Gold Line BRT Overview

- Minnesota’s first dedicated guideway BRT
- 8,000 Est. Daily Riders (2040)
- $420M Est. Capital Cost (YOE)
- $5.1M Annual Operating Cost

- Serving the Twin Cities East Metro:
  - 2 counties, 5 municipalities
  - 301,000 jobs (2040)
  - 522,000 people (2040)
Photos of Sun Ray Shopping Center
Sun Ray Station Area

Old Hudson Road

I-94

T.J. Maxx
Sun Ray Station overview and constraints

I-94

Hudson Road
Sun Ray Station Early Design Concept
# Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project Timeline

## Timeline Overview

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### Key Phases

- **Environmental Review**: 1-2 Years
- **Design Advancement**: 1-2 Years
- **Ongoing Public Engagement**

**Note**: The timeline is subject to change and is based on current estimates.
Issue Resolution Teams started meeting in March 2018
MnPASS Express Lanes

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EXPRESS LANE

Hwy 100 $0.25
I-94 $2.50
HOV 2+ FREE

EXPLORE Minnesota
SMART 10,000 lakes

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METRO Gold Line
Gold Line and MnPASS Coordination History

Fall 2015
“The Memo”
- Concept to accommodate Gold Line BRT and future MnPASS

Spring 2018
- Policy Review
- Gold Line design to limit impacts to I-94 right of way

Summer 2018
- MnDOT ongoing concerns with preserving right of way

Fall 2018
- Design Solution
Snow in Minnesota

• 3/27/2018
Fixed vs Flexible Design at the Sun Ray Station

Fixed Design Items
• 2 lanes general purpose
• 2 lanes BRT
• Ped connections
• Local buses into guideway
• Proximity and visibility to Sunray Transit Center
• Avoid total take of T.J. Maxx

Flexible Design Items
• General purpose traffic lane widths (11’)
• General purpose traffic turn lanes
• Sidewalk vs. trail
• Sidewalk, boulevard and median width
• Landscaping & lighting
• Platform width
A compromise!
In hindsight...

Lessons Learned

• A heavy hand doesn’t work
• Elevating too high is a painful way to get to “yes”
• Point-in-time summary memos are great tools
• Lean on policy
• Be flexible in your negotiations teams and even meeting locations
• An empathetic position is key
• Allow the other side to go through their due diligence
  (...even if it feels like a step backwards)
• Truly compromise (everyone wins! ...and loses)
• Give it time
• Document the final compromise
• Celebrate!