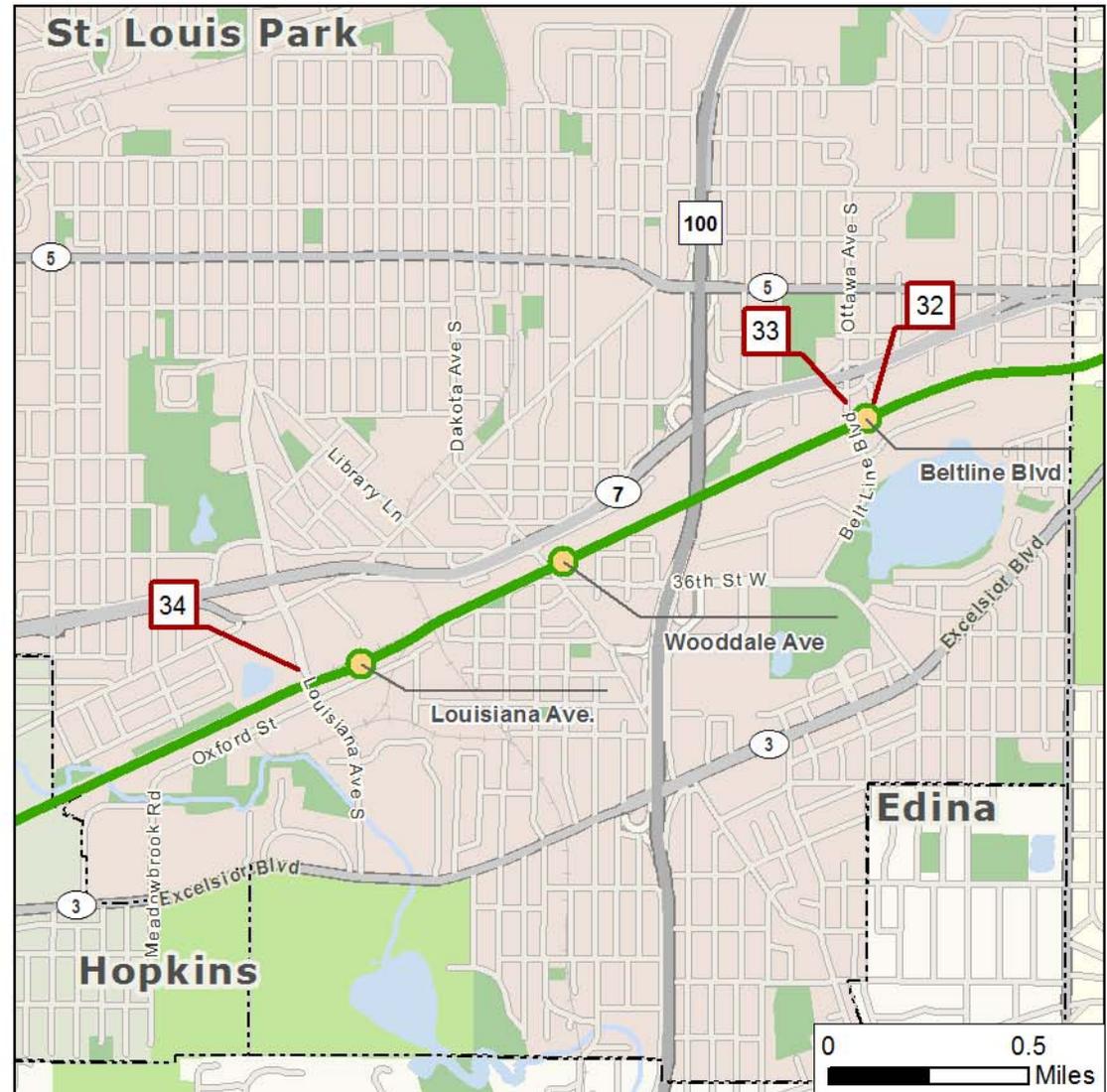


\*Final cost determined upon approval

# St. Louis Park: \$1.6 M\*

## ST. LOUIS PARK REQUESTED ITEMS

- 32 Beltline Blvd/CSAH 25 improvements
- 34 (a) Beltline Trail Bridge: upgraded railings and lighting
- 34 (b) Louisiana Trail and LRT Bridges: upgraded railings

