

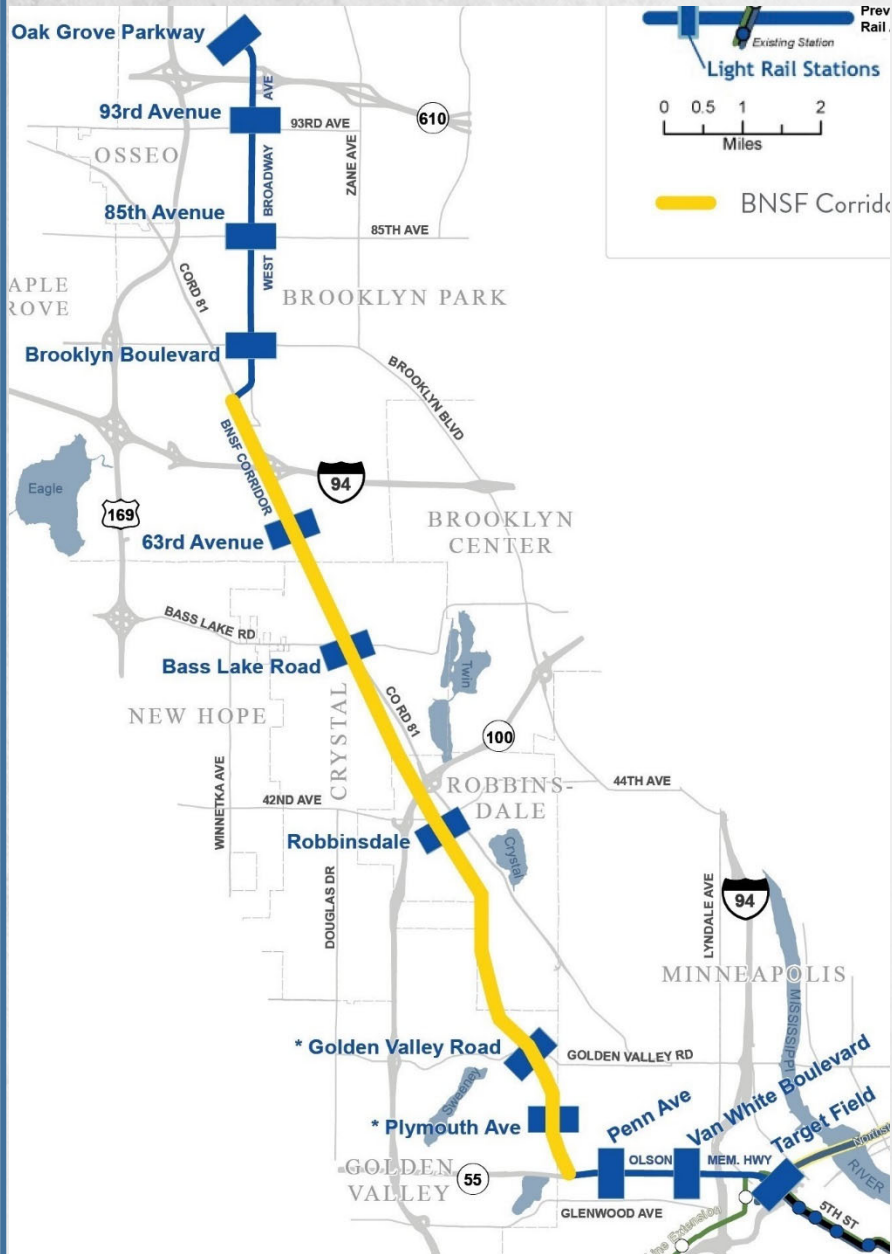


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