



Meeting will begin shortly

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Meeting #1

Merhaba Mu Amuhezwi Marhaban
Namaste Accueillir Hoan Ngenh
Toivottaa Salve Baruch Haba Kaabo Herzlich
Raxim Itegez Volkommen Maruhabaa Aloxar Bon Bini
Dobredojde Sanna Dazawa Menerima Weltsualuleg
Maeva Croeso Selamat Datang Hos Geldiniz Salve Ongietorri
Sanna Dazawa Willkommen Bonavinuta Hospedar
Valkomna Benvingut Bienvenida Hos Geldiniz Ahlan Wa Sahlan Benvenuto Benvenuto
Maeya E Komo Mai Merhaba Salve Isten Hozta
Willkommen Mire Se Vjen Accueillir Ahlan Wa Sahlan Bienvenuto Benvenuto
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Acollir Benvingut Goscic Tervetuloa Albergar
Sanna Dazawa Xush Kelibsiz Valkomna Albergar Bine Ati Venit
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Aloxar Velkomin Valkomna Accipere Dobrodosli Mire Se Vjen
Aloha Wellkumma Maruhabaa Wellkumma Hwangyong Hamnida Goscic
Bienvenius Youkoso Maeva Croesawu
Recoger Laipni Ludzam Acollir Woezor
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Ennidos Accogliere Shalom Herzlich
Tere Tulemast Tere Tulemast Marhaban
Yindii Ton Rap Ahlan Wa Sahlan Marhaban
Tikilluarit Gratus Mihi Venis Raxim Itegez



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.

Meeting Format

- Welcome!
- Project Overview.
- Where Are We Now?
- Planning for Station Areas.
- Understanding History and Culture.
- Engaging the Public in the Project.
- Questions.



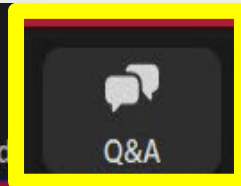
Meeting Purpose

- Share information about the Riverview Corridor Modern Streetcar Project.
- Share information about the draft Purpose and Need.
- Answer your questions about the project.
- Get your feedback on the draft Purpose and Need.



Virtual Meeting Procedures

- Public comments and questions will be taken at the end of the presentation.
- If you wish to ask a question or comment:
 - Please use the Question & Answer button.
 - Type your question or comment in the space provided.
 - Staff will read your question or comment and select a project team member to respond.

