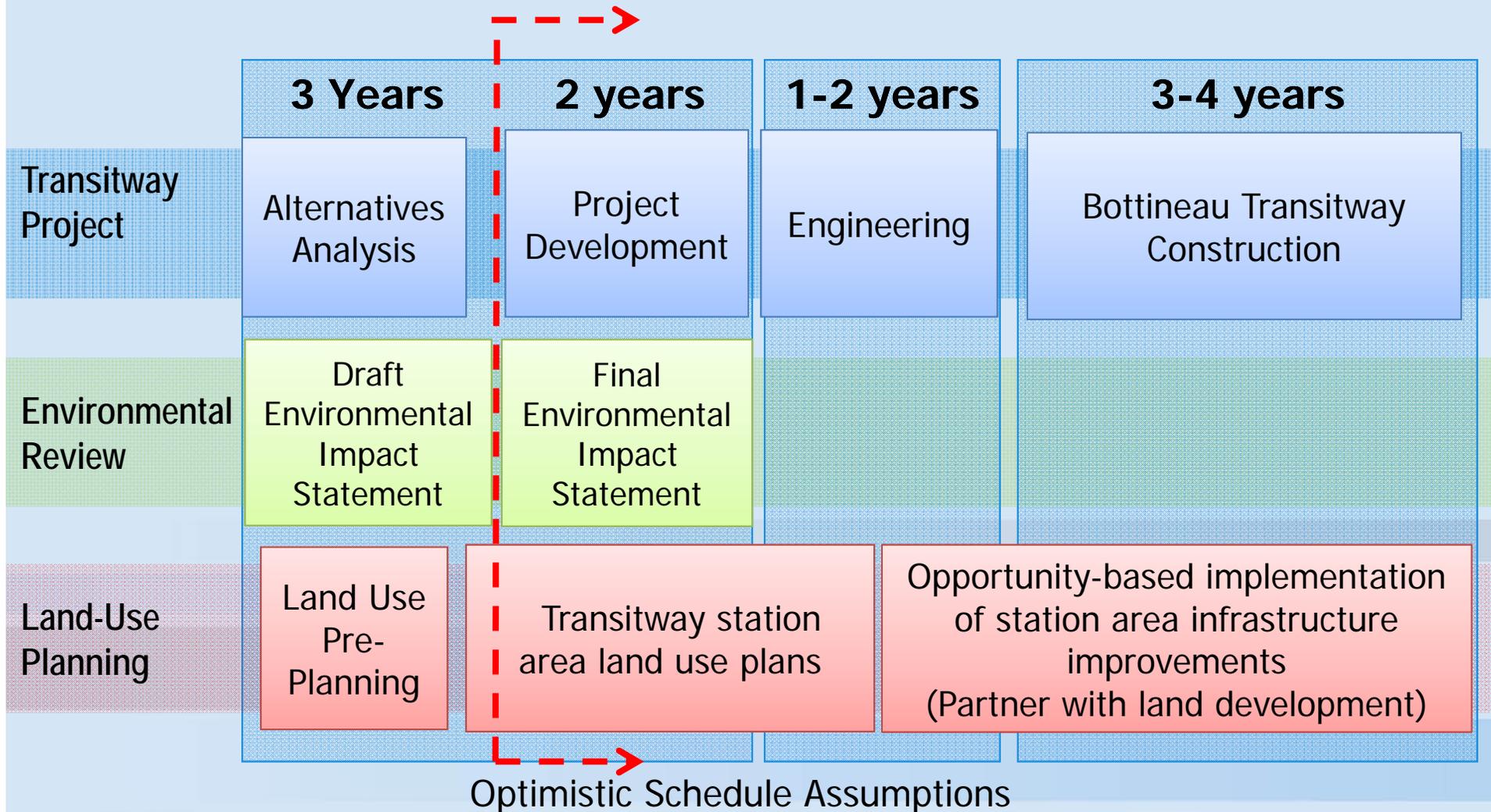


Bottineau Corridor – Minneapolis Transportation & Public Works Committee

May 13, 2014

Project Development Timeline



Overview of Milestone Dates

- Alternatives Analysis Study.....Spring '08 – 3/10
- Alignment D2 Investigation.....4/10 – 11/11
- LPA Selection Process.....4/11 – Spring '13
- Scoping Booklet Release/Public Review.....12/11 – 2/12
- Scoping Decision Document.....5/12
- Preparation of Draft EIS.....Spring '12 – Spring '14
- Met Council Transportation
 Policy Plan Amendment Process.....6/12 – 5/13
- Release of Draft EIS.....4/14

What is the Draft EIS?

- Assists decision makers, in the assessment of impacts associated with the project.
- Documents purpose and need, alternatives considered.
- Addresses transportation, social and environmental impacts.
- Defines appropriate mitigation measures

What is the Draft EIS?

- **Facilitates** review by federal, state, and local agencies.
- **Facilitates** review by the general public.
- **Satisfies** both the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Minnesota Environmental Policy Act (MEPA)
- **Provides** a comparison of alternatives and identifies an environmentally preferred alternative.

Bottineau Transitway DEIS Publication

- Public Open House/Hearing Plan Discussion
 - Guidance handout
 - Road map handout
 - Staff/Elected Official Support
- Plan for comment receipt and availability.
 - Acknowledgement of receipt
 - Posting of comments
 - Compilation for input into preliminary engineering and Final EIS.

Draft EIS public open house/ hearings

Wednesday, May 7

Golden Valley City Hall

7800 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley

Open House 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Public hearing 7:00 PM

Thursday, May 8

University of Minnesota Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center (UROC)

2011 Plymouth Avenue North

Minneapolis

Open House 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Public Hearing 5:30 PM

Tuesday, May 13

Brooklyn Park City Hall

5200 85th Avenue North,

Brooklyn Park

Open House 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Public Hearing 5:30 PM

