

# Crystal City Council Work Session

October 13, 2022



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# Introduction

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# Today's Topics

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- Project status overview
- Environmental process update
- Materials for Open House



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Improvement  
BOARD

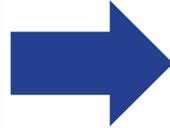
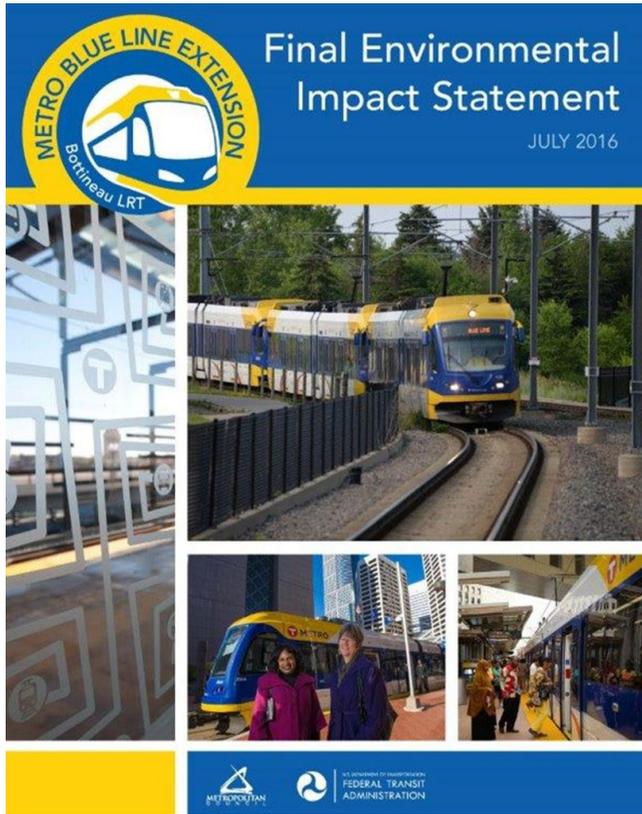
# Project Status

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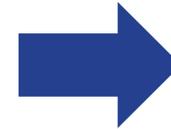
- Number of alignment options narrowed
- Formal initiation of the Supplemental Draft EIS (Notice of Intent)
- Anti-Displacement September meeting update
- Fall community meetings underway



# Environmental update



**Supplemental  
DRAFT  
Environmental Impact  
Statement  
(SDEIS)**



**Supplemental  
FINAL  
Environmental Impact  
Statement  
(SFEIS)**



# Sample environmental review topics

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## Community and Social Impacts

- Visual changes, safety, community character, cultural resources, etc.

## Transportation Impacts

- Transit, pedestrians, bicycles, vehicles, etc.

## Physical and Environmental Impacts

- Wetlands, hazardous materials, noise, vibration, etc.

## Environmental Justice

## Parks



# Public Comment Period

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- Written comments on the EQB Monitor Notice of Intent for the Supplemental EIS will be accepted through November 7, 2022.
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St. Louis Park, MN 55426
- **Link to Public Documents:** [BlueLineExt.org](http://BlueLineExt.org)



# Environmental Next Steps

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- Prepare and publish Supplemental *Draft* EIS
  - Compare multiple design solutions impacts and benefits
  - Typically identifies a preferred option informed by analysis
- Public Hearing on Draft Environmental Documentation
  - More public engagement and a hearing
  - Comment period



# Evaluation For CR 81-Crystal

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- LRT alignment to run within the median on County Road 81
- Stations at 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Bass Lake Road including station access and design
- Two options for designs at County Road 81/Bass Lake Road
  - Conventional intersection with a pedestrian bridge
  - Elevated structure carrying County Road 81 over Bass Lake Road.



# Evaluation For CR 81-Crystal

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- Evaluate Traffic volumes and capacity on CR 81
- Model intersection operations
- Compare to existing condition – No Build



# Evaluation For CR 81-Crystal (cont)

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- 4-lane roadway, LRT center running
- Interchange at Bass Lake Road, add southbound lane to TH 100
- 6-lane intersection at Bass Lake Road
- 6-lane from TH 100 through Bass Lake Road – Intersection
- 6-lane from TH 100 to Bass Lake Road - Interchange



# Project schedule



LRT projects are complex and unforeseen challenges arise. Schedules and timelines are subject to change.

