

## CITY OF CRYSTAL

### METRO BLUE LINE EXTENSION (BOTTINEAU LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT) MUNICIPAL CONSENT PLANS

#### OPEN HOUSE

5:30 - 7 P.M. ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2016  
CRYSTAL CITY HALL, 4141 DOUGLAS DR N

#### SECOND OPEN HOUSE

5:30 - 7 P.M. ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016  
CRYSTAL CITY HALL, 4141 DOUGLAS DR N

#### PUBLIC HEARING

7 P.M. ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016  
CRYSTAL CITY HALL, 4141 DOUGLAS DR N

The Metropolitan Council is proposing an extension of the existing METRO Blue Line from Target Field Station in Minneapolis, to the west, then north through the cities of Golden Valley, Robbinsdale, Crystal and Brooklyn Park.

In Crystal, the line would be built within the BNSF freight rail corridor with a station and park and ride lot near the southwest corner of Bass Lake Road and Bottineau Boulevard. The line would provide direct service from Crystal to downtown Minneapolis, MSP International Airport and the Mall of America. It would also provide connecting service to the Green Line LRT which serves the University of Minnesota and St. Paul with an extension from Minneapolis to the southwest suburbs currently in development. Construction on the METRO Blue Line Extension is expected to start in 2018, with the line opening in 2021.

At this time, the Metropolitan Council has prepared preliminary design plans and is seeking Municipal Consent from each of the cities along the line.

#### **What is “Municipal Consent”?**

When a state agency like the Metropolitan Council proposes a regional project through a city, state law typically requires the agency to seek the city’s approval of the preliminary design plans for the project. For this project, the law is Minnesota Statutes 473.3994. **Before the Crystal City Council considers a resolution to approve or disapprove the preliminary design plans for the Crystal segment, it must hold a public hearing on the plans.**

#### **To learn more about the plans for the Crystal segment:**

- View general information about the project on the city’s website at [www.crystalmn.gov](http://www.crystalmn.gov); (click on the METRO Blue Line link under “What’s Happening”)
- View the guide to the Municipal Consent process at <http://tinyurl.com/o7qnhoc>;
- View the preliminary design plans in pdf format at <http://tinyurl.com/nngheeq>;
- View the preliminary design plans in person during normal business hours at:
  - Rockford Road Library, 6401 42nd Avenue North
  - Crystal Community Center, 4800 Douglas Drive North
  - Crystal City Hall, 4141 Douglas Drive North

- View the state law requiring municipal consent for light rail transit projects at <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=473.3994>.

**To see the plans for the Crystal segment and ask questions of Blue Line project staff:**  
**Please attend an open house on Thursday, Jan. 14 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. at Crystal City Hall,** 4141 Douglas Dr N. This is an opportunity to look at the plans for the Crystal segment and ask questions of Blue Line project staff in an informal setting.

**There will also be a second open house on Tuesday, Feb. 16 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. at Crystal City Hall,** 4141 Douglas Dr N. This is another opportunity to look at the plans for the Crystal segment and ask questions of Blue Line project staff in an informal setting.

**To speak directly to the Crystal City Council:**  
**Please attend the public hearing on Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. at Crystal City Hall,** 4141 Douglas Dr N.

**To submit written comments for the Feb. 16 public hearing:**  
Please send written comments prior to the hearing to John Sutter, City of Crystal, 4141 Douglas Dr N, Crystal MN 55422 or [john.sutter@crystalmn.gov](mailto:john.sutter@crystalmn.gov).

**To contact city staff:**  
Please contact Community Development Director John Sutter at 763.531.1130 or [john.sutter@crystalmn.gov](mailto:john.sutter@crystalmn.gov).

LEGAL NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 473.3994, the Crystal City Council will hold a public hearing on the preliminary design plans for the proposed Metro Blue Line Extension on February 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Crystal City Hall, 4141 Douglas Drive North in said City. Persons desiring to be heard are invited and encouraged to attend the public hearing. Persons unable to attend may submit written comments prior to the date of the hearing to: John Sutter, City of Crystal, 4141 Douglas Dr N, Crystal MN 55422. Auxiliary aids for handicap persons are available upon request at least 96 hours in advance. Please call the City Clerk at 763-531-1145 to make arrangements. Deaf and Hard of Hearing callers should contact the Minnesota Relay Service at 800-627-3529 V/TTY or call 711 to be connected to a TTY.

