



# POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting #4

# Welcome and Introductions

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# Community Engagement Updates

# Engagement Strategies



## General Timing of Engagement



# Engagement Jan-Jun 2021: Project Setup

- Project committee formation and meetings.
- Website and email setup.
- Project social media account setup.
- Partner and community organization contact list.
- Development of general media campaign.
- Artist partner solicitation process.
- Bus-streetcar FAQ drafted.



# Engagement Jan-Jun 2021: Outreach

- Tribal consultation.
- Purpose & Need review.
- Business association and neighborhood association meetings.
- Stakeholder outreach.
- Virtual open house #1.
- Media awareness campaign and ads.

**IT'S YOUR STREETCAR**  
Tell us what you think

RIVERVIEW CORRIDOR

Join us for a virtual Open House for updates on the Riverview Corridor Modern Streetcar Project.

**DATE:**  
Wednesday, June 23

**TIME:**  
6-8 p.m.

**FORMAT:**  
Online Zoom presentation with project updates

**FEEDBACK:**  
Share your thoughts and ask questions

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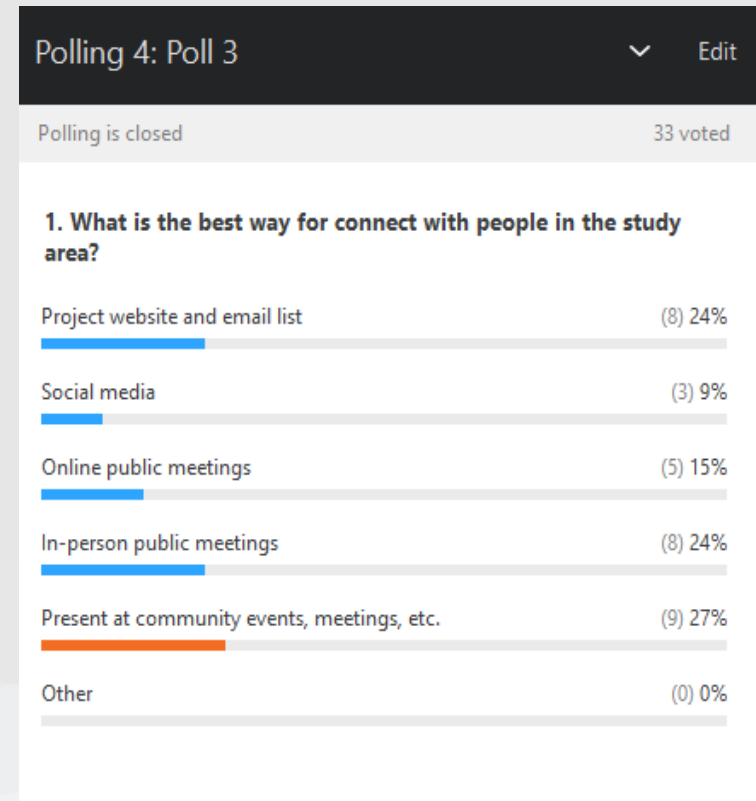
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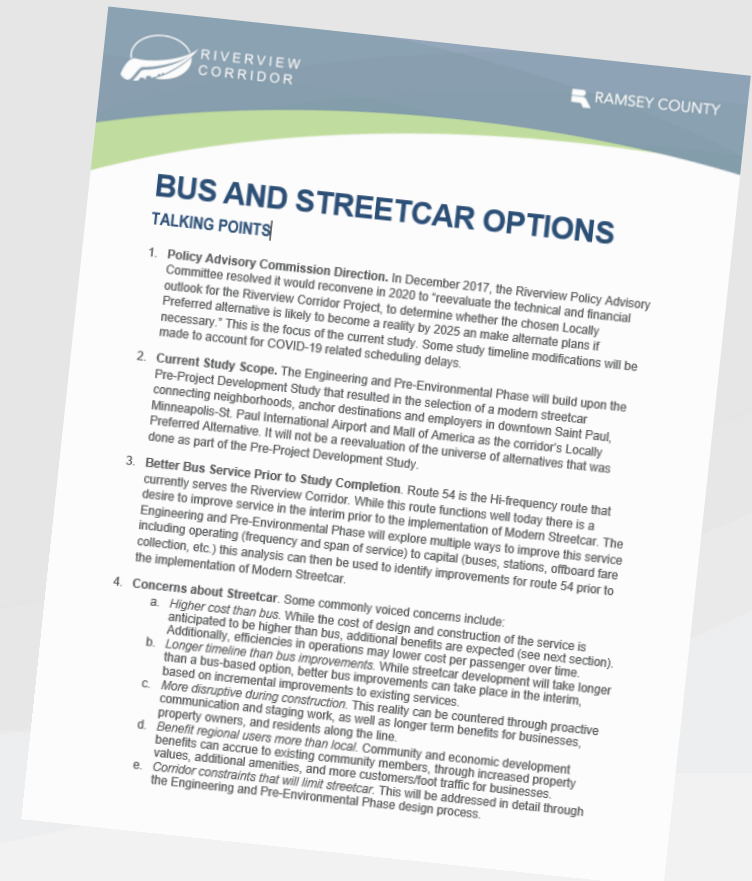
# Virtual Open House

