



COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting #4

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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.

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions.
- Housekeeping Items.
- Hwy 5 Mill and Overlay Project Overview.
- Station Area Planning Task Force Update
- Engineering and Pre-Environmental Update.
- Communications and Community Engagement Update.
- Next Meeting.

Introductions

Introduce Yourself!

- What is your name and preferred pronouns?

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.

Highway 5 Mill and Overlay Project Overview

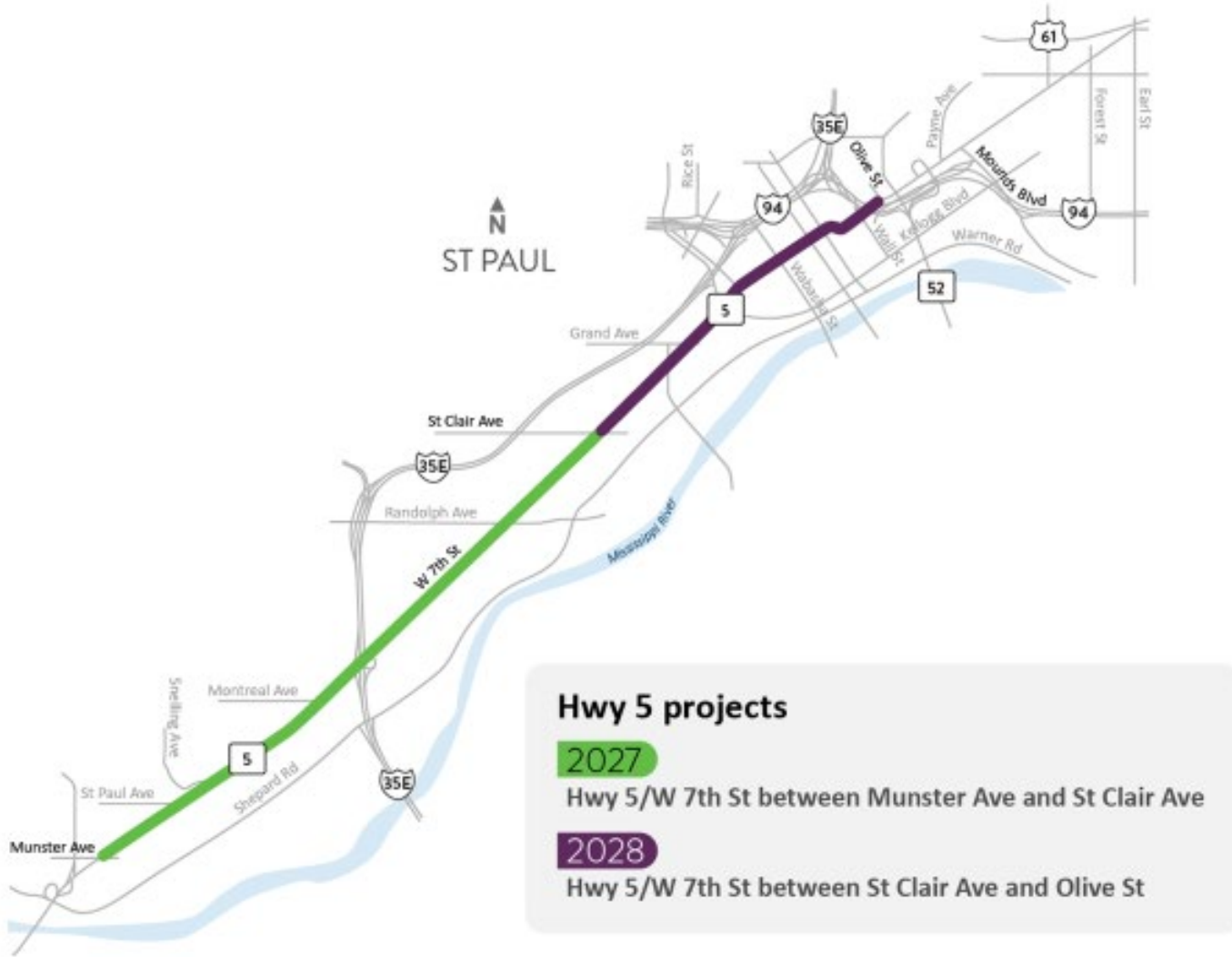


Hwy 5 / West Seventh Street Resurfacing Project

Melissa Barnes | Area Manager

Hwy 5 / West Seventh Street Resurfacing Project

Project Area



Hwy 5 / West Seventh Street Resurfacing Project

History

- Studied, planned, and engaged corridor
 - MnDOT pavement maintenance scoped in 2016
 - Commitment to asset preservation and accessibility improvements
 - Community desire for greater safety improvements, esp. related to street crossings and vehicle speeds
- Multiple agencies continue visioning
 - MnDOT, owner of Hwy 5 / West Seventh
 - Ramsey County – Riverview Corridor
 - City of St. Paul temporary pedestrian improvements
 - Metropolitan Council, Metro Transit, and others



