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**WHY YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS NOTICE:**

This notice provides information so that you may attend a public hearing or otherwise express your views regarding the proposal.

**CASE FILE NUMBER:**

PL2018-391

**APPLICANT:**

City of Bloomington

**PROPOSAL:**

Adoption of 98th Street Station Area Plan

**DATE, LOCATION, AND TIME OF HEARINGS:**

Planning Commission  
12/20/2018, 6:00 PM  
City Council Chambers - Bloomington City Hall  
1800 West Old Shakopee Road  
Bloomington, MN 55431

City Council (tentative)  
1/7/2019, 7:00 PM  
City Council Chambers - Bloomington City Hall  
1800 West Old Shakopee Road  
Bloomington, MN 55431

**HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE:**  
**(Please include Case File number above when corresponding)**

1. Review background information and case file materials online at [blm.mn/98thsap](http://blm.mn/98thsap) or in person at the Planning Division, Bloomington City Hall 1800 West Old Shakopee Road;
2. Submit a letter or e-mail to the contact below expressing your views;
3. Attend the hearings and give testimony about the proposal; and/or
4. Contact the Planning Division using the information below.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:**

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**PROVIDING NOTICE TO OWNERS:** If you are a tenant in a property affected by this Notice, please inform the owner or property manager that you have received this Notice of Hearing.

**TENNESSEN WARNING:** Please take notice that any written or email correspondence received by the City in relation to this case file will be classified as government data pursuant to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13. Under the Data Practices Act, some or all of the data included in your correspondence is classified as public data, including your name, address, email address, phone number, and other personal information provided by you. Public data is available to anyone requesting it and consists of all data furnished in the correspondence. Please be advised that the correspondence will be added to the public case file, and to the public agenda materials for the Planning Commission and/or the City Council. These materials are available to the public and are posted on the City's website. The purpose and intended use of the information contained in your correspondence is to assist the Planning Commission and/or City Council in reaching a decision on the case file presented.

### *What is a station area plan?*

The Station Area Plan is intended to help facilitate and improve transit use of the Bloomington South Transit Center, commonly referred to as the 98<sup>th</sup> Street Station. The City of Bloomington, in coordination with its partners, are looking to improve access to the station and invest in the station area to support the new METRO Orange Line Bus Rapid Transit.

### *What is the station area plan's vision?*

Guiding the Station Area Plan are three overarching vision statements.

- **Enhance the public realm to create a sense of place**
- **Improve access to the station for all users**
- **Promote development patterns that support transit**

### *Orange Line Improvements Include:*

- 17-mile transitway connecting Burnsville, Bloomington, Richfield, and Downtown Minneapolis
- 12 transit stations with enhanced amenities
- All-day, reliable, frequent service, 7 days a week
- Accessibility and pedestrian improvements

### *What is Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)?*

- **Frequent Service** - frequent enough you don't need a schedule
- **Train-like Features** - pay fare before boarding
- **Enhanced Stations** - real time departure signs, enhanced maps
- **Enhanced Security** - cameras, emergency phones, improved lighting
- **Specialized Vehicles** - wider aisles and more doors

### *Previously Planned Improvements*

**Station** - Metro Transit will add bus rapid transit platforms and improve the transit center with enhanced seating, landscaping, improved crossings and intersection improvements.

See more at [MetroTransit.org/Metro-Orange-Line](http://MetroTransit.org/Metro-Orange-Line)

**Street Trees** - This project includes the replacement of Ash trees and associated tree grates along 98th Street and Lyndale Ave in the station area. The grates will be replaced with planting beds that will widen the walkway.

**Bike Lanes** - The City will continue the existing bike lanes on Lyndale Ave up to 99th Street. It is also adding a multi-use trail along the East Bloomington Freeway frontage road. These bicycle facilities connect to the Minnesota River Valley.