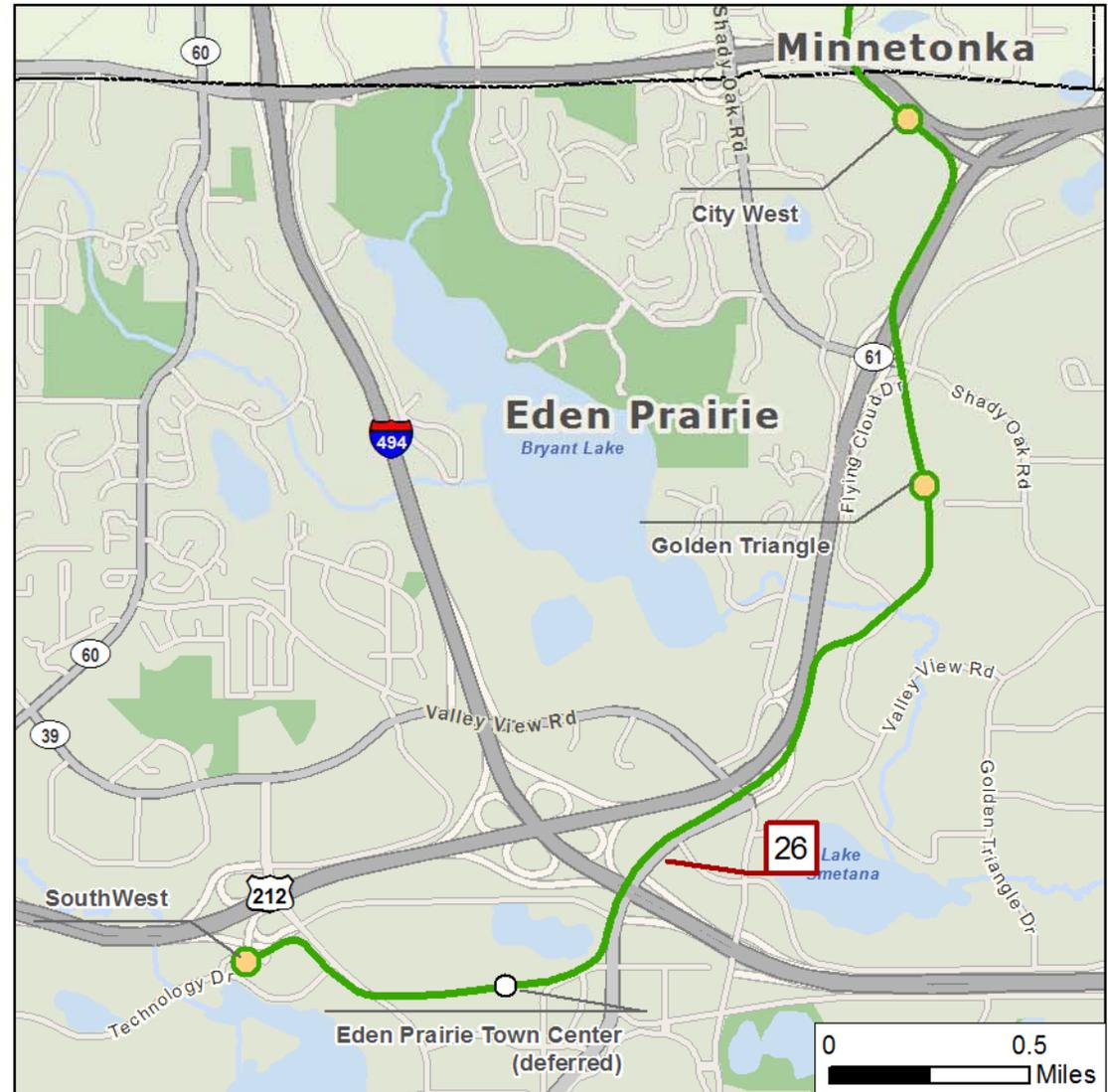


\*Final cost determined upon approval

# Hennepin County: \$3.95 M\*

## HENNEPIN COUNTY REQUESTED ITEMS

- 26 Trail between LRT & Flying Cloud Drive
- 27 Fiber optic conduit (entire LRT alignment – not shown)

