



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Notice of Availability of Southwest Light Rail Transit Project Amended Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments on the Southwest Light Rail Transit Project Amended Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the Southwest Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project Amended Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation, which includes preliminary Section 4(f) *de minimis* impact determinations for two newly identified Section 4(f) properties.

DATES: By this notice, FTA requests that comments to the Amended Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation must be received by [INSERT DATE 45 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the FTA is releasing an Amended Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation (Amended Evaluation) for the Southwest LRT Project (Project), evaluating two additional Section 4(f) properties in the City of Minnetonka, Minnesota.

Federal Lead Agency: FTA

Project Sponsor: Metropolitan Council

Project Description: The proposed project is a 14.5-mile light rail transit service that would connect downtown Minneapolis to the southwestern region of the metropolitan area through the cities of St. Louis Park, Hopkins, Minnetonka, and Eden Prairie, Minnesota. The Amended Evaluation includes FTA's preliminary determination of *de minimis* impact on two park properties located within the City of Minnetonka, Minnesota. Pursuant to 23 CFR 774.5, FTA requests public and agency comments only on the two properties discussed in Amended Evaluation. Comments received on the Amended Evaluation and the preliminary Section 4(f) *de minimis* impact determinations will be included, and responded to, in the Project's Final EIS, which will include the Southwest LRT Final Section 4(f) Evaluation.

To obtain a copy of the Amended Evaluation, please visit the Project's website at www.swlrt.org or by request by contacting Nani Jacobson at swlrt@metrotransit.org or Maya Sarna at maya.sarna@dot.gov.

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