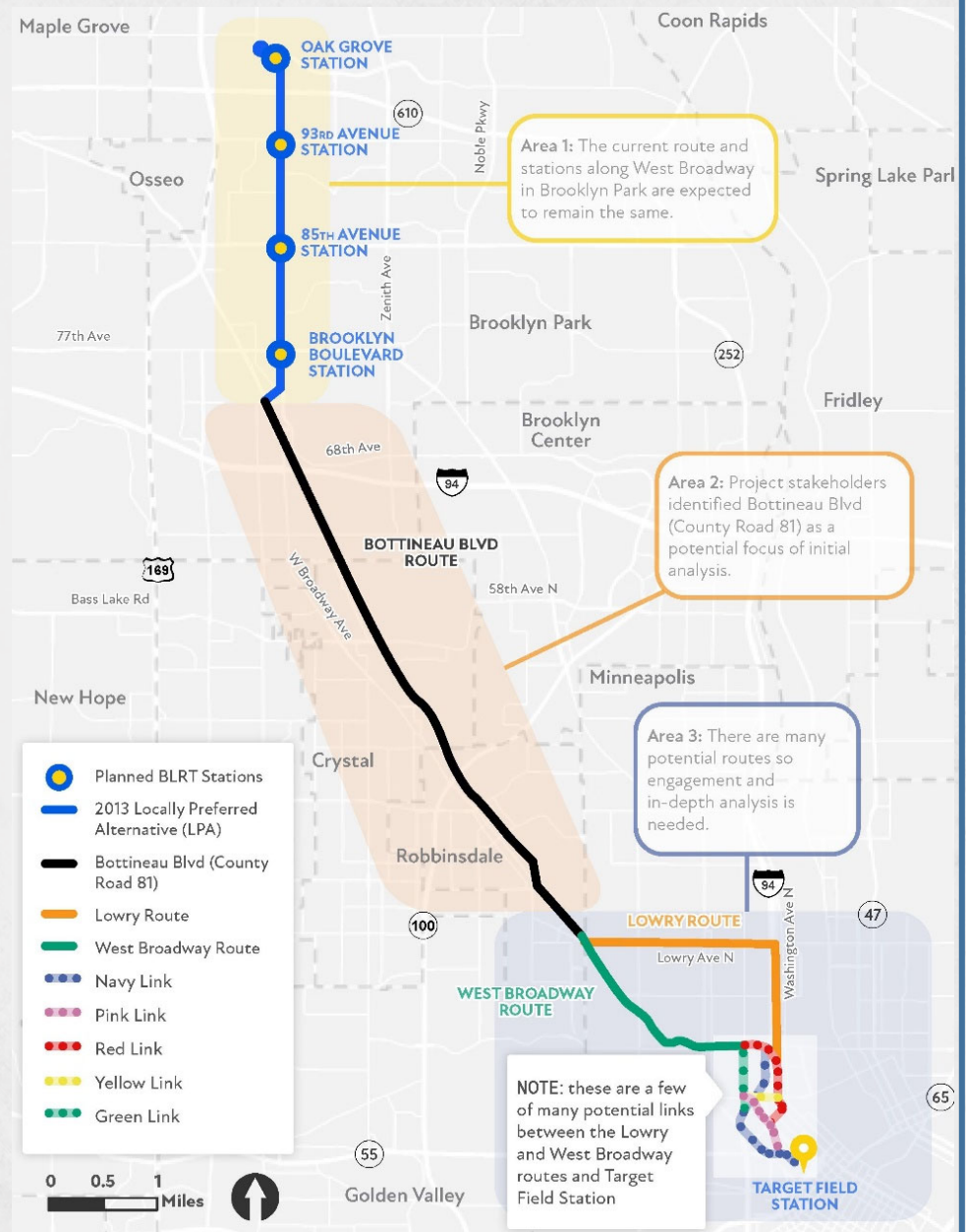
**City Council
Work Session
April 20, 2021**

Blue Line Extension Update

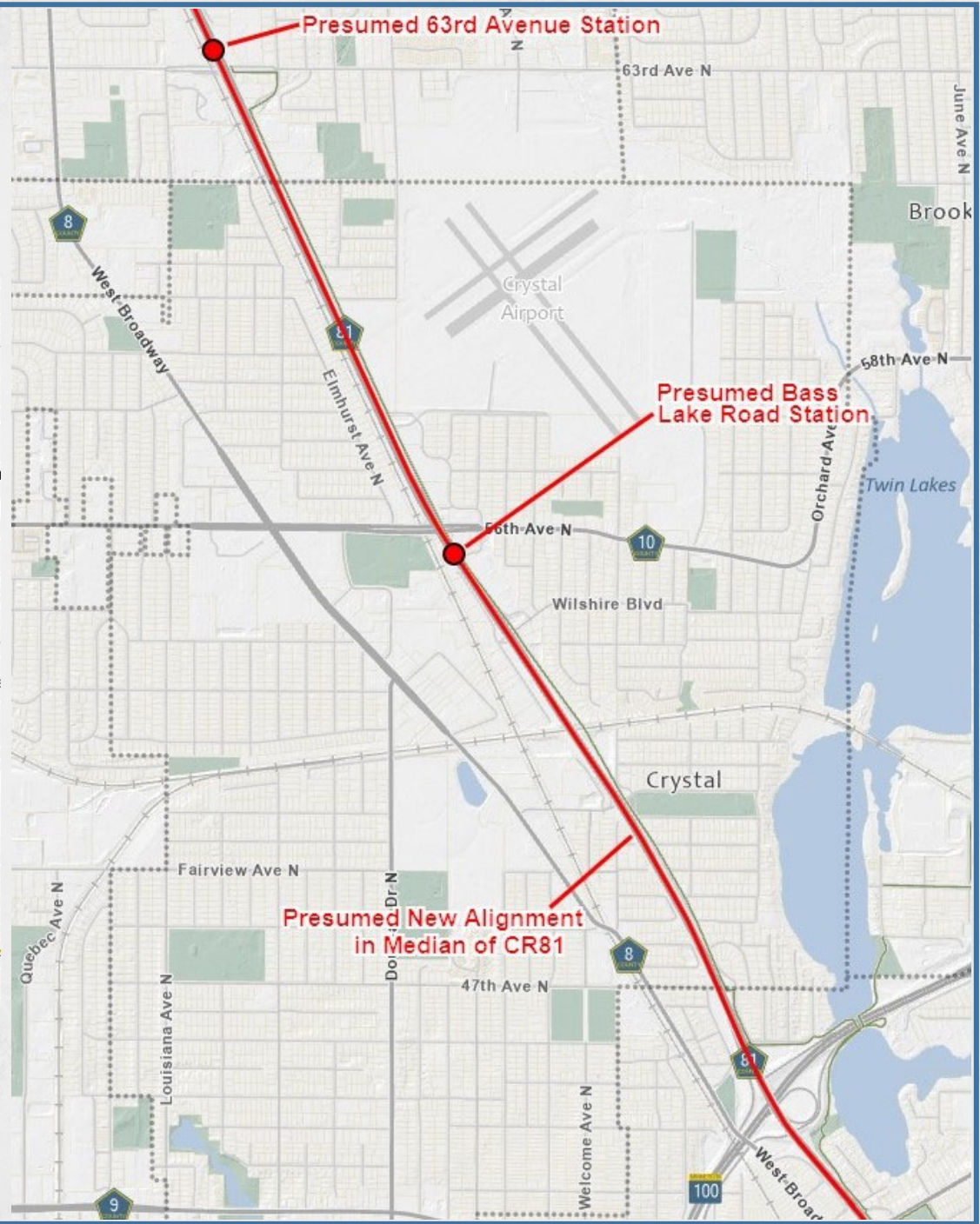
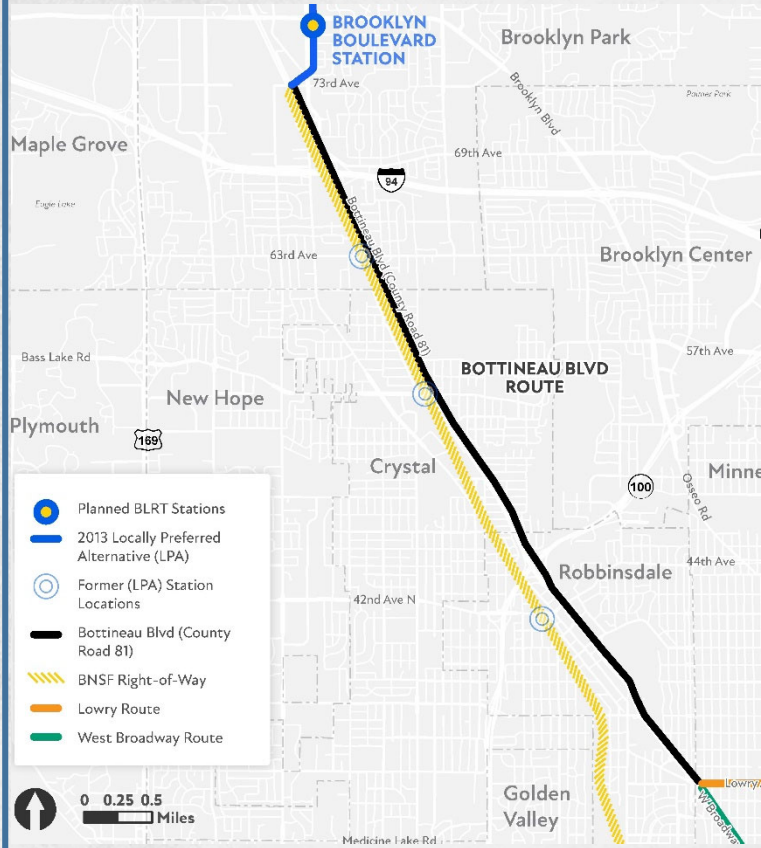
Previous Alignment



