

RIVERVIEW CORRIDOR MODERN STREETCAR PROJECT

2021 PURPOSE AND NEED

OVERVIEW

Ramsey County is leading analysis and design of the Riverview Modern Streetcar project. This project is a 12-mile planned transportation connection between neighborhoods, anchor destinations and employers in downtown Saint Paul, MSP International Airport and the Mall of America.

PROJECT NEED



Planning for population and employment growth



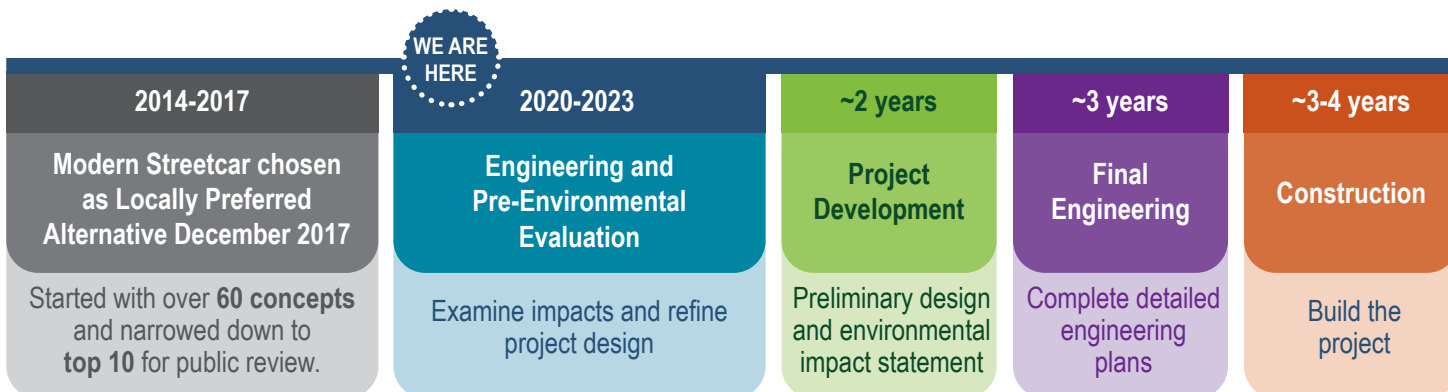
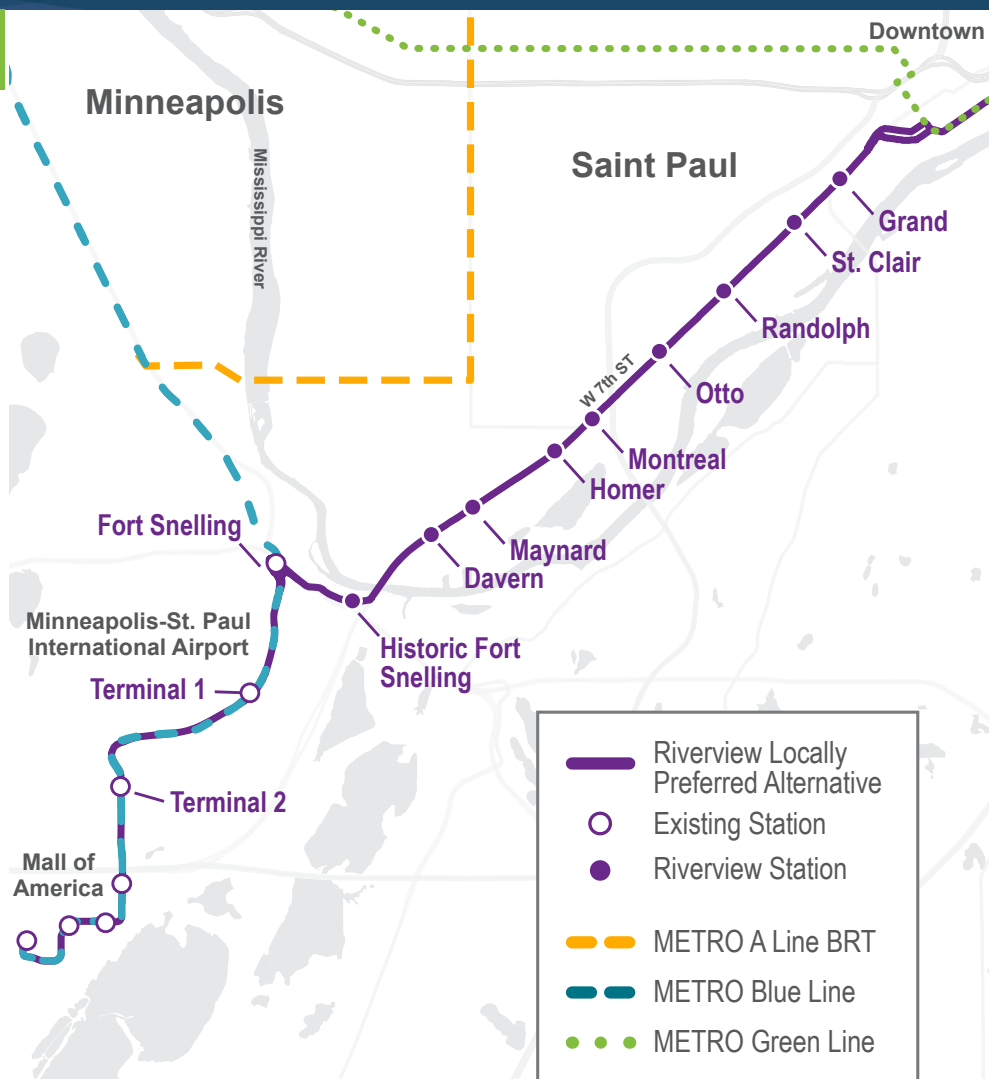
Meeting the needs of people who rely on transit