Hwy 5 / West Seventh Street Resurfacing Project

2020 MnDOT Survey

- 359 responses in August/September 2020
- 96% St. Paul residents who live, work or commute along West Seventh St.
- Top concerns
 - Walking across the street (71%)
 - Vehicle speeds (54%)
 - Bicycle Safety (35%)

“Make West 7th St. more of a local street to support neighborhoods, businesses, walking, biking, transit; less of a highway to get to downtown”

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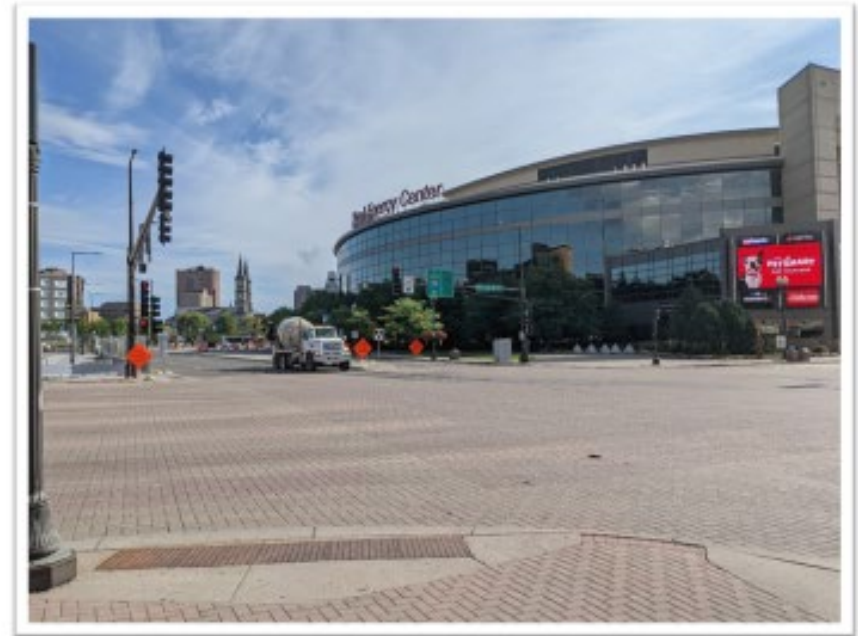
- Pavement management needed based on
 - Existing pavement condition
 - Past pavement performance
 - Forecasted condition
- Programmed pavement management
 - 2027: Munster Ave. to St. Clair Ave.
 - 2028: St. Clair Ave. to Olive St.



Hwy 5 / West Seventh Street Resurfacing Project

Project Overview

- Other needs compatible with mill and overlay:
 - Sidewalk repairs and ADA accessibility
 - Crossing improvements
 - Restriping (and possible lane reductions)
 - Traffic signal replacements
 - Lighting improvements

