

**Resolution 20-171**

**Resolution of the City of Woodbury,  
Washington County, Minnesota**

**Identifying the City of Woodbury priorities for the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council and its Metro Transit division, jointly with Washington and Ramsey Counties (“Counties”), are proposing to design, construct, and operate the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council and the Counties are advancing design of the Project through the Gold Line Project Office (GPO), in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), Saint Paul, Maplewood, Landfall, Oakdale and Woodbury (“Cities”); and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council is the Federal Transit Administration’s grantee and therefore is responsible for the planning, designing, acquiring rights of way, constructing, equipping and commissioning the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council’s Metro Transit division will be the owner and operator of the Project once it is in Revenue Service; and

WHEREAS, the Project is preparing to enter the Engineering phase, having completed design through approximately 60 percent, in partnership with MnDOT and the Cities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Woodbury desires that the Metropolitan Council and GPO staff continue to address issues and work with City of Woodbury staff to satisfactorily resolve issues that have arisen and will arise; and

WHEREAS, the Woodbury City Council has previously adopted resolutions regarding its priorities for the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit, and desires to reconfirm and modify its priorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota, that the City of Woodbury has identified the following project priorities that should be considered as the METRO Gold Line moves forward:

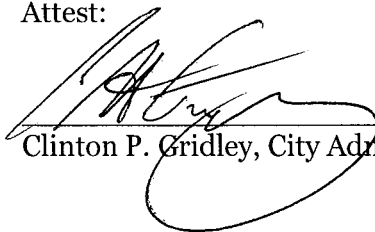
1. The Express Bus routes currently operating in Woodbury provide a critical transit service for residents, and the METRO Gold Line should supplement and support this service.
2. While outside the scope and funding of the METRO Gold Line project, the City will continue to advocate for consolidating the Express Bus park and ride lots with the end-of-line BRT station at I-494 and Guider/Woodlane Drive, and for a parking structure expansion as part of a future consolidation phase at this location to provide the best opportunity for transit oriented development and consolidation of service.
3. Safety and security at the station locations and on the METRO Gold Line busses is of utmost importance. City of Woodbury Public Safety Department should have representation during

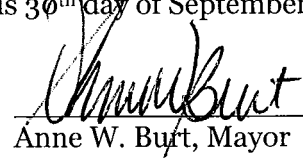
Gold Line Project Office meetings regarding safety and security of the METRO Gold Line operations.

4. Aesthetics and community context are important, and the stations should be consistent with Woodbury's design standards.
5. The City will work with the Met Council to explore development opportunities at the Woodbury Theatre site in conjunction with the relocation of the park and ride to the end-of-line BRT station.
6. The City's station area master planning process will include public review from both businesses and residents along the corridor.
7. The City will continue its efforts to reach a fair and equitable ownership and maintenance agreement between all benefitting parties.
8. The City supports an efficient and effective feeder bus network to serve the broader Woodbury community. Further planning should occur in the near term to plan and implement the role of the feeder system<sup>1</sup>.
9. Support for the METRO Gold Line does not diminish the City's support for transportation improvements in the east metro.
10. The METRO Gold Line's potential impact to service levels on city streets should be minimized to the extent possible.
11. The City, through its representation on the various METRO Gold Line committees, will continue to stay engaged and involved in this process.

This Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted and was signed by the Mayor and attested to by the City Administrator this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

Attest:

  
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Clinton P. Gridley, City Administrator

  
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Anne W. Burt, Mayor

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<sup>1</sup> Metro Transit's extensive public outreach for feeder service for new transit-ways typically starts closer to construction.