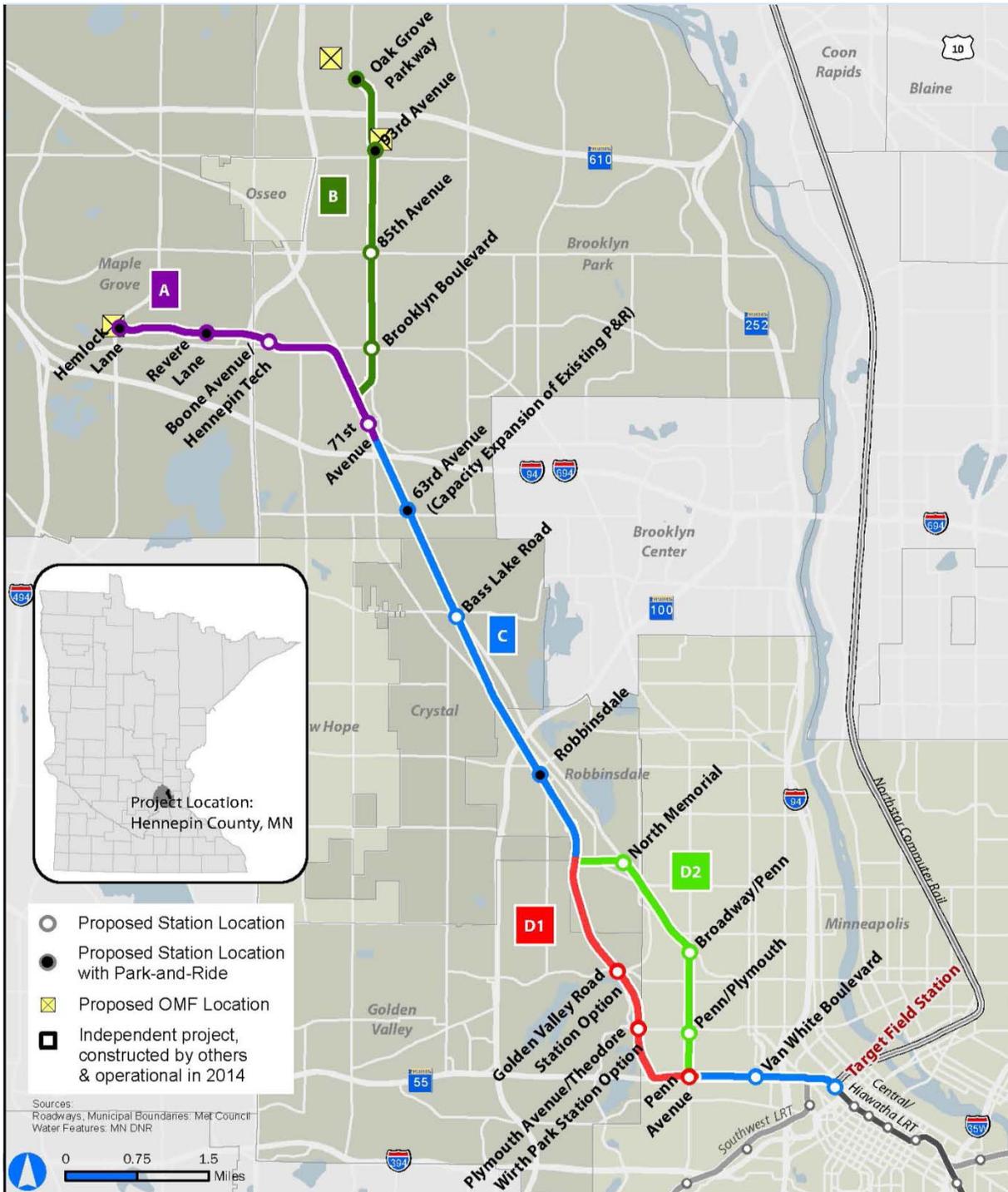
Wednesday, May 14

Crystal Community Center

4800 Douglas Drive North, Crystal

Open House 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Public Hearing 6:00 PM



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DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LRT Build Alternatives studied in the Draft EIS

Additional alternatives studied include:

- No Build
- Enhanced Bus/Transportation System Management (TSM)