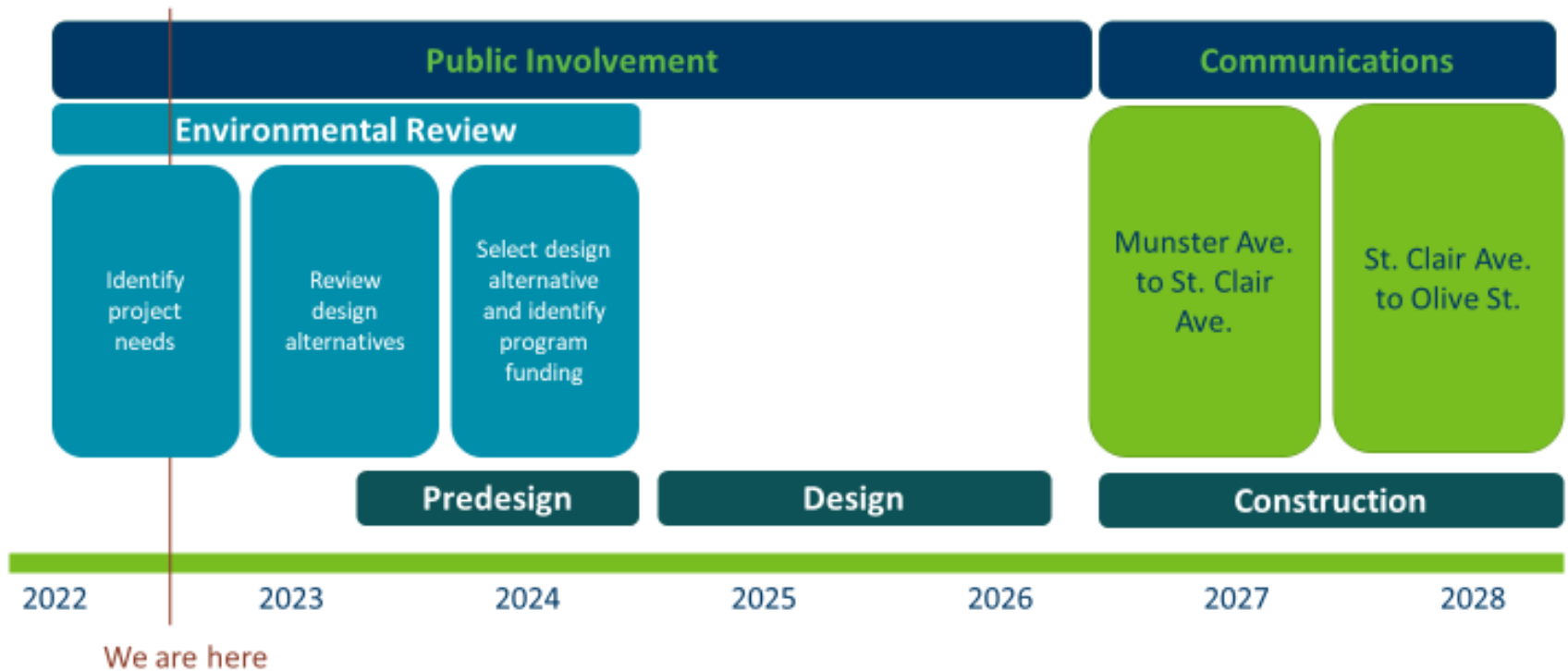


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Hwy 5 / West Seventh Street Resurfacing Project

Timeline



Hwy 5 / West Seventh Street Resurfacing Project

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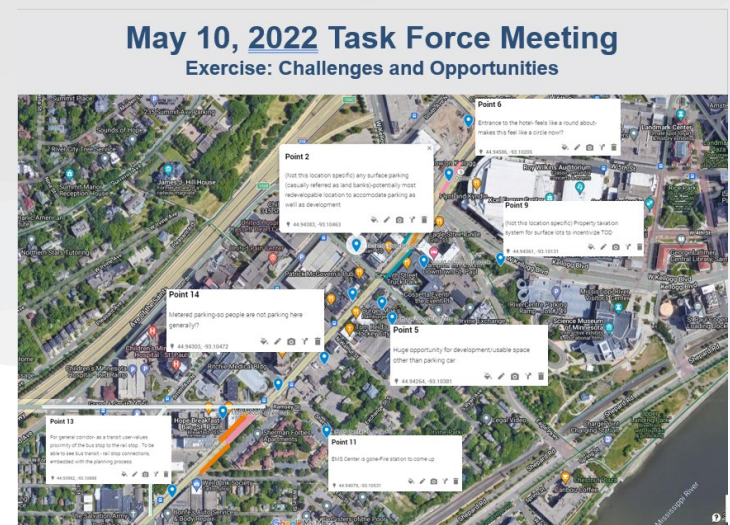
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 - MnDOT Twitter: twitter.com/mndotmetro
- 511
 - Real-time travel info. anywhere in Minnesota: www.511mn.org/