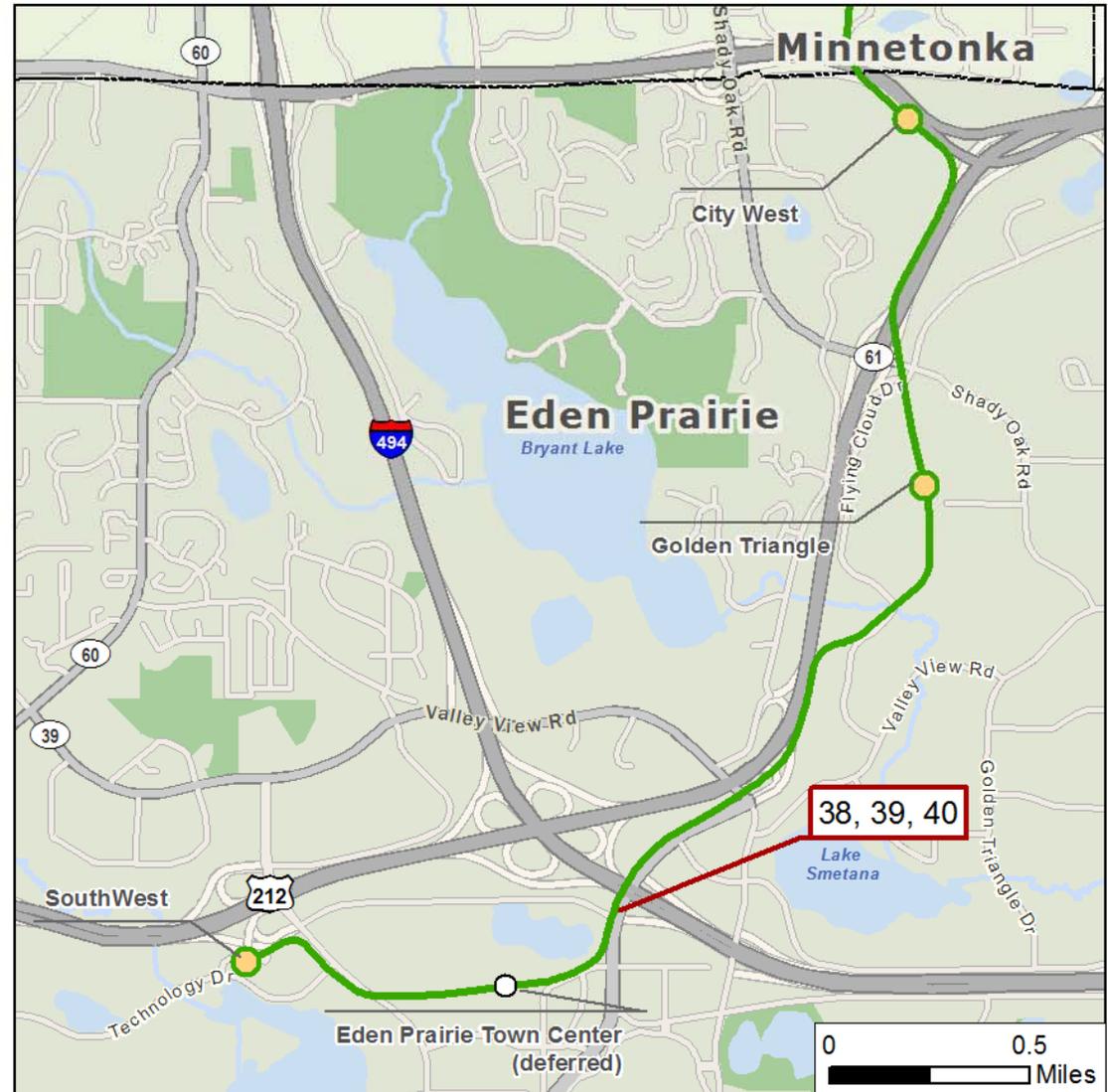


\*Final cost determined upon approval

# MnDOT: \$1,210,613\*

## MnDOT REQUESTED ITEMS

- 38 Flying Cloud Dr: trail reconstruction
- 39 Flying Cloud Dr: traffic signal reconstruction
- 40 Flying Cloud Dr: bridge work



\*Final cost determined upon approval

# More Information

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## Agenda Item 5: Shady Oak Joint Zoning District Overview

**Reviewed By:**

- Chair
- TIC Principals
- TIC
- Hennepin County staff
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Steering Committee Action Requested:**

Information

**Background/Justification:** Julie Wischnack, City of Minnetonka, will provide the Committee with an overview of the work that Hopkins and Minnetonka are doing together on zoning for the Shady Oak Station area.

