





COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting #1



Land Acknowledgement

Every community owes its existence and vitality to generations from around the world who contributed their hopes, dreams, and energy to making the history that led to this moment. Some were brought here against their will, some were drawn to leave their distant homes in hope of a better life, and some have lived on this land since time immemorial. Truth and acknowledgment are critical to building mutual respect and connection across all barriers of heritage and difference.

We are standing on the ancestral lands of the Dakota People. We want to acknowledge the Ojibwe, the Ho Chunk and the other nations of people who also called this place home. We pay respects to their elders past and present. Please take a moment to consider the treaties made by the tribal nations that entitle non-Native people to live and work on traditional Native lands. Consider the many legacies of violence, displacement, migration, and settlement that bring us together here today. And please join us in uncovering such truths at any and all public events.

The acknowledgment given in the USDAC Honor Native Land Guide - edited to reflect Minnesota tribes. In review with SIA and endorsed by Shannon Geshick, Executive Director Minnesota Indian Affairs Council.



Introductions



Introduce yourself!

- What are your name and preferred pronouns?
- Why did you want to be on the Community Advisory Committee?
- What does a successful Riverview Corridor look like for you?



Housekeeping



Group Agreements

- Be open-minded.
- Listen actively/respectfully when others are speaking.
- Speak from your own experience instead of generalizing (Use "I" instead of "they," "we," and "you").
- Respectfully ask challenging questions and refrain from personal attacks.
- Be engaged and provide feedback.
- The goal is not to always agree it is to gain a deeper understanding.
- Be aware of your facial expressions they can be perceived as disrespectful as words.
- Do not dominate the discussion, allow others to be heard.
- "Step Up and Step Back!"



Virtual Meeting Procedures – Members

- Please mute your mic when not speaking.
- Please leave your video feed on if possible.
- If you wish to speak:
 - Please use the "raise hand" feature.
 - Unmute your mic.



File Storage/Sharing

- Community Advisory Committee members may access relevant materials on a dedicated file sharing site.
- A secured link will be sent to members via email.
- Example items to be shared include:
 - Meeting agendas.
 - Meeting presentations.
 - Meeting notes.
 - Other relevant project documents (e.g., charter, draft plans, etc.)



Community Advisory Committee Charter and Meeting Expectations



Charter Overview

Roles and Responsibilities	 Advise the Policy Advisory Committee on project design, environmental analysis and community engagement opportunities and techniques. Participate and assist in coordinating with specific working groups.
Membership	 25 members. Membership chosen by Policy Advisory Committee through the application process. Emphasis on selecting members who can represent diversity of the population, business owners and workers in the corridor. Led by two Co-Chairs be chosen by the Committee membership. Co-Chairs of the Station Area Planning Task Force will be ex-officio members of the Community Advisory Committee.
Duration and Meeting Frequency	 Expected to meet every three months throughout the approximately 3-year study period (early 2021 to late 2023).
Meeting Location	 During COVID-19, meetings will be virtual. Post-COVID-19, meetings will be held at a transit-accessible location within the corridor.



Role of Community Advisory Committee

- Provide advisory input and guidance on:
 - Project development.
 - Engagement process.
- Representing community views, perspectives, and diversity.
- Not final decision-maker on the project.



Co-Chair Roles and Selection Process

- Assist in facilitating meeting agenda and group discussion.
- Represent the Community Advisory Committee at Policy Advisory Committee.
- Selection: Nominations followed by anonymous committee vote.



Meeting Format and Expectations

- Project staff presentations.
- Facilitated discussions.
- Consensus-based decision-making.
- Expectations of members:
 - Reviewing materials in advance.
 - Respectful discussion.