Station Area Planning Task Force Update

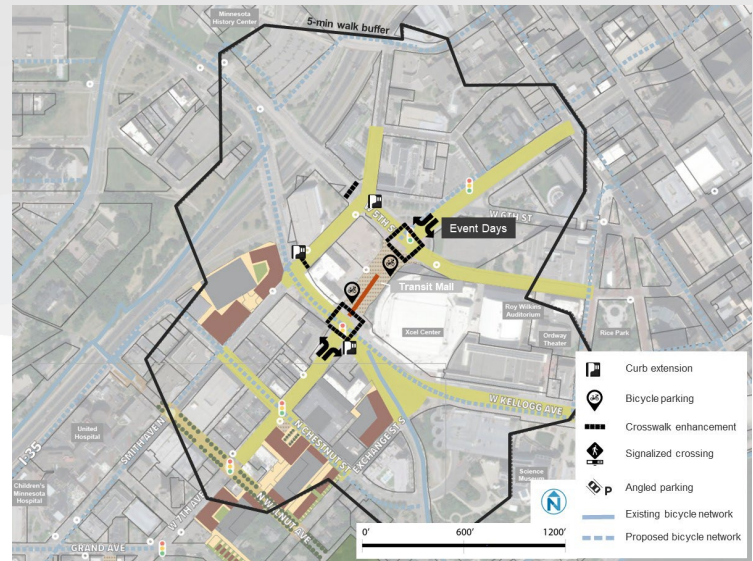
Overview of Recent Station Planning Task Force Meetings (April 2022-July 2022)

- Focus on Grand and Kellogg station areas.
- Gathered input on station area opportunities and challenges.
- Reviewed and discussed preliminary concepts that address:
 - Public realm.
 - Land use/future character.
 - Movement.



Station Area Planning Focus: Grand Avenue and Kellogg Boulevard

- Engaged many of the prominent stakeholders in the area.
- Developed preliminary concepts that addressed:
 - Areas of change.
 - Public realm improvements.
 - Safer/enhanced connections.
 - Pros/cons of possible station locations.



Station Area Planning Survey (Online)

FOCUS ON GRAND
AND KELLOGG
STATION AREAS



SURVEY
CONDUCTED
JUN-JUL 2022



285
RESPONDENTS

PROMOTED VIA
SOCIAL MEDIA,
NEWSLETTERS, ETC.



52% LIVE OR WORK
IN THE AREA



WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT THE AREA



53% Proximity to
Goods and
Services



20% General
Accessibility



12% Neighborhood
History/
Architecture



9% People/
Community

MOST IMPORTANT TO THE FUTURE OF THE AREA



68% Safe Areas to
Walk



44% Revitalization
of Underutilized
Property



33% Safe Areas to
Bike



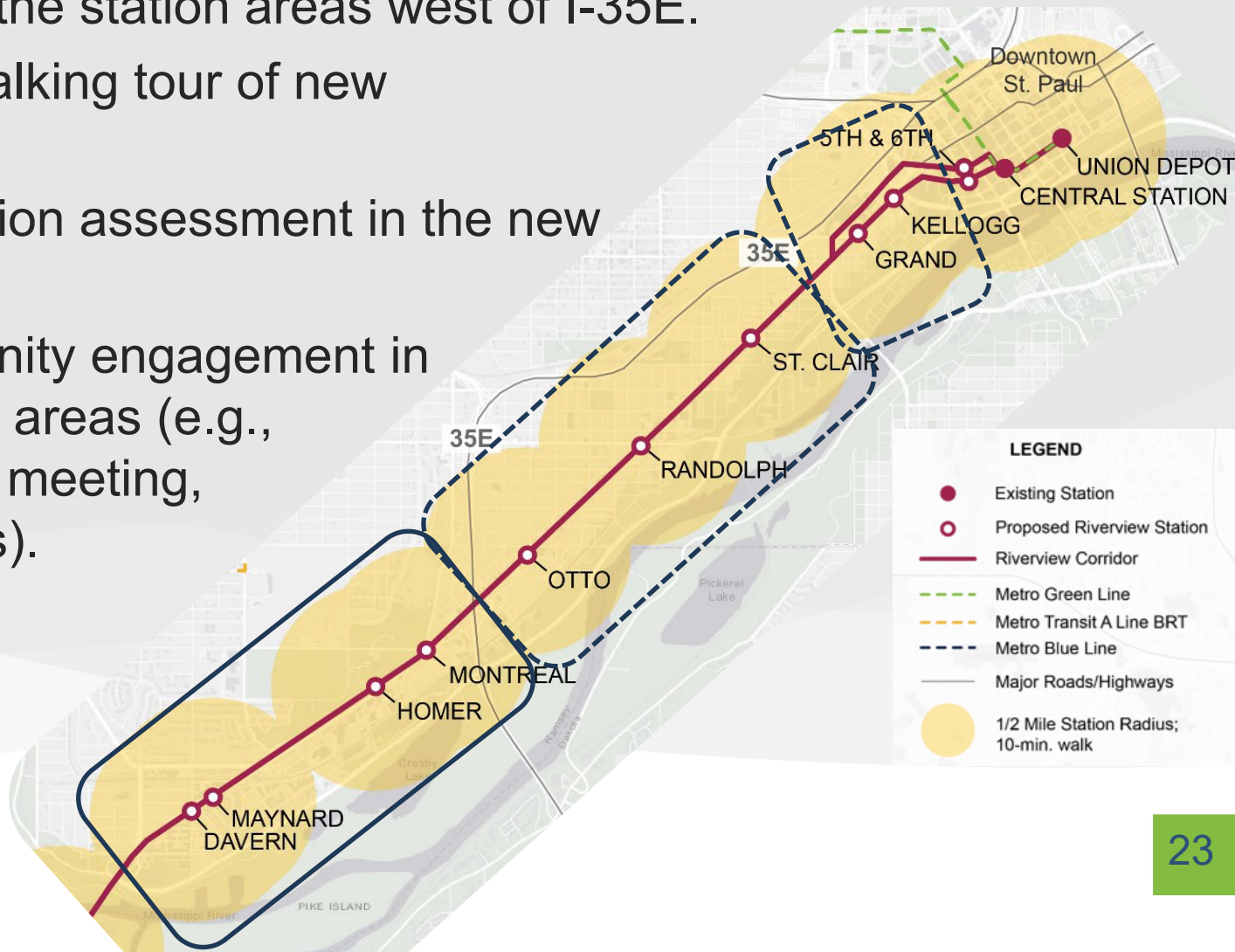
30% Streetscape
Improvements
in Business
Areas