- 120 people registered; nearly 70 attended.
- Presentations on Purpose & Need and other project updates.
- Live polls of attendees and follow-up survey.
- Around 30 questions answered live.
- Recording and slide deck on website.



# Engagement Jan-Jun 2021: Observations

- Many questions on how Locally Preferred Alternative was reached.
- Both vocal support and opposition to project.
- Continued need to support diverse outreach efforts.
- Need to define meaningful questions to ask the public.



# Community Advisory Committee

- Diverse representation of community stakeholders.
- First meeting was 5/18: committee and project introduction, major issues overview
- Will meet approximately quarterly.



**Application deadline extended to January 4**

**IT'S YOUR STREETCAR**  
Let's make it happen together

The application deadline for the Riverview Corridor Community Advisory Committee and Station Area Planning Task Force has been extended to January 4!

Ramsey County is seeking applicants representing a diversity of people and perspectives. Women, people of color, indigenous people, people who rent their homes and people with disabilities are particularly encouraged to apply to serve on these committees and shape the Riverview Corridor Modern Streetcar Project.

# Committee Changes

- Community Advisory Committee.
  - Adam Yust, Ward 2 resident resigned.
  - Amelia English, Minneapolis resident and Mall of America employee is recommended.
- Station Area Planning Task Force.
  - Recommended addition of Nate Hurse, Ward 3 resident.

*REQUESTED ACTION: Approval of new committee members.*

# Purpose and Need Updates

# Review process

- March/April - tribal and Technical Advisory Committee review.
- May/June - public review.
- July - Policy Advisory Committee endorsement for federal agency review.
- July - submit to Federal Transit Administration.

# Tribal and Technical comments

- Upper Sioux.
- Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux.
- Metropolitan Council.
- City of Saint Paul.
- City of Bloomington.