Summary Performance Ratings of Alternatives

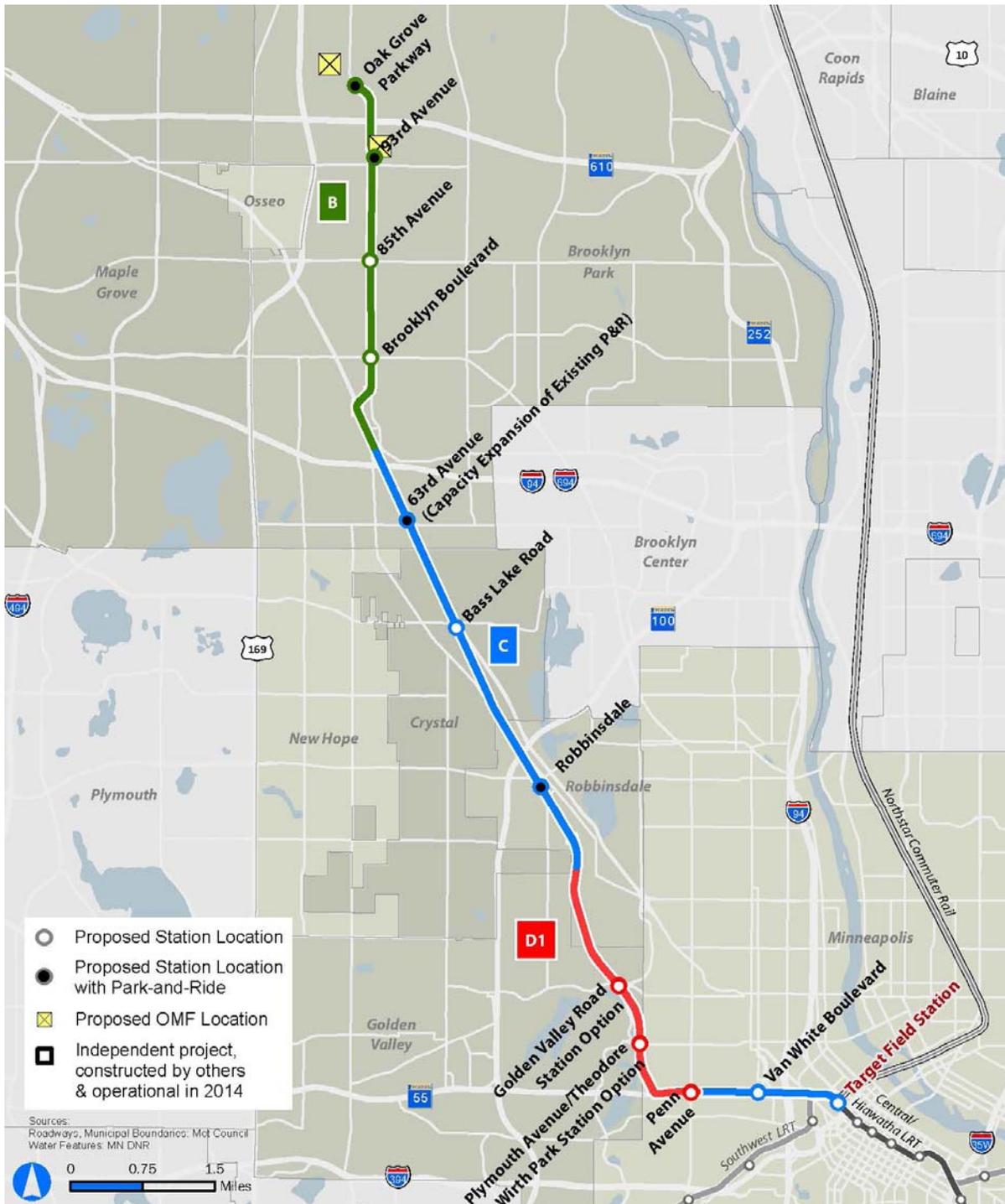
Table ES-2. Summary Performance Ratings of Alternatives

Performance Category	No-Build	Enhanced Bus/TSM	LRT A-C-D1	LRT A-C-D2	LRT B-C-D1 (Preferred Alternative)	LRT B-C-D2
Purpose and Need	●	●	●	●	●	●
<i>Goal 1: Enhance Access to Regional Activity Centers</i>	●	●	●	●	●	●
<i>Goal 2: Enhance the Effectiveness of Transit Service within the Corridor</i>	●	●	●	●	●	●
<i>Goal 3: Provide a Cost-effective and Financially Feasible Transit System</i>	●	●	●	●	●	●
<i>Goal 4: Promote Sustainable Development Patterns</i>	●	●	●	●	●	●
<i>Goal 5: Support Healthy Communities and Sound Environmental Practices</i>	●	●	●	●	●	●
Adverse Impacts	●	●	●	●	●	●
Benefits	●	●	●	●	●	●
Overall Performance¹	●	●	●	●	●	●

RATINGS KEY:

- Good Performance and/or Minor Adverse Impacts
- Fair Performance and/or Moderate Adverse Impacts
- Poor Performance and/or Severe Adverse Impacts

1. Note: If a “poor” rating is assigned to any of the first three categories (purpose and need, adverse impacts, benefits), then the overall performance is automatically rated as “poor.” In other words, a “poor” rating in one area cannot be overcome by “fair” or “good” performance in other areas with respect to the overall rating.