Routes for Initial Evaluation



Area 2 - Crystal segment along CR81

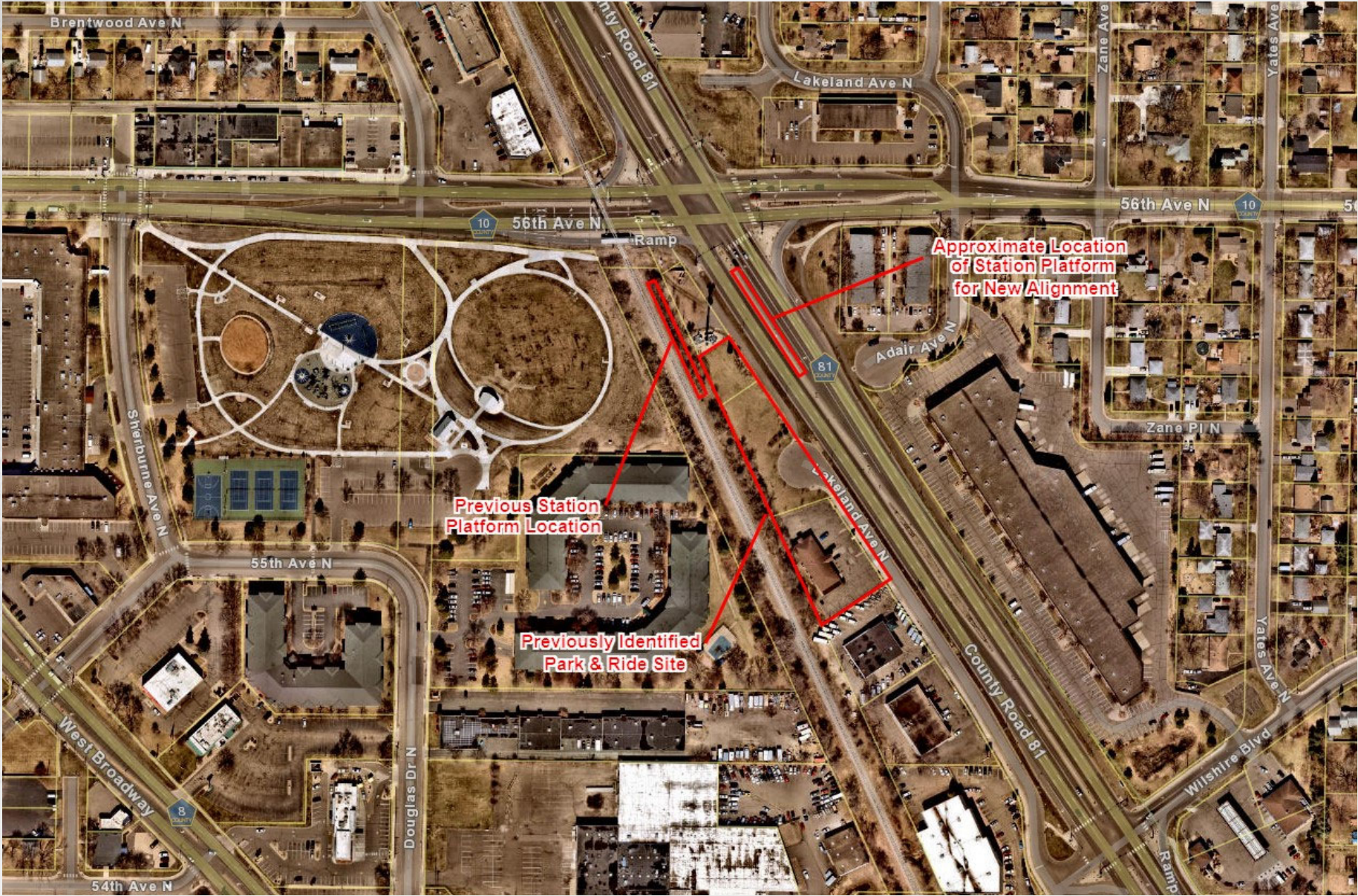


Rough Concept for Evaluation in Crystal

- LRT could run at grade in the median of CR81
 - BUT - one though lane in each direction would be removed
 - LRT and remaining lanes would fit within existing curb-to-curb width (with some minor exceptions at intersections)
 - No additional ROW needed
- Bass Lake Road station would be in CR81 median south of intersection
 - North end of platform would be accessed from Bass Lake Road crosswalk
 - South end of platform would be accessed by elevator & stair connection to a presumed pedestrian bridge across CR81
 - Park & Ride likely to be necessary, and may be on previously planned site



Aerial - Wider View



Anticipated Timeline - Remainder of 2021



What's happening now?

- Engagement effort underway through April (focus is on Area 3 - Minneapolis)
- Interactive comment map: www.publiccoordinate.com/#/projects/BLRT/map

What's next for Crystal?

- Metro Transit will work on traffic simulations based on rough concept
- Staff may have more information for the May 18 work session
- Staff has expressed a need for City Council review of concept layout and traffic simulations, to be followed by community outreach

Questions?



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