**Previous Action on Request:**

**Recommendation:**

**Attachments:** None.

**Comments:**

**Financial Implications?** No

**Are These Funds Budgeted:**







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## Agenda Item 6: Southwest Corridor Investment Framework Tracker

**Reviewed By:**

- Chair
- TIC Principals
- TIC
- Hennepin County staff
- Other

**Steering Committee Action Requested:**

Information/discussion

**Background/Justification:** Kerri Pearce Ruch, Hennepin County, will provide an overview of the work that the Technical Implementation Committee (TIC) has begun to create an Investment Framework Tracker. The Tracker will build on the work done through the Transitional Station Area Action Plans (TSAAPs) in the Investment Framework. It will catalogue which recommended infrastructure items are completed, funded or no longer needed as well as highlight items that are still priorities but in need of funding sources to be implemented before opening day 2021.

**Previous Action on Request:**

**Recommendation:**

**Attachments:** None

**Comments:**

**Financial Implications?** No

**Are These Funds Budgeted:**







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# Southwest Investment Framework Tracker



St. Louis Park  
MINNESOTA

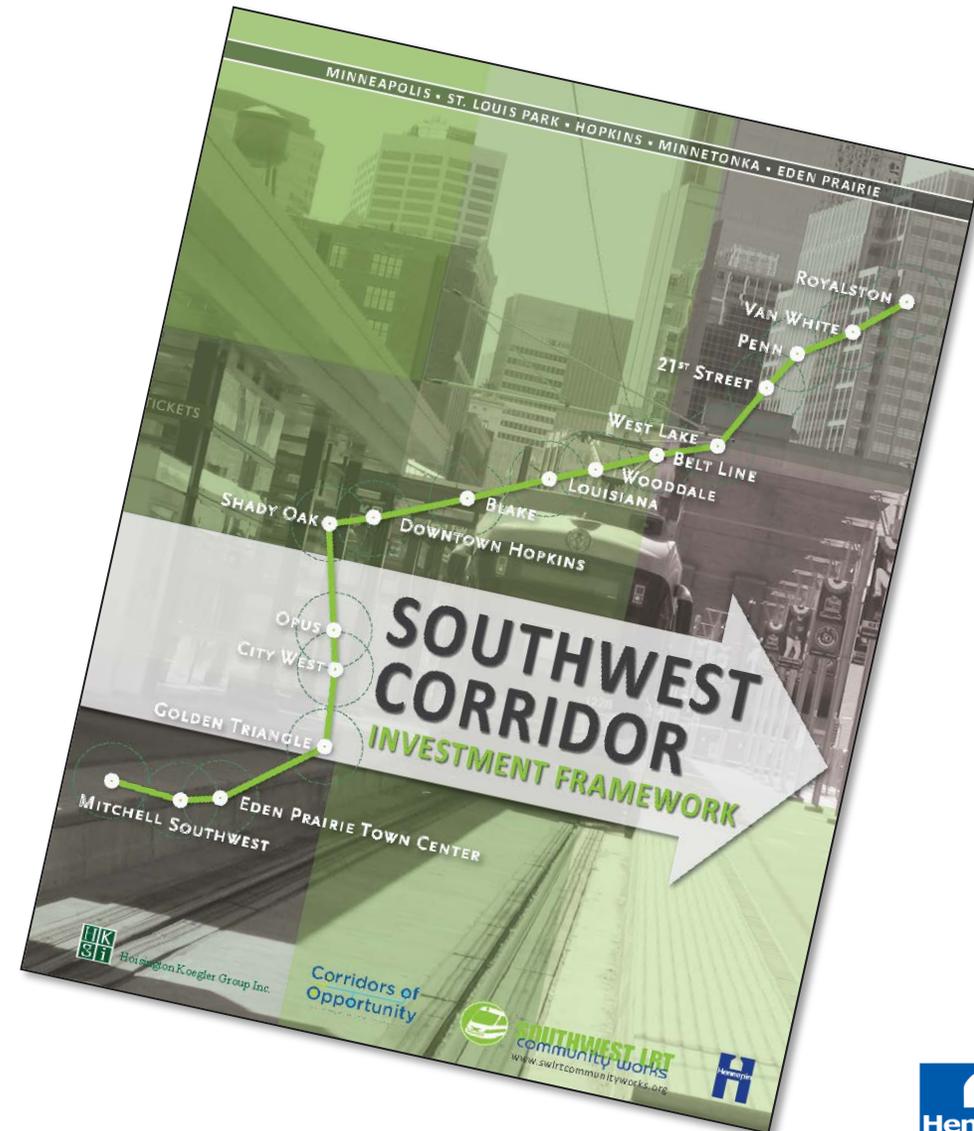


