

Community Health Worksheet

Background Information

The Gateway Corridor is a planned approximately 12-mile dedicated Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line located in Ramsey and Washington Counties in Minnesota. The corridor runs generally parallel to I-94, connecting downtown Saint Paul with its East Side neighborhoods and the suburbs of Maplewood, Landfall, Oakdale, Lake Elmo, and Woodbury. The transitway will connect the eastern parts of the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area to the broader regional transit system through Union Depot multimodal transportation hub in downtown Saint Paul. To learn more about this project please visit: www.thegatewaycorridor.com

As part of this planning effort, a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) is being completed to evaluate the potential health effects of the project before it is implemented. The HIA is supported by a \$100,000 grant from the Health Impact Project, a collaboration of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and The Pew Charitable Trusts, with funding from the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Foundation.

The Gateway Corridor HIA will focus on land use decisions around each of the proposed Gateway stations from a public health perspective. The HIA will use input from this worksheet and the public process to select several land use and public health goals that are important to the corridor. To learn more about HIAs, please visit: <http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/projects/health-impact-project>.

Process

In order to select meaningful goals, the HIA Project Management Team is seeking your input. Please complete the following worksheet to help us understand what are the most important elements to you as the station areas develop over time.

Step 1: Tell us which organization you belong to (if not part of an organization, just write "individual") and your zip code. If you'd like to join the Gateway email address, please indicate as such.

AGENCY/ORGANIZATION _____

ZIP CODE _____

EMAIL _____

Check the box if you would like to receive emails about the Gateway Corridor project.

Step 2: Are you interested in a particular Gateway Corridor Transit Station? If so, please check those that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Union Depot | <input type="checkbox"/> Landfall |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mounds Boulevard | <input type="checkbox"/> The Oaks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Earl Street | <input type="checkbox"/> Inwood Avenue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Etna Street | <input type="checkbox"/> Keats Avenue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sun Ray | <input type="checkbox"/> Manning Avenue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3M Station | <input type="checkbox"/> No Particular Station |

Step 3: Use the attached worksheet to select the five most important elements you perceive as having the greatest influence on creating healthier environments at the station areas.

Step 4: Use the attached worksheet to tell us why that element is important to your health. For example, if you selected “sidewalks” as an important element to be considered, it may be important because it “allows people to walk more” or “provides safer connections for people who walk”.

Step 5: Return your worksheet by February 16, 2015, to Lyssa Leitner at Washington County by email: gatewaycorridor@co.washington.mn.us. Please call with any questions: (651) 430-4300.

Your input is greatly appreciated.

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Vote for a total of 5	Elements	Why is this element important to your health?
<p>Land Use & Housing Elements <i>What type of land uses and housing elements do you perceive as having the greatest influence on creating healthier environments at the station areas?</i></p>		
	Apartments or other Multi-Family Housing	
	Mixed Use Development (<i>commercial, retail, residential, and office uses in one building or adjacent to each other</i>)	
	Housing for All Ages	
	Access to Affordable Housing	
	Housing for the Elderly	
	Office Jobs	
	Commercial and Retail Services	
	Public Services and Governmental Uses	
	Health Care/Medical Uses	
	Owner-Occupied Housing	
	Rental Housing	
<p>Transportation Elements <i>What types of transportation elements do you perceive as having the greatest influence on creating healthier environments at the station areas?</i></p>		
	Sidewalks	
	On-Street Bike Routes	
	Off-Road Trails	
	Local Transit Service	
	Parking	
	Safe Routes to School	

Vote for a total of 5	Elements	Why is this element important to your health?
Parks, Open Space, and Natural Resources <i>What types of parks and open space elements do you perceive as having the greatest influence on creating healthier environments at the station areas?</i>		
	Regional Parks	
	Local Parks	
	Open Space/Green Space	
	Water Features	
	Wildlife and Natural Habitat	
Design and Other Elements <i>What type of design or other elements do you perceive as having the greatest influence on creating healthier environments at the station areas?</i>		
	Air Quality	
	Access to Healthy Foods (grocery stores, farmers' markets)	
	Personal Safety	
	Crime Prevention	
	Access to Education (Elementary to College)	
	Social/Community Gathering Locations	
	Access to Cultural Facilities	
	Access to Indoor Recreation Facilities	
	Living Wage Jobs	
	Access for People with Disabilities	
Other Elements <i>Please provide additional ideas below.</i>		