23% Community
Parks and Other
Green Areas

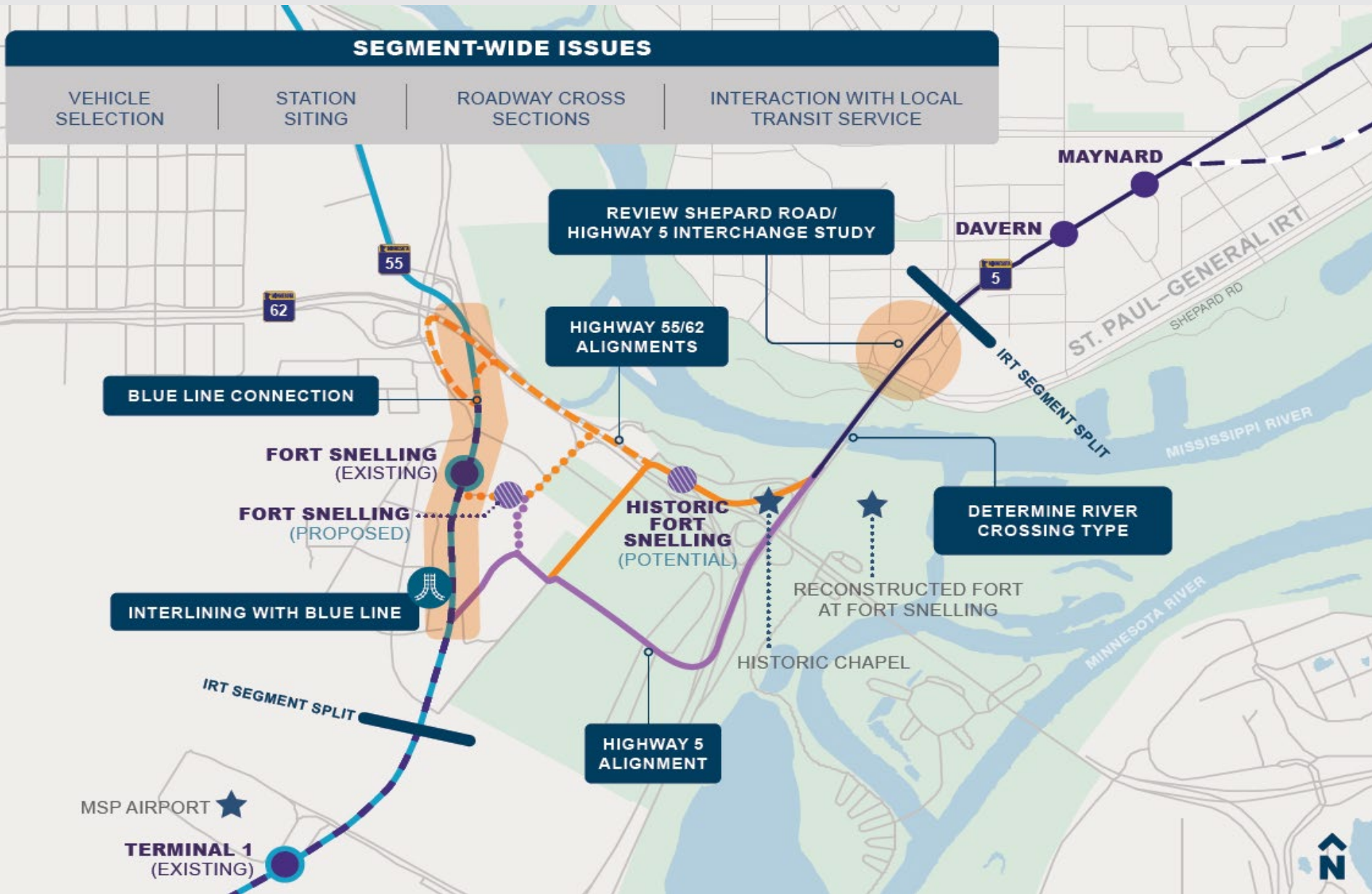
Station Area Planning Next Steps (Fall 2022-Winter 2023)