MINNEHAHA CREEK  
WATERSHED DISTRICT



# Investment Framework

Creating a framework for **public investment** to attract, shape, accelerate and maximize **private investment** at the Southwest LRT stations.



# Investment Framework

**Developed** through a 14-month collaborative process with Southwest Corridor cities, the Southwest Project Office and supported by consultant expertise.

**Funded** through HUD-EPA-DOT Sustainable Communities Grant & Hennepin County Community Works.

**Completed** in 2013.



# Transitional Station Area Action Plans

Intended to promote opening day readiness by bridging the gap between current conditions and future needs by addressing:

- ❖ Station platform locations
- ❖ Park and ride sites
- ❖ Future development potential
- ❖ Access and circulation planning
- ❖ Infrastructure planning
- ❖ Stormwater management options



*Transitional Station Area Action Plan recommendations for opening day in the Eden Prairie Town Center station area.*

***Created short-term plans that achieve long-term visions***

# Transitional Station Area Action Plans

## Beltline Station Area TSAAP

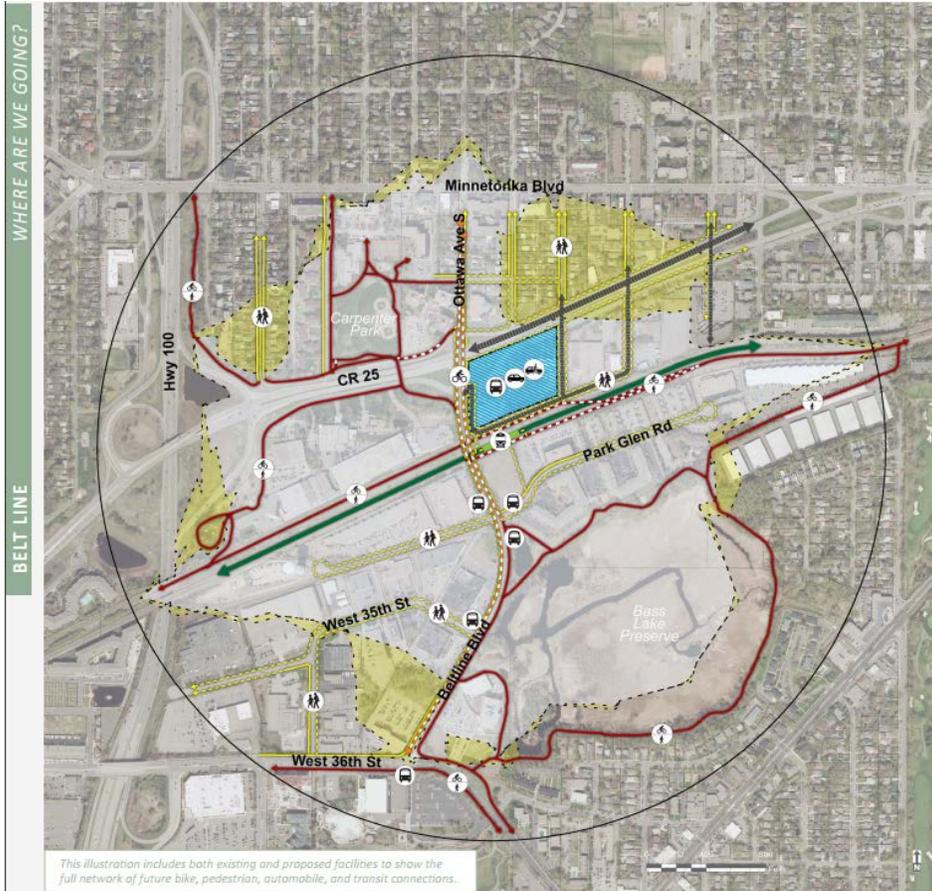


TABLE 7-3. SOUTHWEST CORRIDOR INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK (TSAAP) - OPENING DAY STATION AREA IMPROVEMENTS