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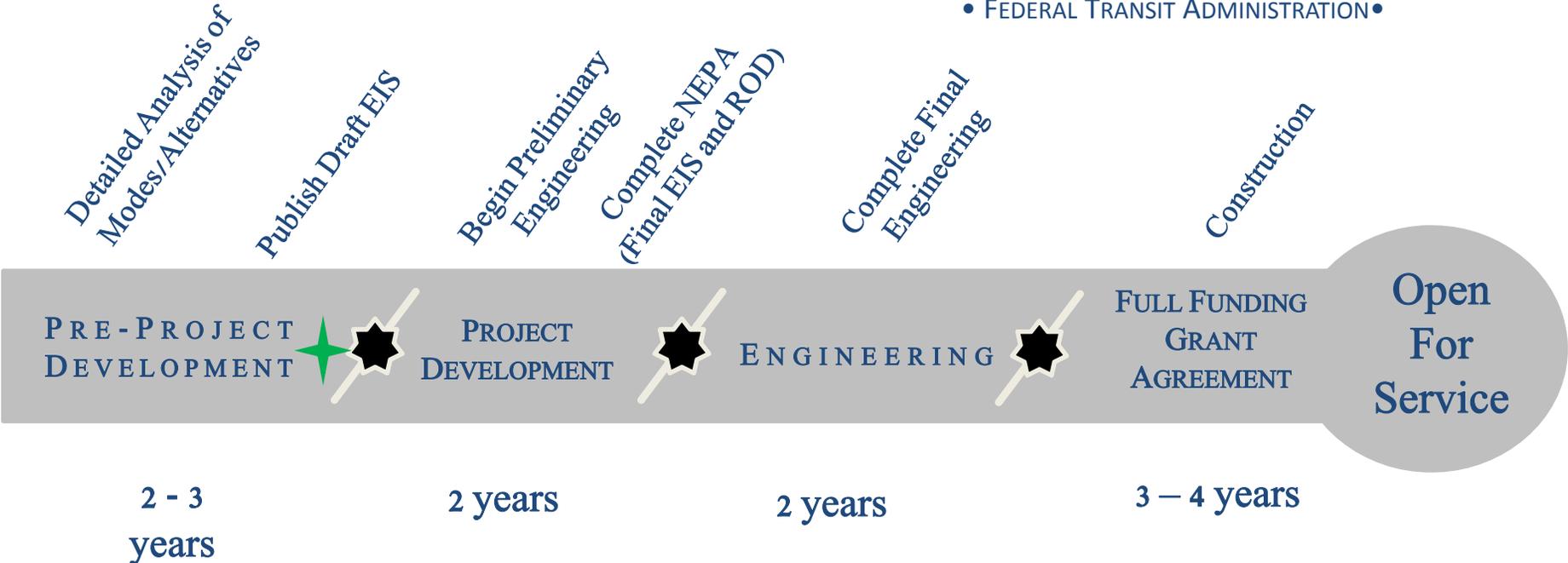
Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) and Environmentally Preferred Alternative

- Metropolitan Council Adoption into region's Transportation Policy Plan May 8, 2013.
- Identified As the environmentally preferred alternative in the Draft EIS published in April 2014.

FTA Map-21 Overview

Typical Fixed Guideway Capital Project (New Starts) Project Timeline

• FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION •



 FTA Approval Point
 BLRT CURRENT PHASE



BLRT Development Timeline, 2014

(Best Case Scenario)

April 2014	• Publish Draft EIS
May 2014	• Advertise Eng. Services RFP
Mid 2014	• FTA approves entry into PD
Mid-Late 2014	• Award/Issue NTP to Eng. Serv. Consultant
Mid-Late 2014	• Advertise FEIS RFP
Late 2014	• Award FEIS Contract

Engineering Services Consultant RFP

April-May 2014

- Prepare RFP

May 2014

- Advertise RFP

July 2014

- Evaluate Proposals / Select Firm

July- Aug. 2014

- Negotiate Contract

Sept. 2014

- Issue NTP to ESC Consultant

Thank You!

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