



Metro Transit Overview



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Introduction:

- Schedule
- Design-Build Contract
- Development Opportunities
- Environmental Assessment
- TIGER III Grant
- Funding Picture

PRESENTATION OVERVIEW





Key Milestone Dates:

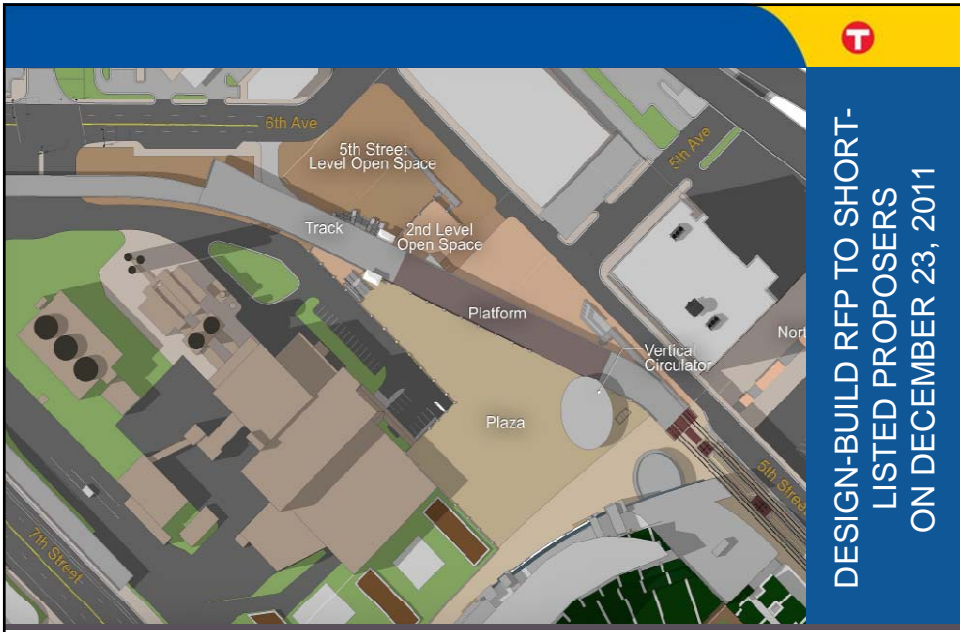
- Feb 3, 2012: Development Proposals Due
- Feb 24: Design-Build Proposals Due
- March 15: Publish Environmental Assessment
- Early April: Hennepin County Board Action
- Early April: Begin Tail Track Demolition
- June 1: Begin Design and Construction
- April 1, 2014: Complete Construction - CCLRT

SCHEDULE

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6th Ave

5th Street Level Open Space

Track

2nd Level Open Space

Platform

Plaza

Vertical Circulator

North

5th Ave

5th Street

7th Street

DESIGN-BUILD RFP TO SHORT-LISTED PROPOSERS ON DECEMBER 23, 2011

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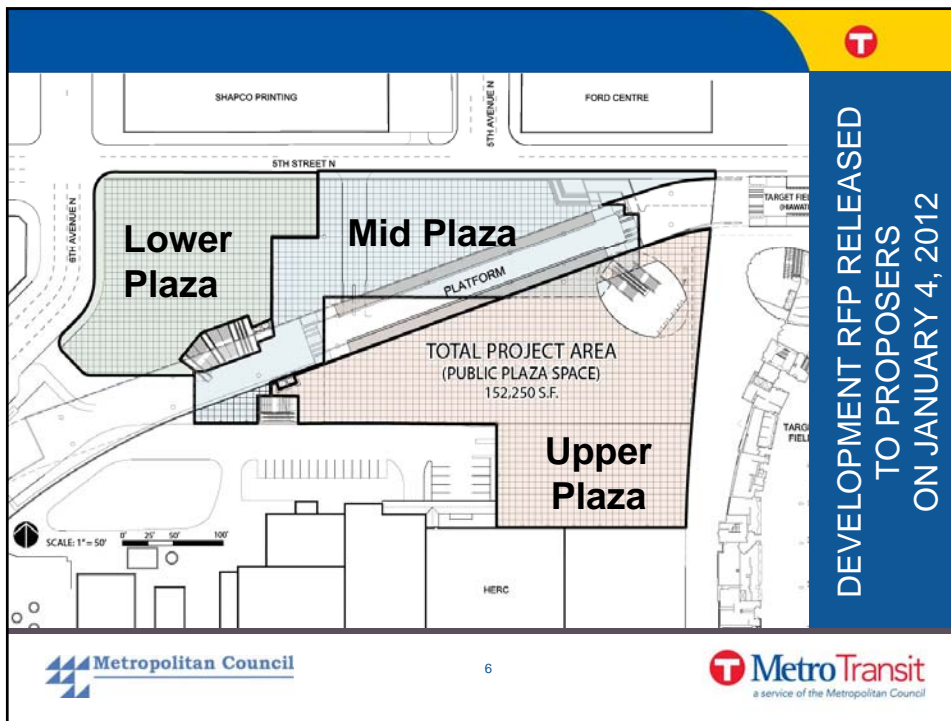
Four Short-Listed Teams:

- M. A. Mortenson
- Adolfsen and Peterson
- Graham Construction
- Knutson Construction

Schedule:

Jan 17:	Pre-Proposal Meeting
Feb 24:	Responses Due
Mar 8-19:	Technical Evaluations
Mar 20-30:	Cost Evaluations
Early April:	Recommendation to HC Board for Contract Award

DESIGN-BUILD RFP TO SHORT-LISTED PROPOSERS ON DECEMBER 23, 2011



DEVELOPMENT RFP RELEASED TO PROPOSERS ON JANUARY 4, 2012

Three Proposal Opportunities:

- 1) Upper Plaza Sponsorship / Naming Rights
- 2) Long-term Parking Lease / Operations
- 3) 5th Street N / Lower Plaza Development

Schedule:

Feb 3:	Proposals Due
Feb 4 – 24:	Evaluation of Proposals
Early March:	Recommendation to HC Board of Viable Proposals
Early April:	Hennepin County Board Action

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Environmental Assessment Milestones:

- Environmental Assessment (EA) published Jan 17th
- Public Hearing scheduled Feb 1st at Metro Transit
- Close of Public Comment Period on Feb 16th
- Publication of Final EA – March 15, 2012

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT



TIGER III

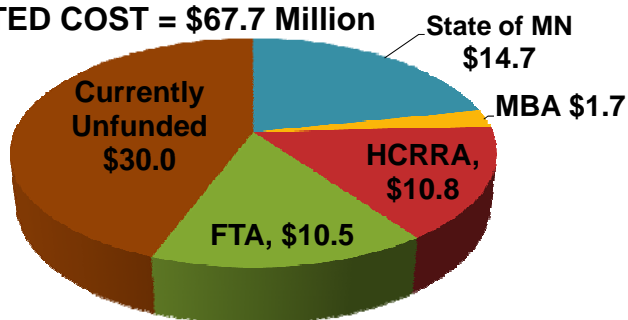
- \$10 million (of \$25 million requested) awarded
- Grant Agreement will require Council authorization
 - USDOT
 - FTA
 - Hennepin County
 - Metropolitan Council
- Subrecipient Grant Agreement (SGA) will require Council authorization
 - Hennepin County
 - Metropolitan Council

Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery

TIGER III GRANT AWARD



ESTIMATED COST = \$67.7 Million



Funding Possibilities

- Private Development Opportunities
- Hennepin County
- Metropolitan Council
- Federal Competitive Funds
- Other

CURRENT FUNDING





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Programmatic Agreement

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Background

- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires review of potential effects of projects on historic and cultural resources
- FTA determined that Interchange project will have adverse effects on properties included, or eligible for inclusion, in National Register of Historic Places



Programmatic Agreement

- Commits Hennepin County and Metropolitan Council to actions that will avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate adverse effects to historic properties
- Must be executed prior to completion of the NEPA process and project construction



Recommendation

Authorize Regional Administrator to:

- Sign the Minneapolis Interchange Project Programmatic Agreement pursuant to federal regulations
- Execute a Cooperative Agreement with Hennepin County and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority identifying County as entity with responsibility for implementing Programmatic Agreement



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