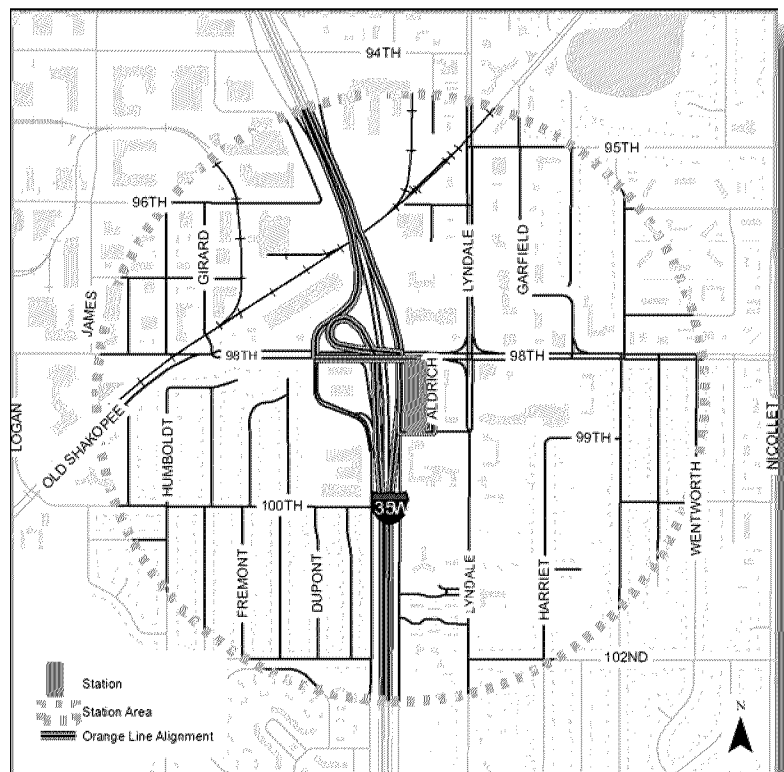


#### *Public Hearing*

Planning Commission—December 20,  
6 PM Council Chambers,  
Bloomington City Hall

City Council (Tentative) January 7,  
7 PM Council Chambers,  
Bloomington City Hall

### *Station Area*



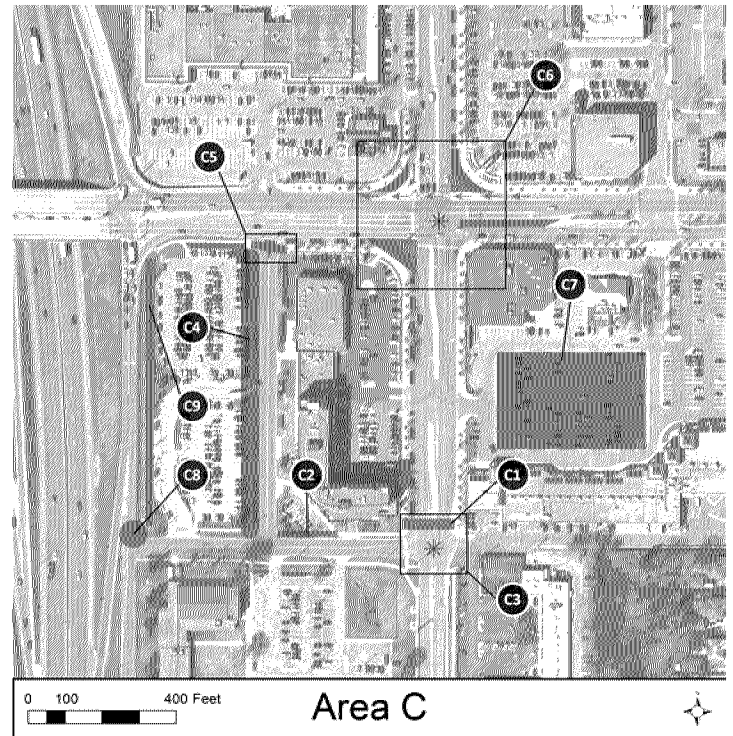
## Infrastructure Improvements

Over 30 areas are identified for improvements in the Station Area Plan. Improvements focus on increasing pedestrian and bicycle access to the transit station. A few recommendations include:

- Improving crossings with refuge islands
- lengthening signal time
- adding accessible pedestrian signals

Some recommendations are smaller in scope and can be completed in the near term. Larger recommendations will require additional study. The specific recommendations can be found on the project website at:

**BLM.MN/98thSAP**



## Corridor/ Interchange Study

Many of the infrastructure improvements recommended will require further study and modeling.

A corridor/ interchange study will:

- Conduct the traffic modeling necessary for any roadway modifications
- Evaluate potential improvements through the lens of safety and pedestrian access
- Address transportation pattern changes as a result of the METRO Orange Line and other redevelopment



## Rezoning

The station area underwent major redevelopment in the 1980's. The area has many large underutilized parking lots. The plan recommends upzoning key parcels near the station to B-4 Neighborhood Commercial Center to allow for mixed use redevelopment and promote pedestrian friendly site design.

## Coordination of Implementation

The recommendations will require coordinated cooperation among agencies and private entities alike. Metro Transit operates the transit system, Hennepin County has jurisdiction over 98th Street, and the interchange is under MnDOT jurisdiction. Additionally, redevelopment of private property will greatly impact how well the area functions.



### Staff Contacts

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