# Anti-Displacement Policy Recommendation Structure and Process

- Recommendation Structure
  - Policies
  - Roles
  - Cost
  - Impact and measurement for success
  - Legal consideration
  - Timing – before/during/after construction
  - Examples
  - Implementation strategy or plan



# Upcoming Community Meetings

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- **Locations:**

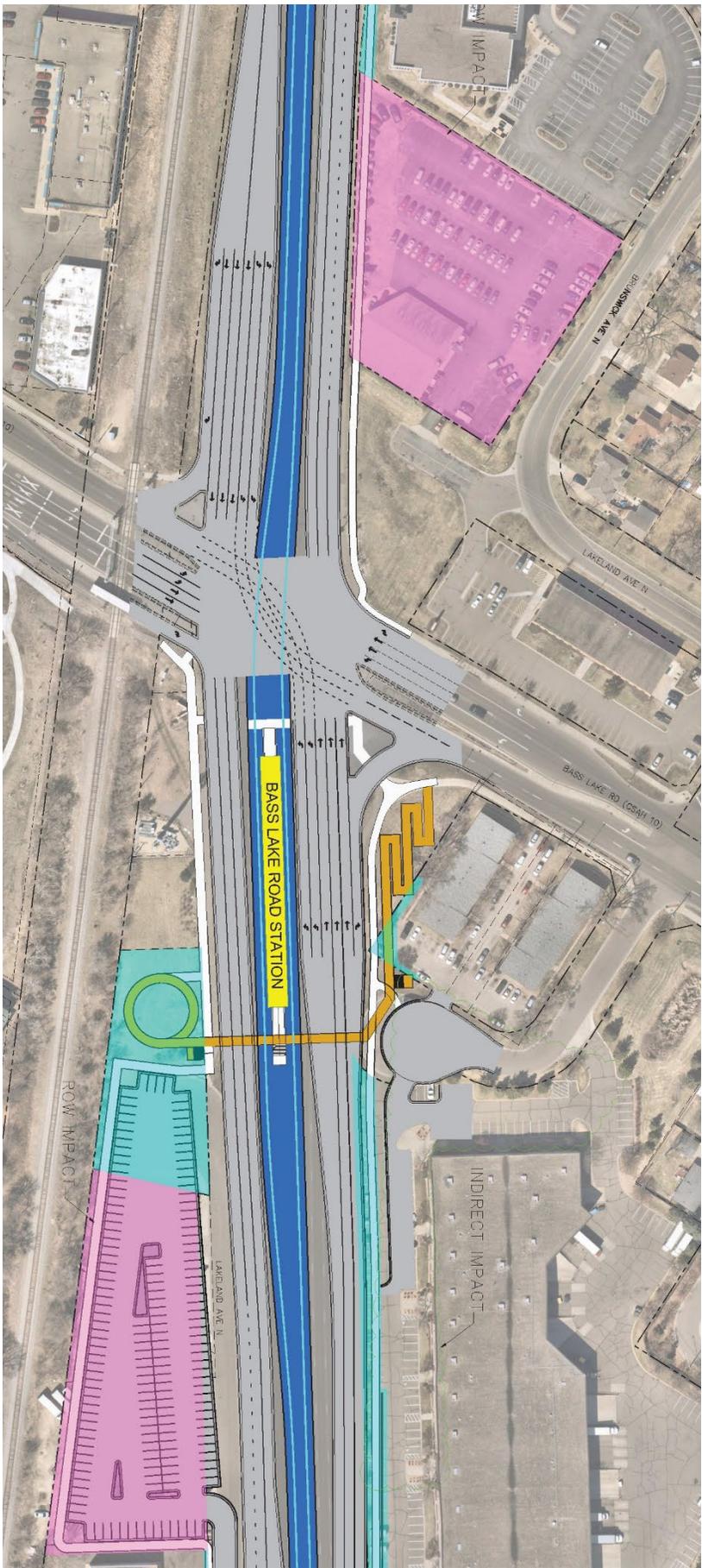
- Minneapolis – Tuesday, 10/18 5 -7 p.m. at Episcopal Church
- Brooklyn Park – Wednesday, 10/19 5 -7 p.m. at Public Library
- Virtual – Thursday, 10/20 5 -7 p.m.
- Robbinsdale – Tuesday, 10/25 5 -7 p.m. at Elim Church
- **Crystal – Wed., 10/26 5 -7 p.m. at Crystal Community Center**