- Shift focus to the station areas west of I-35E.
- Task Force walking tour of new focus areas.
- Platform location assessment in the new focus area.
- Begin community engagement in the new focus areas (e.g., survey, public meeting, pop-up events).



Engineering and Pre-Environmental Update

Bdote/Fort Snelling: Crossings and Connections



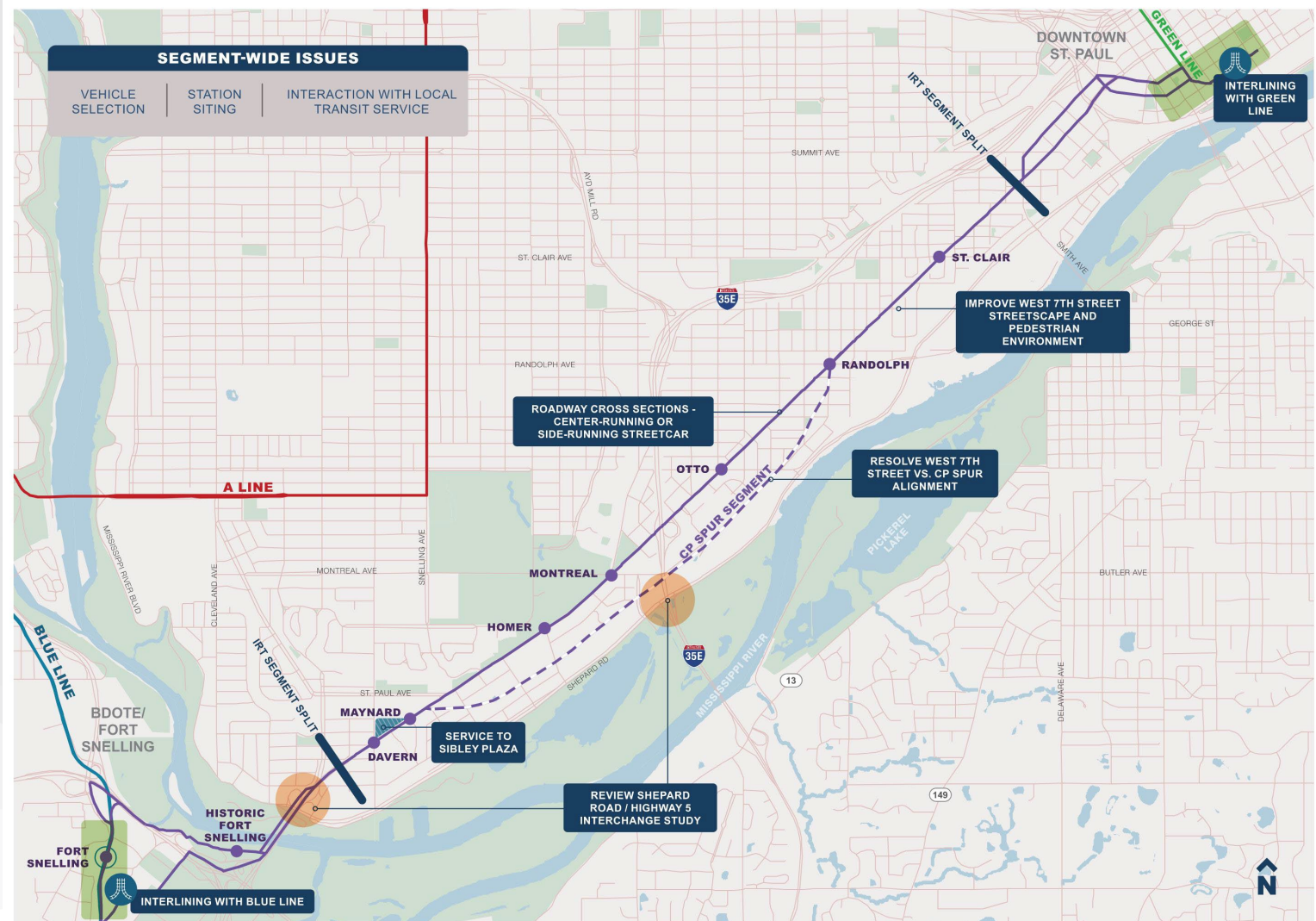
Recap of Activities

- Coordination with Metro Transit.
 - Blue Line connection.
 - Tunnel operations.
 - Event operations.