# METRO Blue Line Extension

(Bottineau LRT)

December 2015

Operation and Maintenance Facility (OMF)

Oak Grove Parkway

93rd Avenue

85th Avenue

Brooklyn Blvd.

63rd Avenue

Bass Lake Road

Robbinsdale

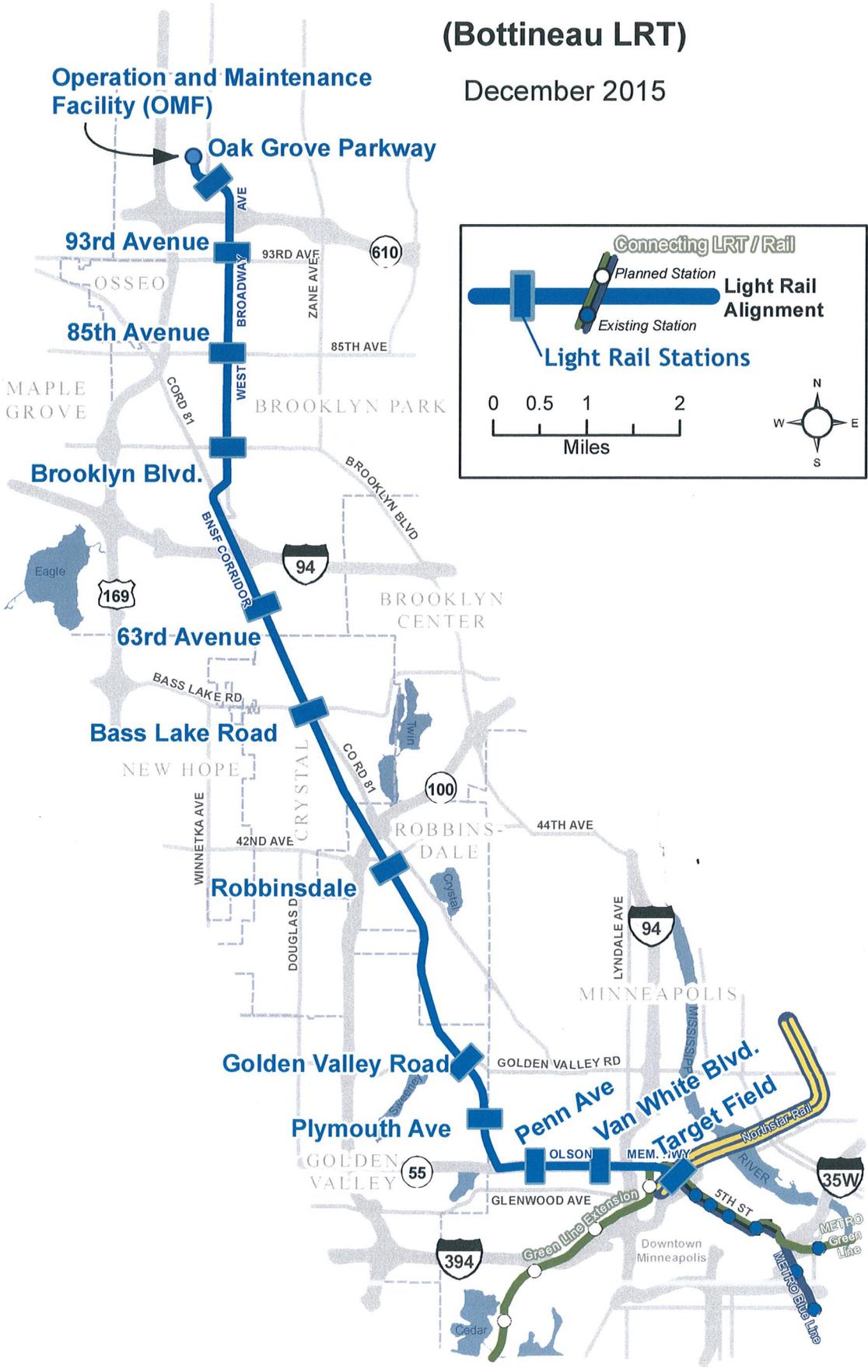