# Public Comments

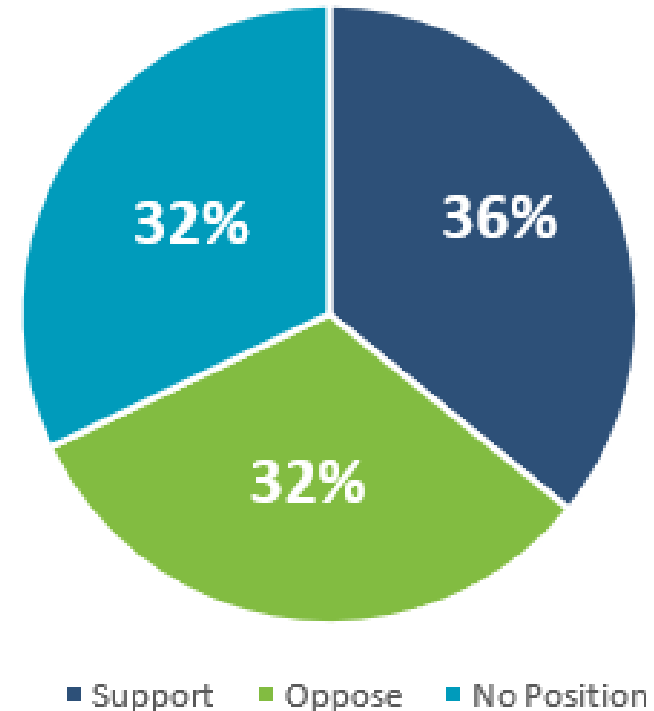
- Prior to public circulation, completed 45-day tribal review and comment.
- Summary and full document available on the website.
- Comment period open from May 17 to June 25.
- Presentation at June 23 virtual open house





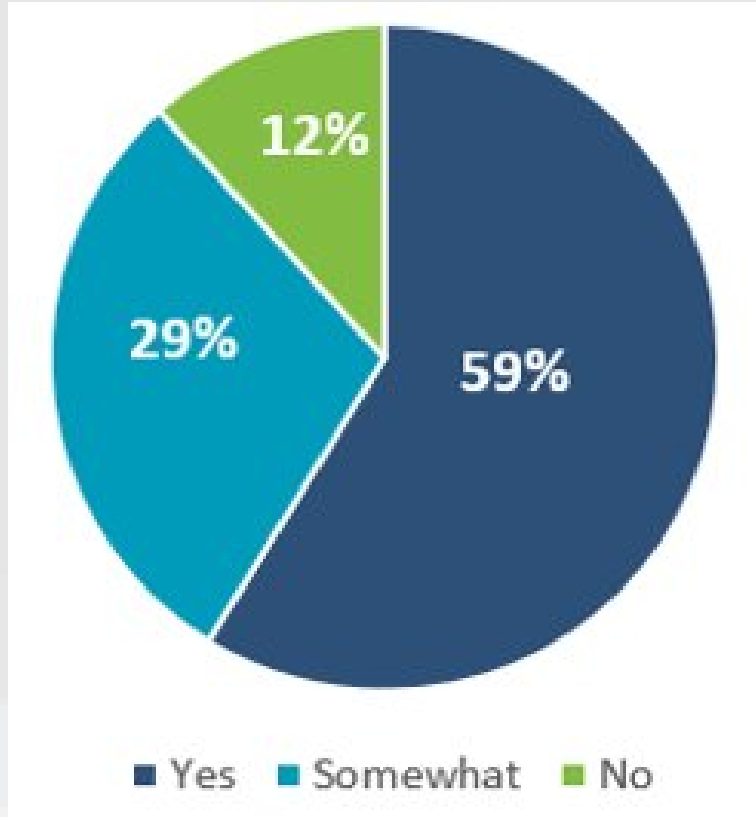
# Purpose and Need: Comments

- 53 comments received.
- 36% supported LPA.
- 32% did not support LPA.
- 32% were noncommittal, requesting additional information and analysis.



# Purpose and Need: Open House Poll

- 35 responses received to “Are the purpose and need statements a good foundation for how decisions should be made as part of this project?”



# Metropolitan Council/Metro Transit

- Focus on transit investment as a way to strengthen economic competitiveness of the corridor and downtown Saint Paul.
- Emphasize connections of downtown, airport, Mall of America.

# 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 accommodating future travel patterns.~~ **Improving economic competitiveness of the corridor.**
- **Expanding transit options to** supporting local and regional plans.

