What’s new with METRO’s Uptown – West Loop Corridor Project

• Project designated as a locally funded project
• Environmental analysis to be conducted to maintain eligibility for future federal funding
• Guided Rapid Transit (GRT) technology to be implemented as the first phase
• The Alternative Analysis Process was completed in 2003-2004
• GRT runs on dedicated lanes, uses stations and has off-vehicle fare payment
• GRT can leave dedicated lane to provide collection/distribution service
• GRT can be converted to LRT as ridership grows
Uptown – West Loop Corridor Facts

- Alignment being considered runs from south of U.S. 59 through the Uptown/Galleria area to the Northwest Transit Center at IH 610 and IH 10
- The total length of the line will be approximately 4.4 miles
- The line will serve Uptown, Uptown area neighborhoods, Galleria and the Northwest area
- The line will also connect with the University Corridor
Uptown – West Loop Corridor

Project Planning & Development Process

System Planning (METRO Solutions)

Alternatives Analysis

Preliminary Engineering/Environmental Analysis

Final Design / Right-Of-Way Acquisition

Construction

Operations targeted for 2011

We are here

Target July 2007
Project Development Process and Public Input Opportunities

- **June 2006 – June 2007: Preliminary Engineering and Local Environmental Analysis**
  - Detailed engineering analysis and refinement of alignment
  - Comprehensive assessment of environmental impacts and mitigation
  - Public input on station locations, property access and station area development
  - Meetings with stakeholders to provide project updates and to discuss design options and system operations
  - Identify any Right-of-Way impacts

- **July 2007 – December 2010: Design / Construction**
  - Coordinated engineering effort to implement design/build process
  - Public input regarding station art, landscaping and construction staging and management
  - Begin construction coordination