West Broadway Transit Study

Purpose

The purpose of the West Broadway Transit Study is to conduct a collaborative planning process that will identify existing transit challenges and evaluate potential transit improvements in the North Loop and along West Broadway avenue in north Minneapolis. This will include evaluation of potential connections to the planned METRO Blue Line Extension (Bottineau LRT) at possible stations in Golden Valley or in Robbinsdale. The study will also evaluate the corridor's potential for transit-oriented development (TOD).

Modes/Alignments

Streetcar and arterial bus rapid transit (BRT) are the two modes that will be evaluated in the study. The study's main focus is the alignment along West Broadway Avenue from Penn Avenue to downtown Minneapolis via West Broadway and Washington Avenue North or North Second Street. The study will also evaluate connections to future METRO Blue Line Extension stations to the west.

Expected outcome

The intended outcome of the study is a recommendation of a locally preferred alternative (LPA) for transit service improvements in the corridor. Informed by extensive community engagement, corridor policymakers will select a recommended LPA that best meets the transportation needs of the local community in terms of technical feasibility, costs and benefits, and transit effects on encouraging development.

What is the schedule for the study and when will the locally preferred alternative (LPA) be decided?

The West Broadway Transit Study will move through four stages:

- Identifying transportation problems and developing study goals
- Defining alternatives at a conceptual level
- Evaluating alternatives
- Delivering a final transit study report along with a recommended locally preferred alternative (LPA) for transit service improvements in the corridor.

2015 KEY MILESTONES

APR
- Public input on how to improve transit on West Broadway

SEPT
- Share results of study findings with public

DEC
- Public input on transit preferred alternative
- Policy Advisory Committee recommendations

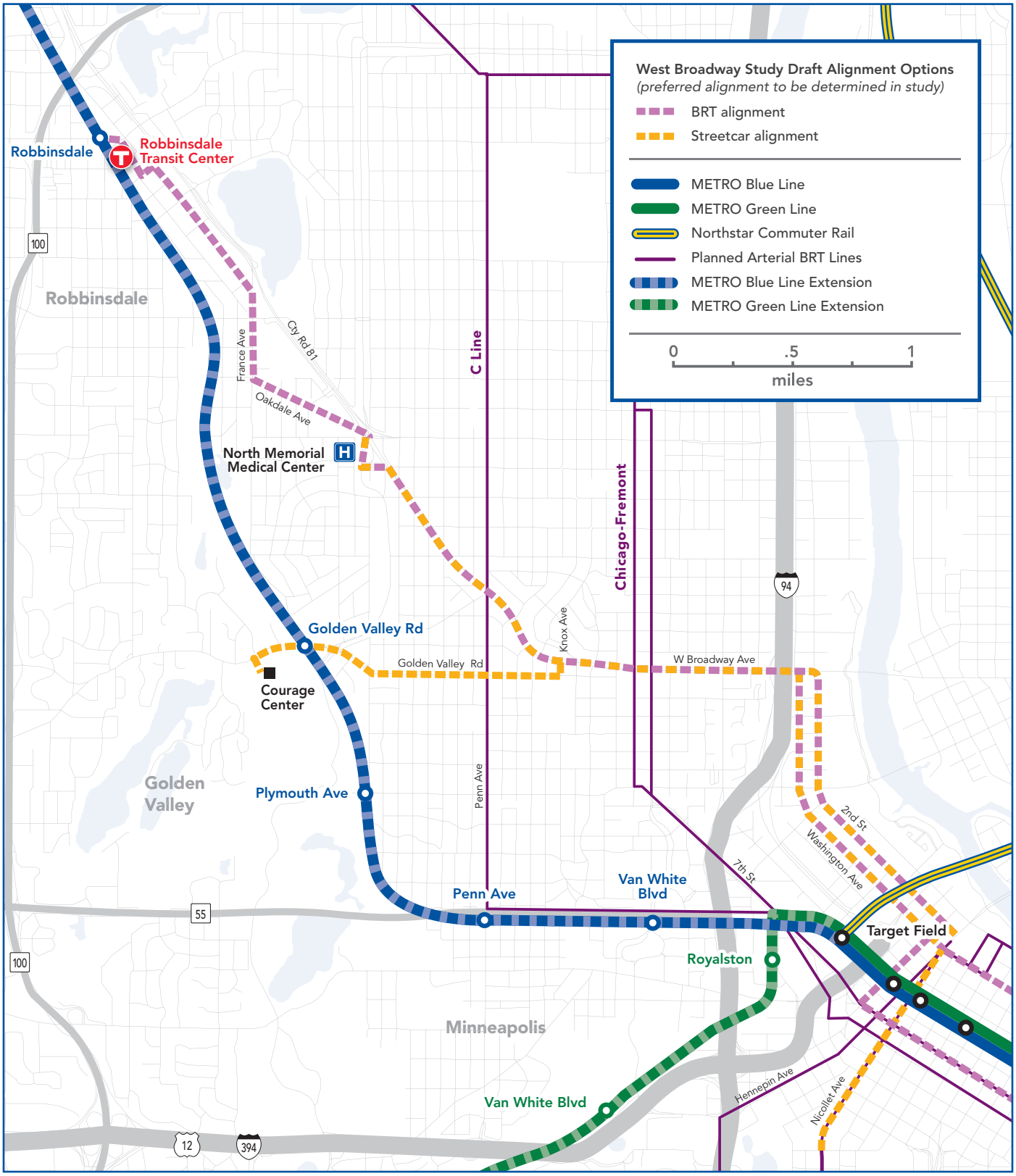


Innovative community engagement will focus on sharing transit information in existing community gatherings such as the West Broadway Farmers Market.



The study will analyze existing and planned transit facilities such as the Robbinsdale Transit Center (pictured).

West Broadway Study Area



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