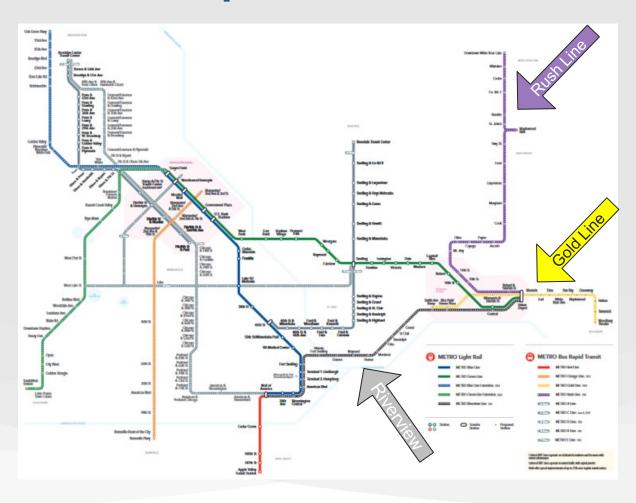
Project Overview



Project History and Goals



Future Rapid Transit Network





Previous Studies

1998

Phase 1 Riverview Corridor Study

2000

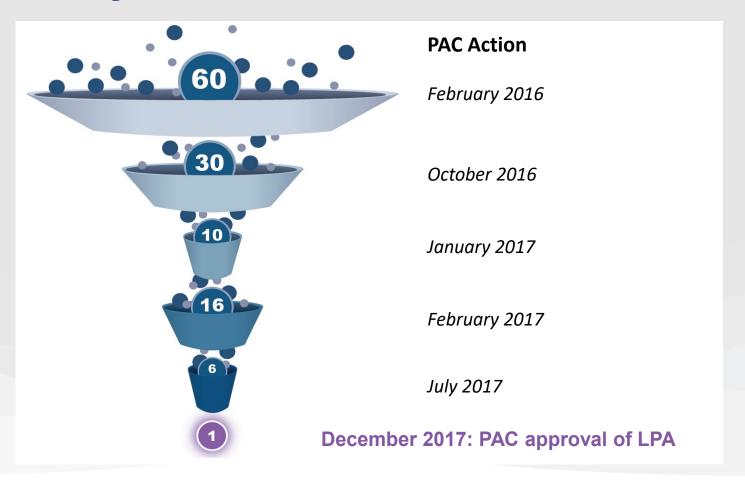
Riverview Major Investment Study

2017

Riverview Pre-Project Development Study



Pre-Project Development Study Locally Preferred Alternative Process

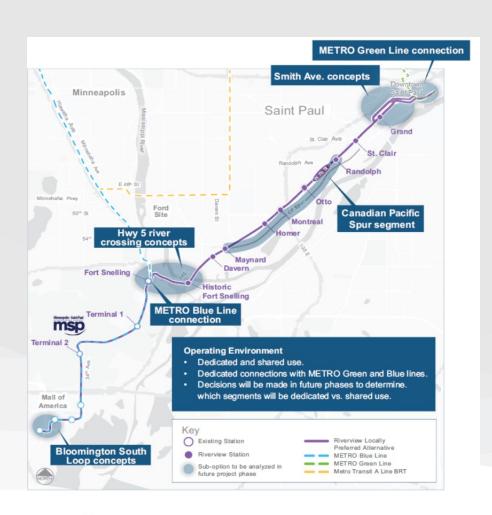




Locally Preferred Alternative



Locally Preferred Alternative: Modern Streetcar





2040 DAILY

RIDERSHIP

Total 20,400

Transit-dependent

4,600

New Riders 2,700

OPERATION &

MAINTENANCE

COST (2027\$)

\$35M

peryear



ESTIMATED

CAPITAL

COST

(2029\$)

\$2.066B

Serves Major Destinations and Neighborhoods



- Downtown Saint Paul.
- Highland Park and West 7th Street neighborhoods.
- Fort Snelling at Bdote.
- Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.
- Mall of America and South Loop.



Modern Streetcar Characteristics

- Improved travel times and reliability through:
 - · Shared or exclusive guideway.
 - Signal prioritization.
- Quieter.
- Smoother ride experience.
- Lower floors/level boarding.
- Roomy interiors.
- Catalyze development that contributes to "sense of place."
- Electric powered with overhead wires (wireless technology available).





Engineering and Pre-Environmental (EPE) Scope and Organizational Structure



Engineering and Pre-Environmental Phase

Alternatives

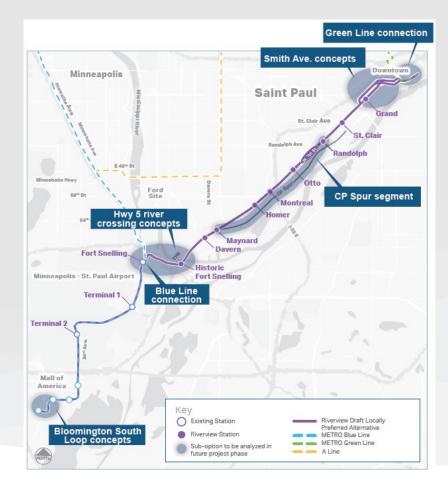
- Streetcar (Locally Preferred Alternative).
- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT).
- No Build.

Route

- Light rail transit connections.
- Seven Corners/Smith Avenue.
- CP Spur parallel to West 7th Street.
- Highway 5 river crossing.
- Bloomington South Loop/Mall of America.

