

# PURPOSE AND NEED SUMMARY

## PROPOSED UPDATES

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### PROJECT PURPOSE

#### From the Pre-Project Development Study

The purpose of the Riverview Corridor project is to provide transit service that would:

- Enhance mobility and access to opportunities for residents, businesses, and the region through connections to employment, education, and economic development throughout the Twin Cities; and
- Support goals to cultivate economic prosperity and to invest in all neighborhoods in the corridor, with special attention given to neighborhoods with areas of concentrated poverty.

#### Revised Version Based on Input Received

The purpose of the Riverview Corridor project is to provide transit service that enhances mobility and accessibility for residents, businesses and workers and supports economic opportunities within the project area, particularly in low income neighborhoods.

# PROJECT NEEDS

## From the Pre-Project Development Study

- Growing and changing travel demand.
- Needs of people who rely on transit.
- Local and regional objectives for growth.
- Constrained access within the corridor and to the regional transportation system.

## Revised Version Based on Input Received

*Includes revised need statements and examples of what type of topics will be covered under each need.*

- **Planning for population and employment growth.**
  - Forecast growth in population and employment.
  - Forecast growth in the number of trips in the corridor.
- **Meeting the needs of people who rely on transit.**
  - Zero-car households and one-car households.
  - People living in poverty and people with low income.
  - People with disabilities.
  - Youth and older adults.
- **Addressing future travel patterns and demand for high-amenity service.**
  - Service to local and regional destinations.
  - Demand for frequent, all-day service.
  - Shift in commuting and everyday trips (food, medical, etc).
  - Need for safe and comfortable bicycle and pedestrian connections to transit.
- **Supporting local and regional plans.**
  - Objectives for growth, transit investments and equity.

# PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Alternatives that would address the project purpose and needs are further evaluated based on project goals and objectives. *Tracked changes reflect input received.*

Table 1: Goals and Objectives

Goals	Objectives
<p>Improve transit connections to jobs, education, health care, activity centers, cultural resources and the regional and national transit network</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide high-<del>amenity</del><u>quality</u> service for <del>local</del><u>transit</u> trips along the corridor.</li> <li>• Provide competitive transit travel times in the Riverview Corridor.</li> <li>• <del>Provide additional transportation capacity to meet current and future travel demand.</del></li> <li>• Increase transit share of travel in the corridor.</li> </ul>
<p>Support development and employment in the corridor and Twin Cities region</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide right-sized transit facilities at locations where existing and future land uses make them mutually supportive, in order to maximize public and private investment.</li> <li>• Support community development and redevelopment initiatives.</li> <li>• Support a mix of housing choices.</li> <li>• Preserve and add to current levels of affordable housing, including those that are deed restricted and those that are naturally occurring.</li> </ul>
<p>Support, protect and enhance high-quality connections of corridor resources, neighborhoods, businesses and the Mississippi River</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve connections to the Mississippi River.</li> <li>• Minimize negative impacts to <del>the</del>-natural <u>and cultural resources</u>-environment.</li> <li>• <u>Honor Bdote and other areas of tribal significance.</u></li> <li>• Minimize negative impacts to existing businesses and neighborhoods.</li> <li>• Balance impacts to existing traffic operations.</li> <li>• Contribute to improving local and regional equity, sustainability and quality of life.</li> </ul>

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Provide additional transportation choices in the corridor to support community health and regional sustainability goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support regional planning for a more balanced, multi-modal transportation network.</li> <li>• Increase opportunities for safe bicycling and walking to improve public health and the environment.</li> <li>• Increase the comfort, connectivity and attractiveness of bicycle and pedestrian networks to and along the corridor.</li> <li>• Provide accessible pathways to and from transit service and local destinations.</li> </ul>
Develop and select an implementable project with local and regional support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define transit improvements with public, stakeholder and agency support.</li> <li>• Identify transit improvements that are financially feasible and competitive for federal funding.</li> </ul>