

Quarterly Meeting – Summary

Date & Time	March 24, 2026, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Location	Brooklyn Park Library – 8500 W Broadway, Brooklyn Park, MN 55455

Format: 30-minute presentation with a 1-hour discussion, and open-house-style format

Presentation topics:

1. Introductions
2. Project Overview
3. Design Update
4. Cultural Placekeeping
5. Next Steps

Community feedback:

The Blue Line Extension Team shared an update on the design for Brooklyn Park, timeline to construction, and an overview of the cultural placekeeping themes. The presentation was followed by a Q&A session and an open-house-style format to gather feedback on the 90% design roll plots and cultural placekeeping theme boards. 11 people attended. The most common questions from attendees were related to funding, construction timeline, and why the BLE was not chosen as a BRT.

Common questions and themes:

- Construction timeline
 - Concerns about changes to the construction timeline
 - Where will construction start first?
 - Is construction dependent on the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) application?
- Budget and funding
 - Comments about the rising costs over time
 - How much funding will the federal government provide?
 - When will the risk assessment be completed and made available to the public for review?
- Mode, impact, ridership
 - Questions about BRT vs. LRT
 - Comments about low ridership since COVID-19
 - Desire for a cost analysis comparing prices for BRT vs. LRT
- Project timeline
 - When was the very first BLE meeting?
 - Concerns that the current timeline is not finalized and has changed since the Municipal Consent timeline

Roll plot comments:

- Bass Lake Road station in Crystal - “Safety on Lakeland Ave and 81st. The median doesn’t stop people from driving over it.”
- 63rd Ave station in Brooklyn Park - “Should include sound barriers on any stretch of the route with homes close to it.”

Cultural placekeeping board comments:

- Oak Grove Parkway station in Brooklyn Park - “I like that the heart of the tree and lines that represent bark also show movement.”

Photos:





