Transportation Committee

Meeting date: April 26, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: April 15, 2010

Subject: 35W and 46th 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</u>

<u>Restructuring Procedure</u>; 1-3b <u>Public Involvement in</u>

the Transportation Planning Process Procedure; 2

<u>Customer Relations and Outreach Policy</u>

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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

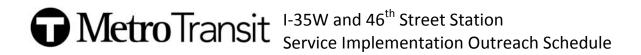
Attached is a detailed list of dates and locations of Metro Transit meetings and Public Hearing as well as other neighborhood meetings staff will be participating in as part of this process.

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 CUB Foods 60^{th} and Nicollet Richfield, MN 55419

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