PLAN KEY	IMPROVEMENT	PROJECT LOCATION	PROJECT NOTES	PRIORITY
1	Roadways	Backage roadway Monterey Ave to Lynn Ave	Construction of backage road along north side of LRT line from Monterey Ave to Lynn Ave and extension of Lynn Ave to backage road	Secondary
2	Roadways	Belt Line Blvd, West 36th Street to CSAH 25	Includes roadway, sidewalk, multi-use trail, streetscape plantings, furnishings, lighting, bike facilities and signage	Primary
3	Streetscape	Park Glen Rd.	Includes sidewalks, streetscape plantings, furnishings, lighting, bike facilities and signage	Secondary
4	Sidewalk/Trail	Along new roadways	Include sidewalks along new roadway segments	Primary
5	Sidewalk/Trail	CSAH 25, Belt Line Blvd to Lynn Ave	Sidewalks along the south side of CSAH 25	Secondary
6	Sidewalk/Trail	Roads north of CSAH 25 (Ottawa, Monterey and Lynn)	New sidewalks to complete gaps in the sidewalk system	Secondary
7	Intersection Enhancement	CSAH 25 and Belt Line Blvd	Enhanced crosswalks and traffic signals	Secondary
8	Intersection Enhancement	Belt Line Blvd and Park Glen Rd.	Enhanced crosswalks and new traffic signals	Primary
9	Bike Facilities	Near station platform	Bike parking, lockers, pump station and bike share facilities (beyond SPO improvements)	Primary
10	Wayfinding	Station Area	Signage and wayfinding (beyond SPO improvements)	Primary
11	Public Plaza	Along south side of LRT	Plaza includes plaza, parking, seating, plantings, lighting, signage, and public art (beyond SPO improvements)	Primary
12	Public Art	Station Area	Incorporate public art (beyond SPO improvements)	Secondary
13	Sanitary Sewer	Along CSAH 25	Relocate existing 9" and 10" sanitary sewer and MCES interceptor pipe	Primary
14	Water	Along CSAH 25	Relocate existing 12" water main	Primary
15	Water	Belt Line Blvd.	Consider upsizing water main	Primary
16	Bike Facilities	Ottawa St. north of CSAH 25 to Minnetonka Blvd.	Bike Lanes	Secondary

# Investment Framework Tracker

## Why do a check-in now?

- The Investment Framework was designed to be a living document.
- LRT project is moving into construction in 2017.
- Opening Day 2021 is coming up fast.



Blake Station Area Opening Day Improvements Map

# Investment Framework Tracker

## Projects completed or programmed:

- ✓ Sidewalks/trails
  - Connect the Park!
- ✓ Encasement of water mains
- ✓ Trail grade separations at Beltline, Wooddale and Blake
- ✓ Bike facilities
  - EP stations
- ✓ Public plazas
  - Community Works funding
- ✓ Intersection improvements
  - Glenwood Ave
- ✓ Wayfinding/Public Art
  - ARTery Project
- ✓ Street reconstruction
  - Blake Road reconstruction
  - Opus area street reconstruction
  - 70<sup>th</sup> Street extension

# Investment Framework Tracker

## Funding Sources:

- City CIPs
- County CIP
- Federal/local grants
- Partner funding
- Private development
- Added to base LRT project
  - Memorandum of Understanding (Mpls/Met Council)



# Investment Framework Tracker

Examples of unfunded projects:

- Streetscape
- Sidewalk/trails
- Wayfinding (beyond LRT project scope)
- Bike facilities
- Lighting (beyond LRT project scope)
- Street reconstruction/intersection improvements (Complete streets)
- Public Art
- Additional utility upgrades



# Investment Framework Tracker

## How this tracker can be used:

- Workplans
- Funding applications
- CIPs
- Tell the story of Southwest Community Works
- Develop additional metrics to track investments



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# Investment Framework Tracker

## Next steps:

- Complete infrastructure updates, working with staff and SPO.
- Package the information in an understandable fashion.
- Disseminate to public and private partners to assist in identification of needed resources.