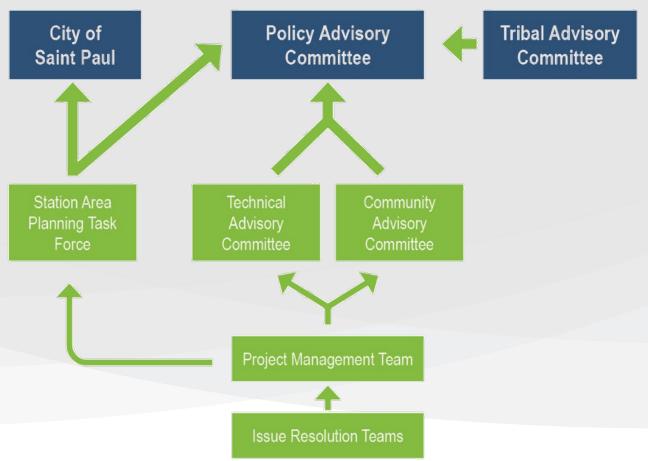
Operating environment

- Dedicated and shared use.
- Center- or side-running.





Project Committees





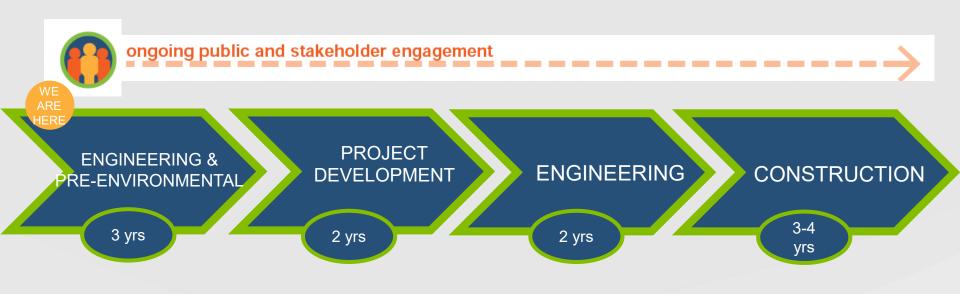
Tribal Coordination



- Entire corridor of interest.
- 11 Federally recognized
 Tribes in Minnesota,
 though Dakota Tribes
 have expressed the most interest.
- FTA initiated Section 106 consultation in 2019.
- Exiled Tribes may express interest during this phase.



Project Timeline



- Initiate
 environmental,
 cultural, and
 socio-economic
 data gathering
- Advance engineering up to 25%

- Complete the Environmental Impact Statement
- > Advance engineering/design
- Complete engineering/ design
- Full Funding Grant Agreement



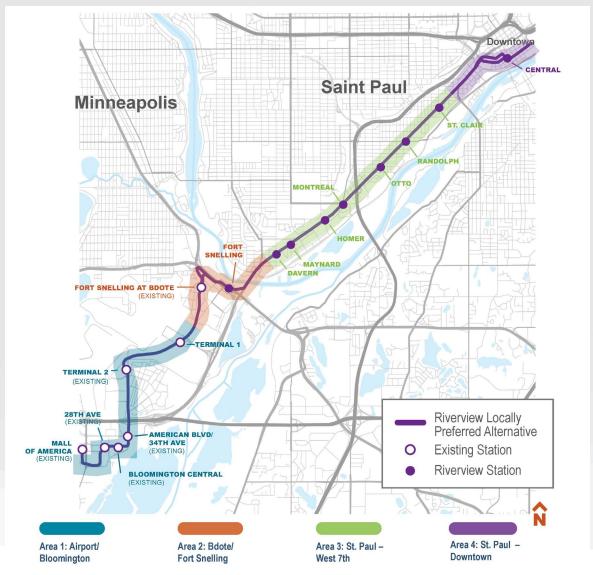
Federal Transit Administration Approval Point



Most Significant Design Issues

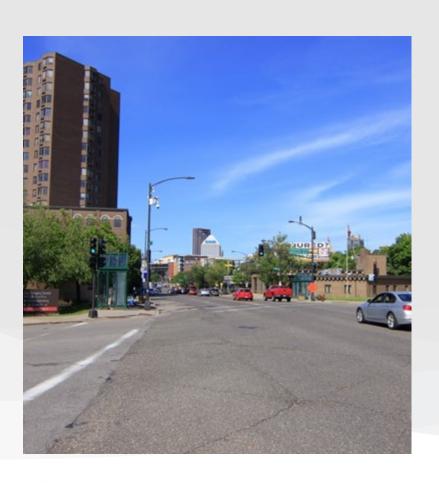


Issue Resolution Areas





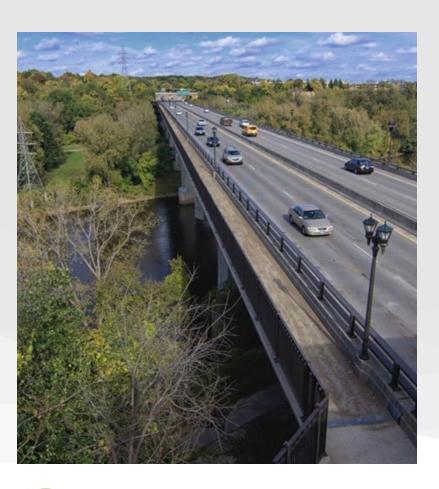
Key Technical Issues



- Streetscape.
- Public safety.
- Right-of-way.
- · Turnbacks.
- Construction impacts.
- Special events.
- Utilities.
- Structures.