Addressing a gap in the METRO system and accommodate future travel patterns



Supporting local and regional plans



Project Purpose and Goals

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.

- ✓ Improve transit connections to jobs, education, health care, recreational areas, activity centers, and the regional and national transportation network
- ✓ Support sustainable development and employment that advances local and regional plans and policies
- ✓ Support, protect and enhance corridor resources, neighborhoods, businesses and the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers
- ✓ Develop a cost-competitive project with local and regional support
- ✓ Improve multimodal transportation facilities in the corridor to support community health



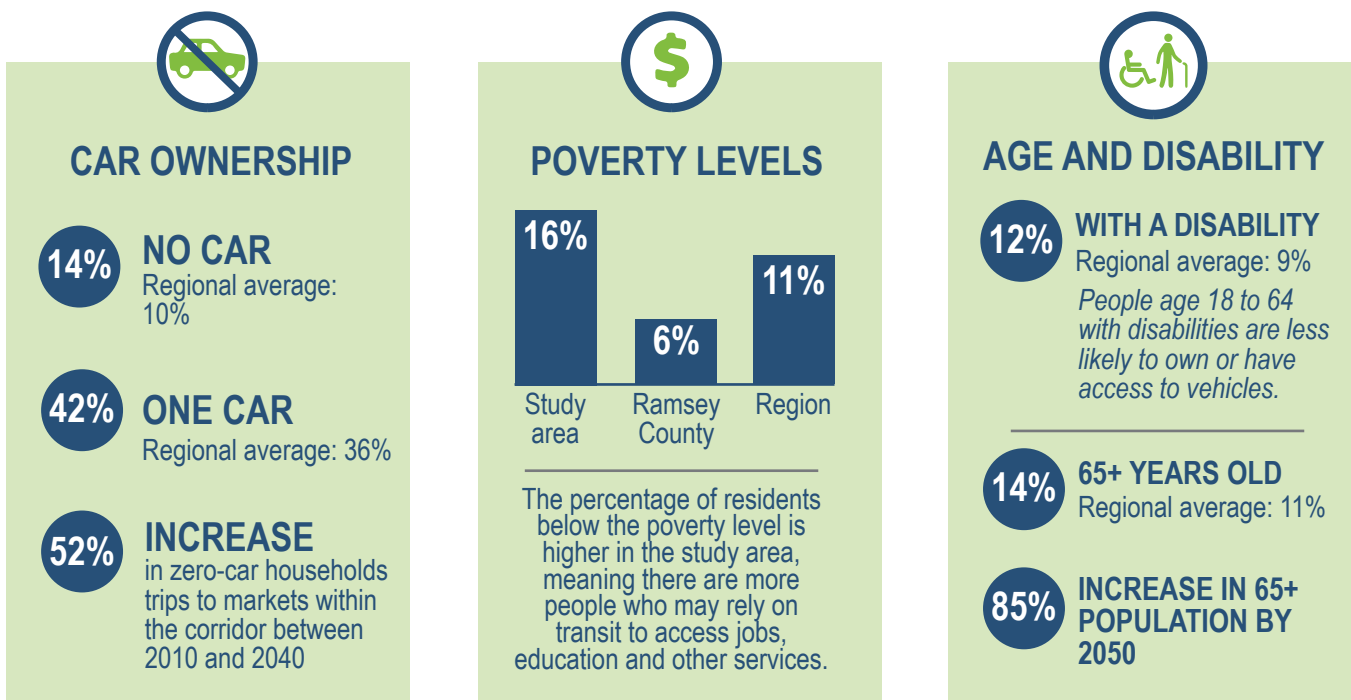
Project need #1: Planning for population and employment growth

As population and employment in the study area increase, the demand for transportation will also increase.