## Purpose and Need – Next Steps

- Review by Federal Transit Administration.
- *REQUESTED ACTION: Endorse submittal of the Purpose and Need Statement to the Federal Transit Administration for their review.*

# Refinement of Locally Preferred Alternative



**Build Alternative #1**

**Build Alternative #2**



# Airport/Bloomington

## SEGMENT-WIDE ISSUES

VEHICLE SELECTION

INTERACTION WITH LOCAL TRANSIT SERVICE

MSP AIRPORT

TERMINAL 1 (EXISTING)

BLUE LINE LRT

TERMINAL 2 (EXISTING)

POST RD

5

MINNESOTA RIVER

BLOOMINGTON SOUTH LOOP/MALL OF AMERICA CONNECTIONS

SOUTH LOOP DISTRICT

484

484

MALL OF AMERICA (POTENTIAL)

AMERICAN BLVD

AMERICAN BLVD/  
34TH AVE (EXISTING)

28TH AVE (EXISTING)

BLOOMINGTON CENTRAL (EXISTING)

MALL OF AMERICA

MALL OF AMERICA (EXISTING)

KILLEBREW DR

OLD SHAKOPEE RD

POTENTIAL FUTURE DEVELOPMENT SITE

77

77

CEDAR AVE

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LINDAU LN

24TH AVE

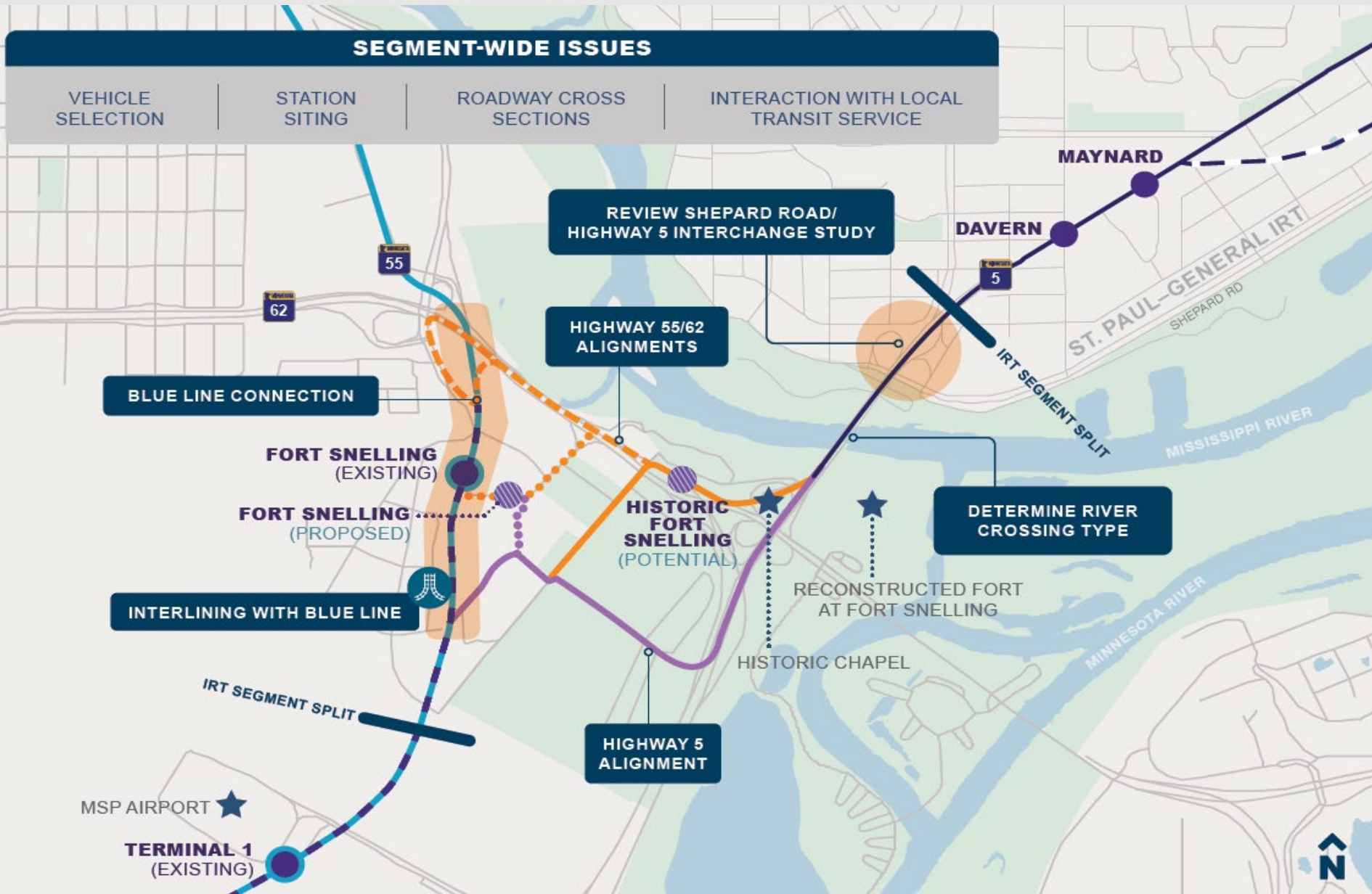
28TH AVE



# Airport/Bloomington – Progress and Next Steps

- Understand traffic at area intersections.
- Identify potential Mall of America connections.
- Meeting with Mall of America – May 6.
- Refine potential Mall of America connections.
- Develop evaluation criteria.

# Bdote/Fort Snelling: Crossings and Connections



# Issue Priority





# Bdote/Fort Snelling – Progress

- Issue: river crossing type
  - Understand tunnel condition and areas of previous disturbance.
  - Meetings with MnDOT Bridge Office, Tribes.
  - Develop tunnel options.
  - Develop evaluation criteria.

# Bdote/Fort Snelling – Progress

- Issue: Blue Line connection.
  - Understand current train and tunnel operations.
  - Develop options for connecting to existing Fort Snelling Station.
  - Develop options for separate platform.
  - Meetings with Metro Transit and Metropolitan Airports Commission.

# Bdote/Fort Snelling – Progress

- Issue: alignment through Fort Snelling.
  - Connect tunnel to Blue Line.