# Open House Materials



**Bottineau Blvd & Bass Lake Road - At-Grade Option**



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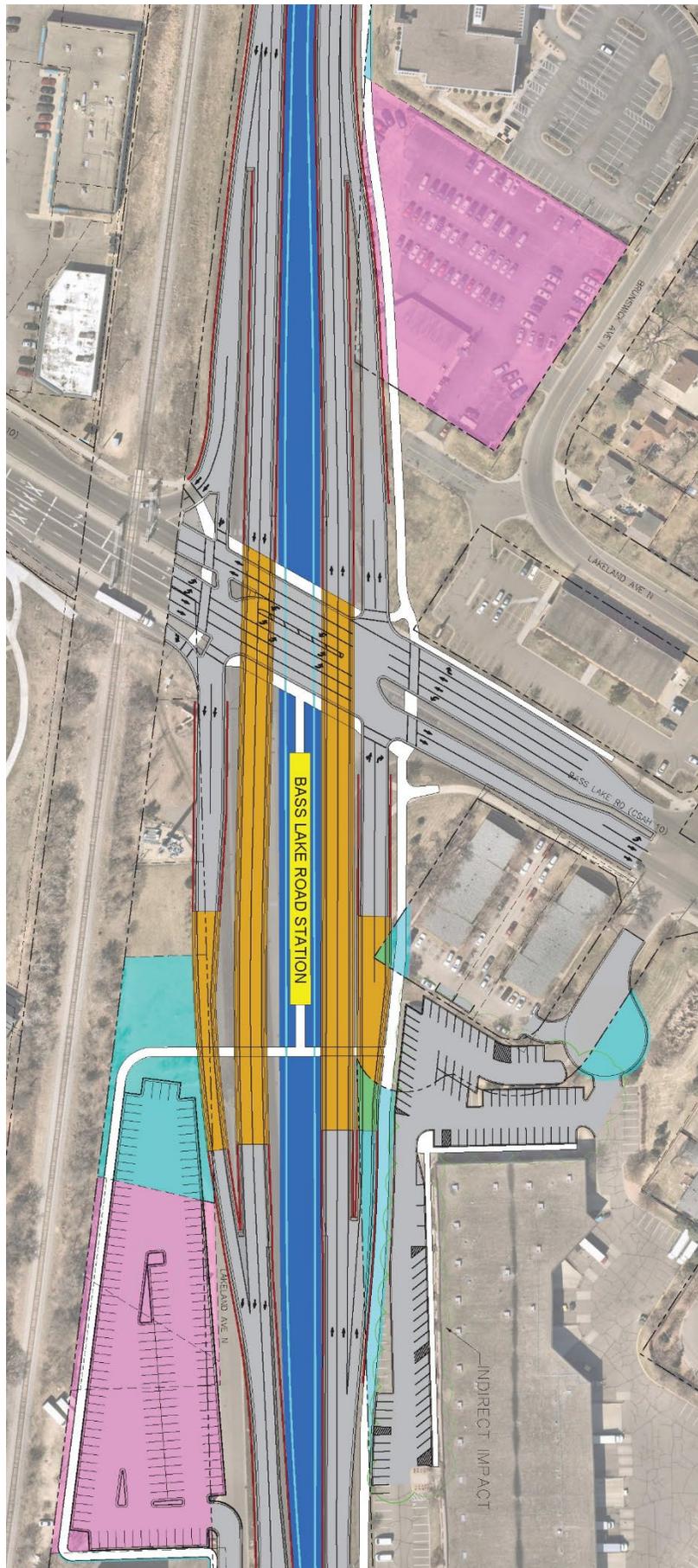
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# Bottineau Blvd - if 6 lanes kept north of 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue

