

T Transportation Committee
Meeting date: April 26, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	April 15, 2010
Subject:	35W and 46 th Street Station Service Restructuring Concept Plan Public Review
District(s), Member(s):	Dist 5 - Polly Bowles, Dist 7 - Annette Meeks, Dist 8 - Lynette Wittsack
Policy/Legal Reference:	1-3a <u>Transportation Service Changes and Restructuring Procedure</u> ; 1-3b <u>Public Involvement in the Transportation Planning Process Procedure</u> ; 2 <u>Customer Relations and Outreach Policy</u>
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Brian Lamb, General Manager (612-349-7510) John Levin, Director Service Development (612-349-7789) Adam Harrington, Asst. Director, Route & System Planning (612-349-7797) John Dillery, Senior Transit Planner (612-349-7773)
Division/Department:	Metro Transit, Service Development

Proposed Action

Approve I-35W and 46th Street Station Service Restructuring Concept Plan for public review.

Background

In late 2010, Metro Transit in partnership with Mn/DOT will be opening the first “on-line” bus station on the I-35W corridor at 46th Street in South Minneapolis as part of the “Crosstown Reconstruction Project”. The proposed Service Restructuring Concept Plan modifies existing bus routes to better serve the new station.

The I-35W station at 46th Street is one of eight stations planned for the I-35W Bus Rapid Transit project. These stations will support all-day service on the freeway in both directions linking neighborhoods initially with downtown Minneapolis, University of Minnesota and south suburban reverse-commute destinations and eventually providing direct access to major destinations east and west of the freeway.

The two-level median station at 46th Street will be served by local routes on the bridge over I-35W while several freeway routes will serve the on-line station by leaving the MnPASS express lane briefly to pick up customers at the station’s platform between the northbound and southbound lanes.

While the full BRT service will not start until 2012, the service in the area of the station will be restructured in late 2010 to make best use of the facility before the start of BRT service. The proposed service restructuring concept plan does change bus service for some customers riding from Edina, Richfield, and South Minneapolis. The biggest impacts will be felt by customers now using routes 135, 146, 152 and 576 as these routes are combined and connecting service is arranged at the new station

Those who travel to the new station on local routes will have improved access to suburban destinations throughout the south suburbs, including, for example, the Best Buy headquarters, Southtown, and Normandale Community College.

Rationale

These route changes impact greater than 25 percent of a route or group of routes which is defined by Metropolitan Council policy as a "major service change" and requires a public hearing.

The following activities ensure compliance with Council policies.

I-35W and 46th Street Station Service Restructuring Plan Public Outreach and Approval Schedule

April 28	Met Council approves public hearings (Council policy minimum 45 days before hearings)
June 02	Richfield Public Community meeting
June 15	South Minneapolis Public Community meeting
June 19	Publish public hearing agenda and informational materials (minimum 10 days prior to public hearing – state requirement)
June 12	Earliest Public Hearing (45 days after Council approval)
June 29	Public Hearing, 12 noon at Minneapolis Central Library - 300 Nicollet
July 09	5:00 pm Public comment period closes (10 days after hearings end – state requirement)
July-August	Staff modify plan based on public input
August 23	Met Council approves final plan
December 04	Service Implementation

Attached is a detailed list of dates and locations of Metro Transit meetings and Public Hearing as well as other neighborhood meetings staff will be participating in as part of this process.

Funding

The proposed Concept Plan would be operated within existing Metro Transit resources.

Known Support / Opposition

None know at this time, but anticipate public input thru June 2010.



Wednesday, June 2nd, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Woodlake Nature Center

Public Informational Meeting

6710 Lake Shore Drive

Richfield, MN 55423

Woodlake Nature Center is served by Metro Transit routes 515 and 4.

Wednesday, June 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Kingfield Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting - Agenda Item

Martin Luther King Recreation Center

4055 Nicollet Ave. S

Minneapolis, MN 55409

MLK Recreation Center is served by Metro Transit routes 18 and 11.

Sunday, June 13th

Informational Table with Crosstown Commons

Kingfield Farmer's Market

Staff available 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon

43rd and Nicollet

Minneapolis, MN 55409

Tuesday, June 15th, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Public Informational Meeting

Fuller Park

4800 Grand Ave. S

Minneapolis, MN 55419

Fuller Park is served by Metro Transit route 18G and a short walking distance from routes 4 and 46.

Wednesday, June 16th at 6:00 p.m.

Field Regina Northrup Neighborhood Group

Board Meeting - Agenda Item

Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church

1620 East 46th Street

Minneapolis, MN 55407

Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church is served by Metro Transit routes 14 and 46.

Monday, June 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Tangletown Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting - Agenda Item

Fuller Park

4800 Grand Ave. S

Minneapolis, MN 55419

Fuller Park is served by Metro Transit route 18G and a short walking distance from routes 4 and 46.

Tuesday, June 29th, 12:00 – 1 p.m.

Public Hearing

Minneapolis Central Library, Doty Board Room

300 Nicollet Mall

Minneapolis, MN 55401

Minneapolis Central Library is served by many transit routes. Contact 612-373-3333 or metrotransit.org for the route nearest you.

Saturday, September 11

Informational Table with Crosstown Commons

Staff available 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon

CUB Foods

60th and Nicollet

Richfield, MN 55419

Saturday, October 9

Informational Table with Crosstown Commons

Staff available 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon

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