  - Develop Highway 5 and Highway 62/55 alignments.
  - Understand land ownership.
  - Develop evaluation criteria.

## Next Steps

- Apply evaluation criteria to provide additional context for decision-making.
- Discuss conflicting priorities with Strategic Management Team.
- Identify areas to maximize ridership and limit costs.
- Identify most competitive streetcar alternative.



# Station Area Planning Updates

# Station Area Planning Task Force

- Meeting 1 – May 4.
  - Project overview and intro to station area planning.
  - Group exercise: corridor strengths and challenges.
- Favorite place or amenity.
  - Keg & Case, Mississippi River and adjacent parks and trails, small businesses, rich historic fabric.
- Biggest challenge or issue.
  - Efficient regional and local ridership.
  - Increasing density without homogenizing neighborhood character.
  - River crossing.
  - Improved pedestrian experience.
  - Retaining history of corridor and river.
  - Traffic downtown (near Xcel and Hospital).

# Station Area Planning Task Force

- Meeting 2 – June 8.
  - Community engagement overview.
  - Review of existing physical conditions in corridor.
  - Group exercise: Corridor vision and pros/cons.
- Vision in three words (ranking).
  1. Movement/circulation.
  2. Sustainability.
  3. Equity, 3. Development.

# Station Area Planning Task Force

- Meeting 3 – July 13.
  - Review of existing socio-economic and market conditions in corridor.
  - Group exercise: Categorize station areas by general type.

# Cultural Landscape Study

# Cultural Landscape Study

- Approved June 15, 2021.
- Purpose.
  - Documents the interconnected nature of the landscape, landmarks, sites, and natural features of Bdote and its significance to Dakota people.
- Schedule.
  - Research and engagement - Fall/Winter 2021.
  - Report completion - Spring 2022.

# Public Comment

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# Next Meeting – TBD

## In person at Union Depot

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