- Coordination with MnDOT.
 - Highway 5 traffic analysis.
 - Bridge considerations.

Highway 5 Bridge Traffic Analysis

- Optimized scenario – 2 transit lanes, 2 vehicle lanes.
 - No-Build operations and Optimized (2040).
 - Trip types.
 - Traffic impacts to bridge and other surrounding roadways.
 - Locations of traffic diversions.
 - Possible mitigation on other roadways.

Saint Paul – West 7th



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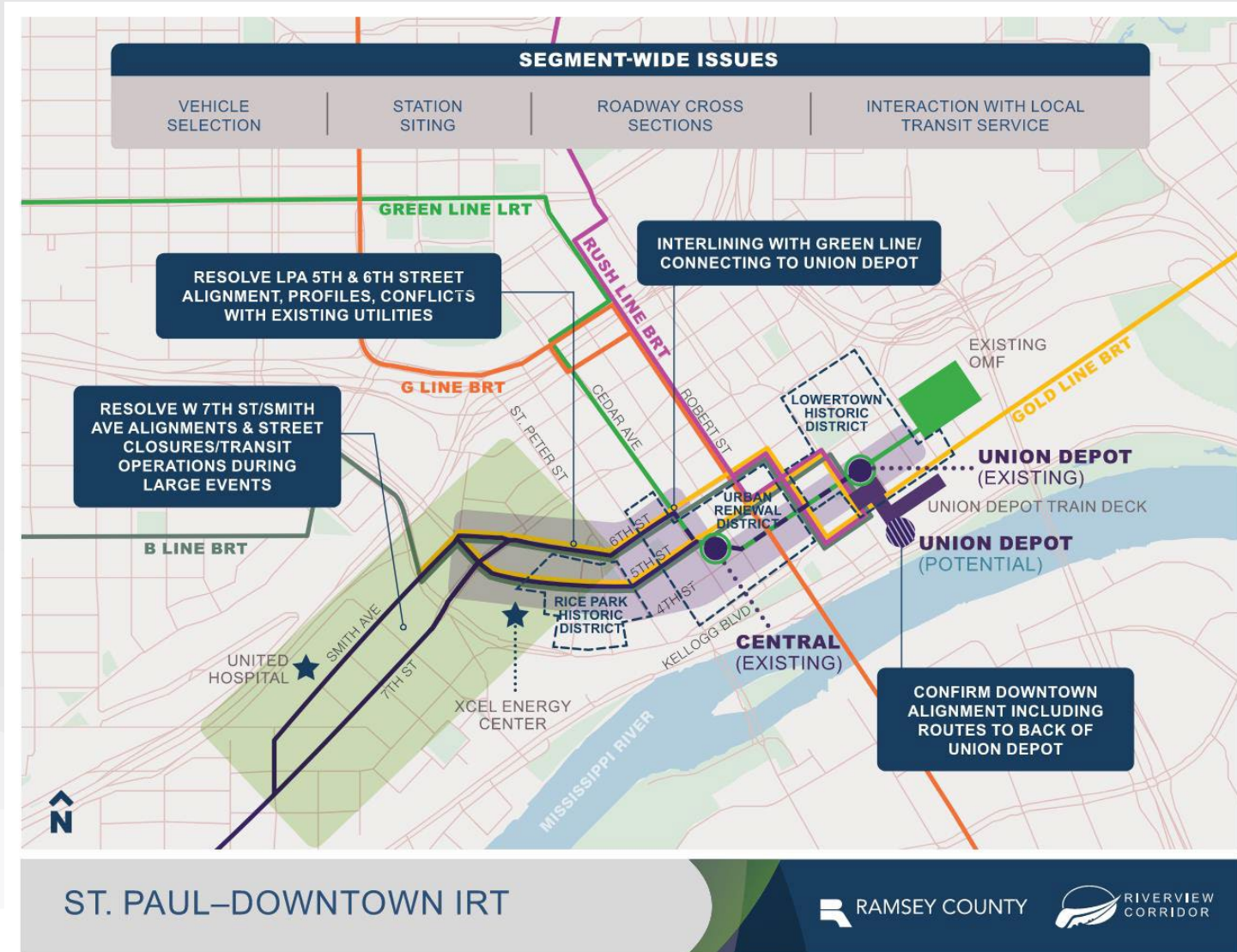
Recap of Activities

