

METRO Blue Line Extension Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

Call for City of Minneapolis appointments (3 positions)

OVERVIEW

The METRO Blue Line Extension (BLRT) Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is established to provide guidance to the BLRT Corridor Management Committee (CMC) on community issues during the project development phases of BLRT. Appointments to the CAC will serve commencing early in 2021 until a community supported alignment is identified for environmental review and engineering advancement, taking approximately a year.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the CAC is to serve as a voice for the community and advise the Metropolitan Council's BLRT Corridor Management and the Hennepin County Community Works Steering Committees:

1. Provide input on project development as staff works to mitigate the use of freight railroad property.
2. Advise on communications and outreach strategies related to BLRT.
3. Provide input on possible routing solutions, including opportunities and impacts.
4. Identify opportunities to improve community benefits from the BLRT project and to improve project planning and design to maximize positive community impacts.
5. Identify potential issues and review strategies to mitigate the negative impacts of project development on residences and businesses.
6. Provide input on Community Works initiatives, as requested.
7. Serve as an information resource and liaison to the greater corridor community and their appointing organization.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Each member of the BLRT CAC agrees to:

1. Attend a majority of CAC meetings and actively participate in discussions by sharing ideas and expertise.
2. Actively participate in discussions; be a voice to advance the broader interests of community.
3. Routinely report back to their organization on the activities and discussions of the CAC.
4. Serve as a conduit of information to the broader community.
5. Identify opportunities to improve the project and maximize community benefits.
6. Identify negative community impacts and assist in developing strategies for minimizing those impacts.
7. Listen to and respect the viewpoints of others.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is intended to represent the diverse interests and stakeholders in the Blue Line Extension project study area. Members that are appointed for the City of Minneapolis are required to be residents of Ward 4 or 5 of Minneapolis. Members cannot be employees or elected officials from the appointing body.

TERM

Appointments to the CAC will serve commencing early in 2021 until a community supported alignment is identified for environmental review and engineering advancement, which will be in approximately a year.

MEETINGS

The CAC will schedule monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month from 6:00-8:00 PM. Agendas and meeting summaries will be distributed to all members before the meeting and posted on the project's website. Post meeting, meeting materials/presentations and approved meeting summaries will be posted on the project's website. Due to the timeliness of topics, additional meetings, subcommittees meetings and focus groups may be scheduled as needed. To facilitate communication and a sharing of ideas and information, the CAC will meet jointly at least once each year with the Business Advisory Committee (BAC). This meeting will replace a regularly scheduled CAC meeting.

APPLY FOR APPOINTMENT:

Applications for the City of Minneapolis appointments will be accepted by email only and are due by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday January 20, 2021. Applications will not be accepted by U.S. Mail or FAX due to staff working at remote locations.

Send completed application form and voluntary demographic questionnaire to:

james.voll@minneapolismn.gov

REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must be residents of Ward 4 or Ward 5 in Minneapolis.

<https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/city-council/find-my-ward/>

SELECTION PROCESS:

Applications will be received by January 20, 2021, and then reviewed by City of Minneapolis staff. Factors to be considered in making a recommendation to the City Council and Mayor may include:

- Extent to which the applicant will help the CAC achieve an overall diversity of input that reflects the goals outlined above.
- Nature and extent of applicant's awareness of and connection with a particular neighborhood, cultural group or affiliation group.
- Extent to which the applicant would bring useful expertise and knowledge to the CAC.
- Applicant's ability to become familiar with the project planning process to date.
- Applicant's ability to commit time to the committee.

Appointments will be approved by the Minneapolis City Council after consideration by the Transportation and Public Works Committee in February of 2021. After approval, selected applicants will begin serving in March of 2021.

RESOURCES:

[Metro Blue Line Extension](#)

[Hennepin County Bottineau Community Works](#)

[City of Minneapolis Comprehensive Plan](#)

[City of Minneapolis Transportation Action Plan](#)

QUESTIONS:

Staff Contact: Jim Voll, City of Minneapolis, at james.voll@minneapolismn.gov

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Should you require a reasonable accommodation related to disability in order to fully participate, or information in an alternative format, please contact the Office of City Clerk at 612-673-2216 or openappointments@minneapolismn.gov. People who are deaf or hard of hearing can use a relay service to call 311 at 612-673-3000. TTY users call 612-673-2157.

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