Key Technical Issues



- Traffic analysis.
- On-street parking.
- Transit service.
- International airport.
- Stations.
- Railroad coordination.
- Operations and maintenance facility.



Station Area Planning Overview



What is station area planning?

A collaborative process that identifies ways to promote safe and direct station access and transit-supportive development near transit stations.





Why do Station Area Planning?



Mobility Increases

More people can get to where they want to go easier and faster



Access Increases

More people can easily get to a particular location









A plan will guide change before it comes; not react to it

Station Area Planning Key Tasks

- Review of previous and ongoing initiatives.
 - City comprehensive plan, neighborhood plans, etc.
- Draft station area plans.
- Station Area Planning Task Force.
 - Guide development of the station area plans in Saint Paul.
 - Forward plans to the Policy Advisory Committee and Saint Paul Planning Commission.



Cultural Resources Overview



Cultural Resources Key Tasks

- Background research and define study area.
- Survey of archaeological and historic resources.
- Reports recommending eligibility of resources for further study.
- Cultural landscape study for Bdote area.
- Tribal coordination.



Engagement Plan Overview



Engagement Goals



GOAL 1: An informed and engaged public that reflects the diversity of the corridor.



GOAL 2: Meaningful input to guide the project.



GOAL 3: Public accountability and transparency.



Engagement Approach





Maximizing Effectiveness Through...

- Community liaisons.
- Visual messaging.
- Investing in the community.
- Growing local capacity.
- Making input matter.
- Placemaking and identity.





Corridor Stakeholders

Tribes

- 11 federally recognized tribes
- Exiled tribes
- Other tribal interests in the area

Government

- Ramsey County
- Partner Agencies
- Other local, state, and federal officials

Neighborhood and Community •

- Residents of project area
- Targeted populations
- Neighborhood associations
- Residential property owners and managers

- Civic, educational, and religious institutions
- Corridor commuters (including transit riders)

Businesses, Real Estate, and Development

- Business owners, employees, commercial property owners
- Business associations and visitors' bureaus
- Major corridor destinations
- Real estate and development professionals



Engagement Strategies

Community Events

Artists

Partner Agencies



Interactive Mapping



Open Houses



Surveys



Pop-Ups



Social Media



Media Campaign



Corridor Tour



Email



Interviews





Website

Signage



General Timing of Engagement

Spring 2021

- Project Goals
- Purpose and Need

Summer 2021

- Alternatives Analysis
- Existing Conditions

Fall-Winter 21-22

- · Preferred Alternative
- Central Segment Plans

2022-2023

- Preliminary Engineering
- East and West Plans



Riverview Engagement Topics



Purpose and Need Statement



Purpose Statement

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.



Need Statements



Planning for population and employment growth



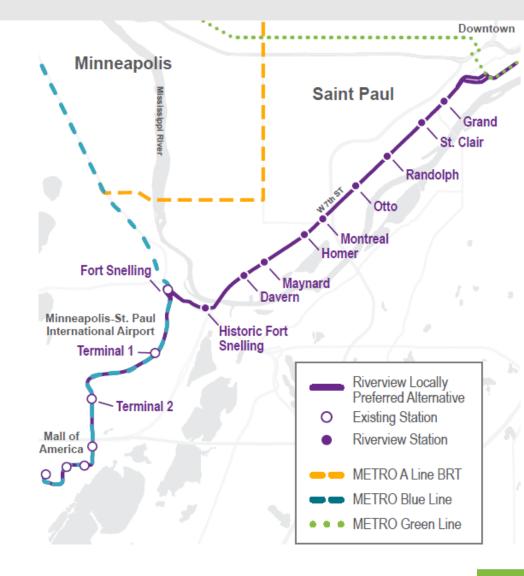
Meeting the needs of people who rely on transit



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



Supporting local and regional plans





Purpose and Need Public Review

- Review by tribes and Technical Advisory Committee (due April 19).
- Address comments (April 19-30).
- Public review (May 17-June 25).
- Not a Committee review task.
- View on website at <u>www.rivercorridor.org</u>.



Open House #1 Preparation

- Virtual open house via Zoom.
- Wednesday, June 23, 6-8 PM.
- Will cover:
 - Purpose and need.
 - Existing conditions.
 - Overview of major issues.
- CAC role: attend, share with your networks.



Next Steps



Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- Meeting dates, times, and length.
- Co-chair selection.
- Distribution of agendas and materials.



Draft Content for Next CAC Meeting

- Purpose and need review.
- Public open house recap.
- Critical design issues.
- Tentatively scheduled in August.



Questions?

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