- Currently developing concept that optimizes transit operations and accommodates stakeholder priorities.
 - More reliability in transit service.
 - Center platforms.
 - Accommodates bikes and pedestrians.

Next Steps

- Partners to review concept within their organizations and provide comments.

Saint Paul – Downtown



Recap of Activities/Next Steps

- Exploring other alignment options in lieu of Locally Preferred Alternative/front of Depot.
- Narrowed options through IRT.
 - Evaluating based on ridership and cost to inform a decision.

Riverview EPE Downtown St. Paul Area

DRAFT - Work in Progress
5/13/2022



Communication and Community Engagement Update

Community Engagement Update



- April posted results of Hwy 5 bridge bike & pedestrian survey.
- April updates to Saint Paul district councils.
- June 17 at Highland bike event and Sibley Manor food distribution event.
- June and July events at Café Astoria and Keg and Case.
- June 30 began door to door business engagement.
- August 3 Highland Transportation Information Fair.

Community Engagement Update



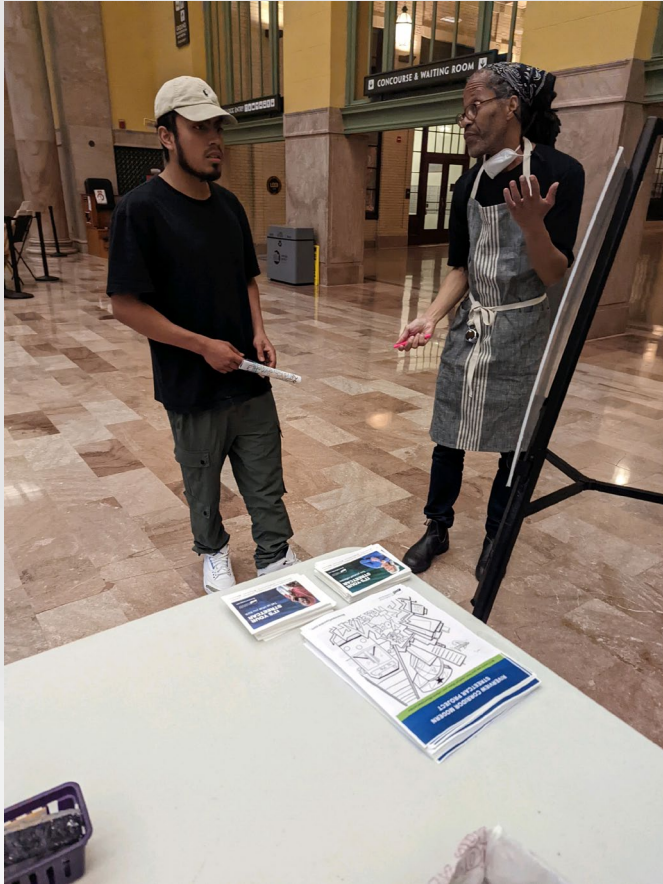
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- Mall of America engagement around proposed station.

Community Engagement Update



- Downtown and West 7th Street business engagement.
 - Engage with west 7th businesses to bring general awareness that the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA).
 - Have gone to over 50 businesses on West 7th.
 - Downtown business – street level to begin this week. Focus on the 70+ small to medium businesses and non-profits along proposed routes in downtown St. Paul.

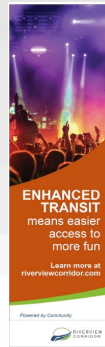
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Community Engagement Update

- New video being added to website.
- New website layout forthcoming.
- New Enhanced Transit campaign being launched this Fall.



Next Meeting

Thank You – Further Questions?