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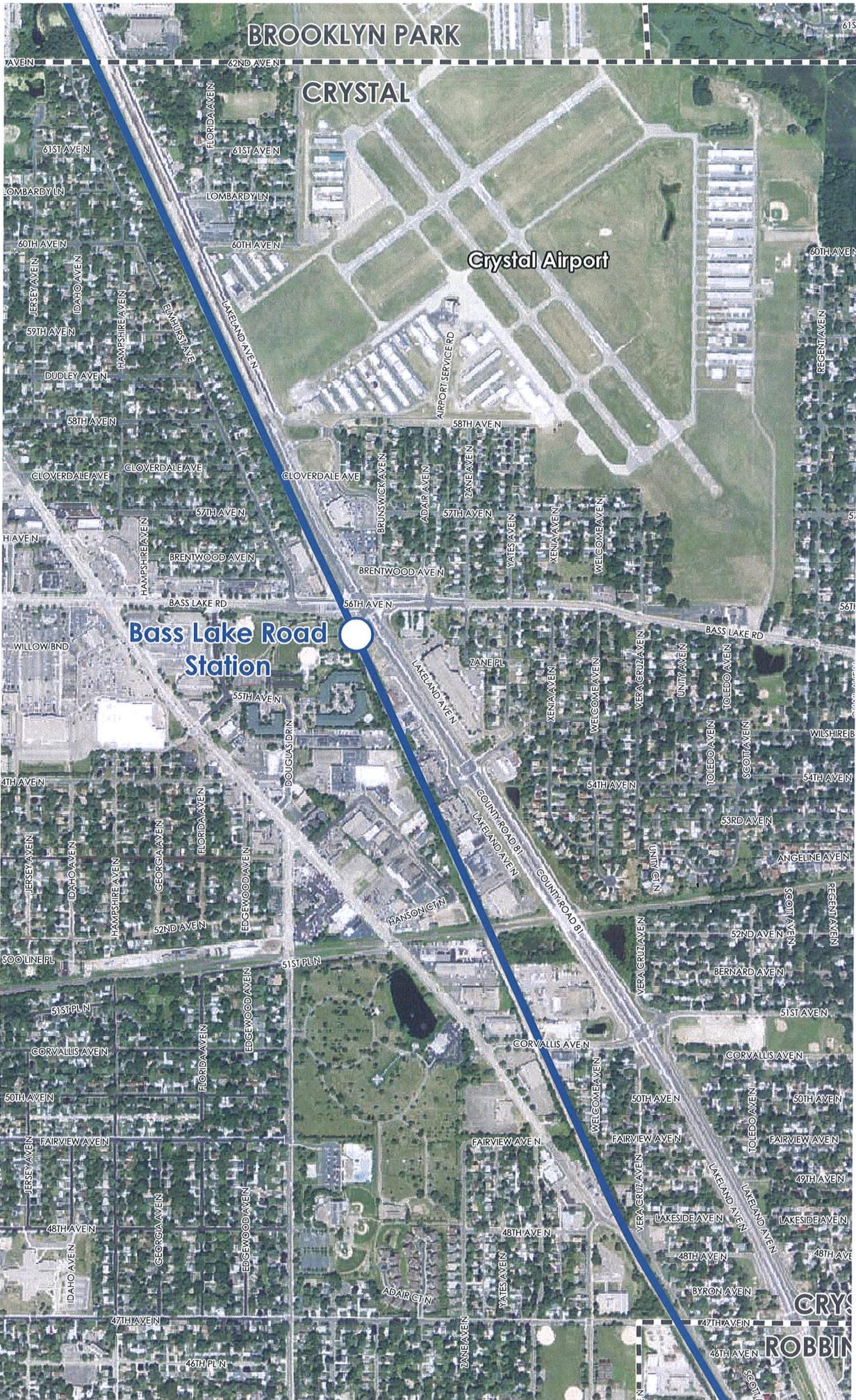
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Penn Ave

Van White Blvd.

Target Field





BROOKLYN PARK

CRYSTAL

Crystal Airport

Bass Lake Road Station

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