Project need #2: Meeting the needs of people who rely on transit

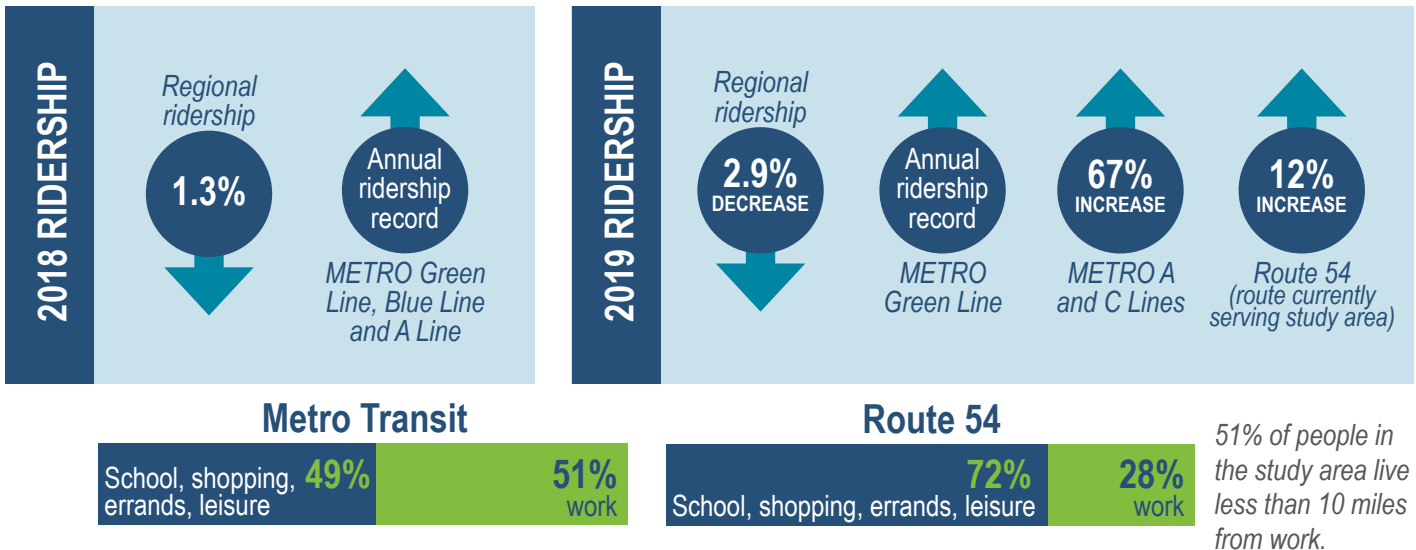
Transit is a significant public investment and it should benefit those who rely on it most. Those who depend on transit include low- and moderate-income households, people with limited mobility, elderly people, and young people.





Project need #3: Addressing a gap in the METRO system and accommodating future travel patterns

Metro Transit has seen an increase in ridership on its METRO system, even as ridership on other routes has dropped. This project is needed to serve the increased demand for local destinations and everyday trips.



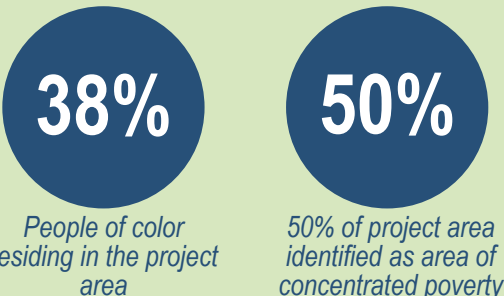
Project need #4: Supporting local and regional plans

The Riverview Corridor Project is included in...

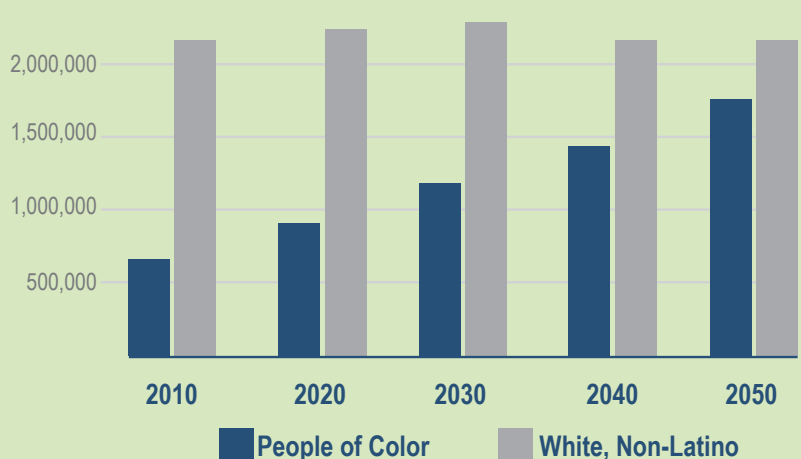
- METROPOLITAN COUNCIL: 2040 TRANSPORTATION POLICY PLAN
- SAINT PAUL: SAINT PAUL FOR ALL 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
- BLOOMINGTON: FORWARD 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Promoting Equity

As the region works to right historical disinvestment in communities of people with low income and in communities of color, transit access for these areas is particularly important.



Regional demographic change



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