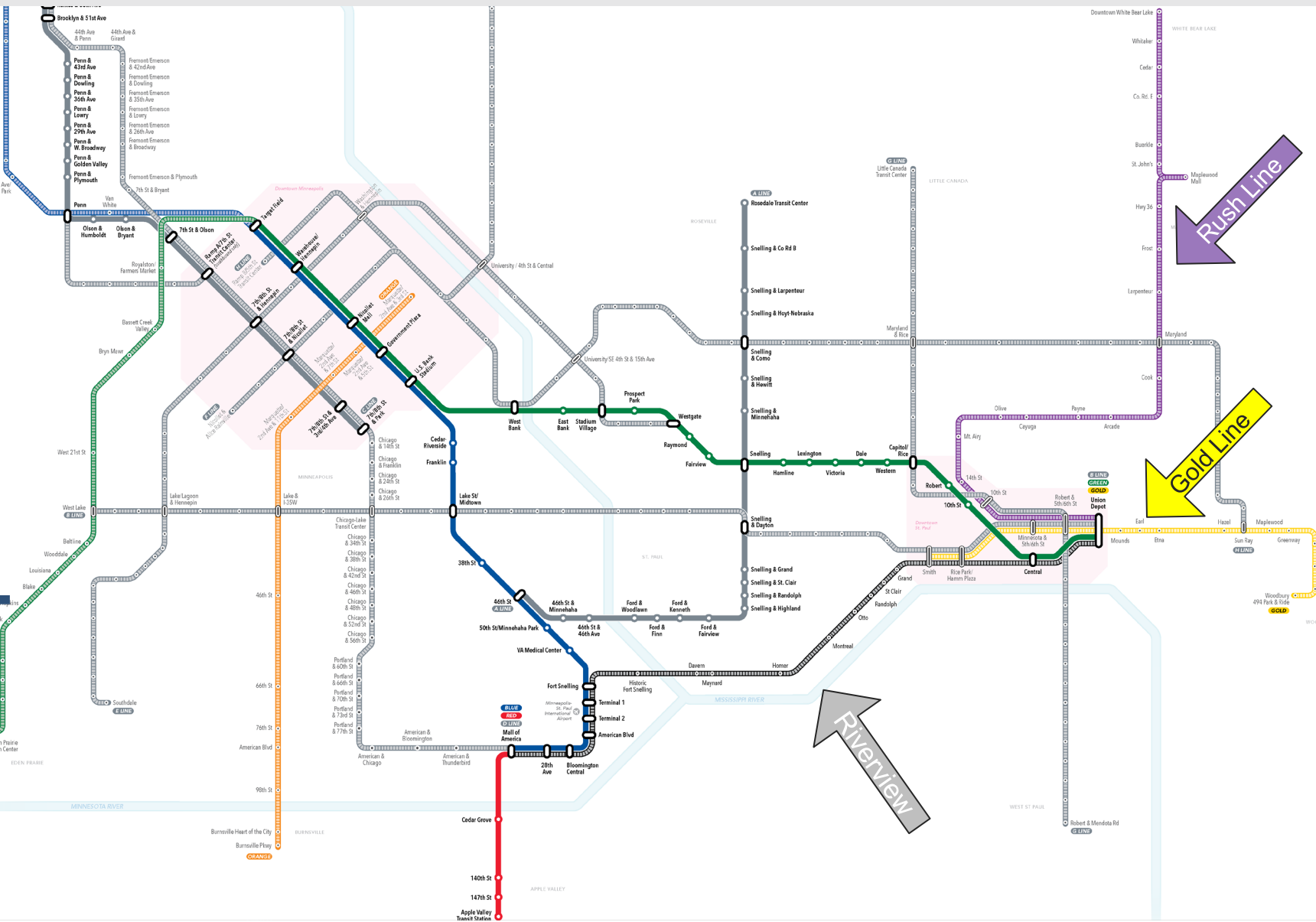


Group Agreements

- 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!”

Project Overview

Future Rapid Transit Network



Locally Preferred Alternative: Modern Streetcar



Modern Streetcar Characteristics

- Improved travel times and reliability through:
 - Shared or exclusive guideway.
 - Signal prioritization.
- Quiet.
- Smooth ride experience.
- Lower floors/level boarding.
- Roomy interiors.
- Catalyze development that contributes to “sense of place.”
- Electric powered with overhead wires (wireless technology available).
- Customize vehicle size.



Where Are We Now?

Engineering and Pre-Environmental Phase

Purpose: Further refine the technical details for the Locally Preferred Alternative: A modern streetcar route between downtown Saint Paul and MSP Airport and the Mall of America, generally along W. 7th Street

Implementation Plan



ongoing public and stakeholder engagement



WE ARE HERE



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

- > Complete the Environmental Impact Statement
- > Advance engineering/design

- > Complete engineering/design

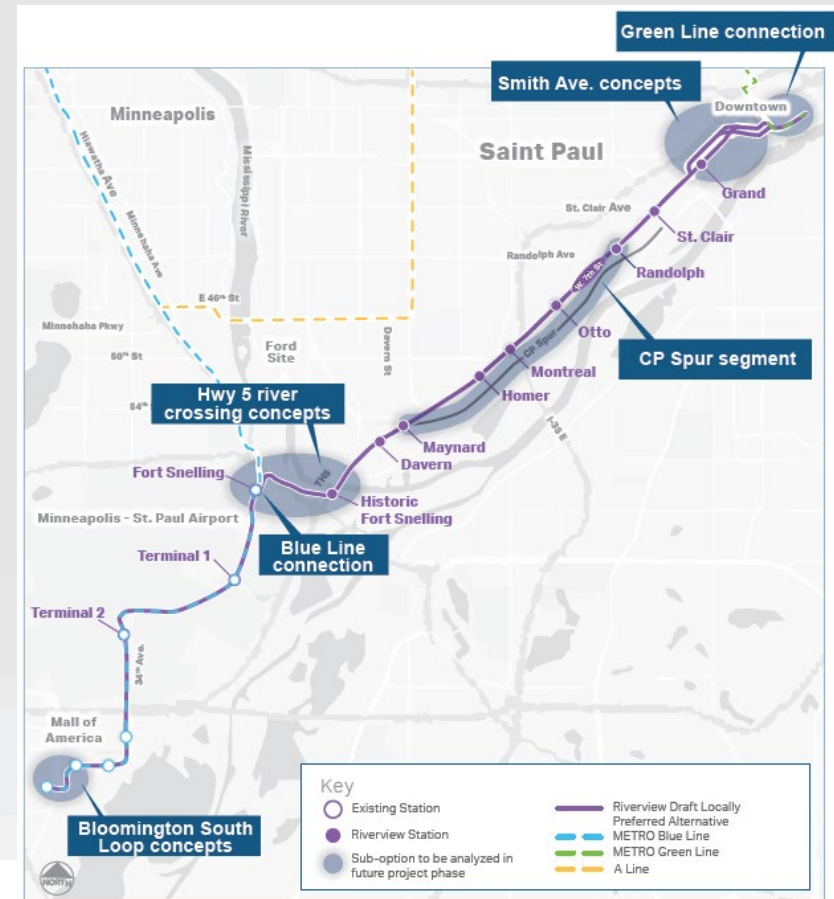
- > Full Funding Grant Agreement



Federal Transit Administration Approval Point

Refinement of Locally Preferred Alternative

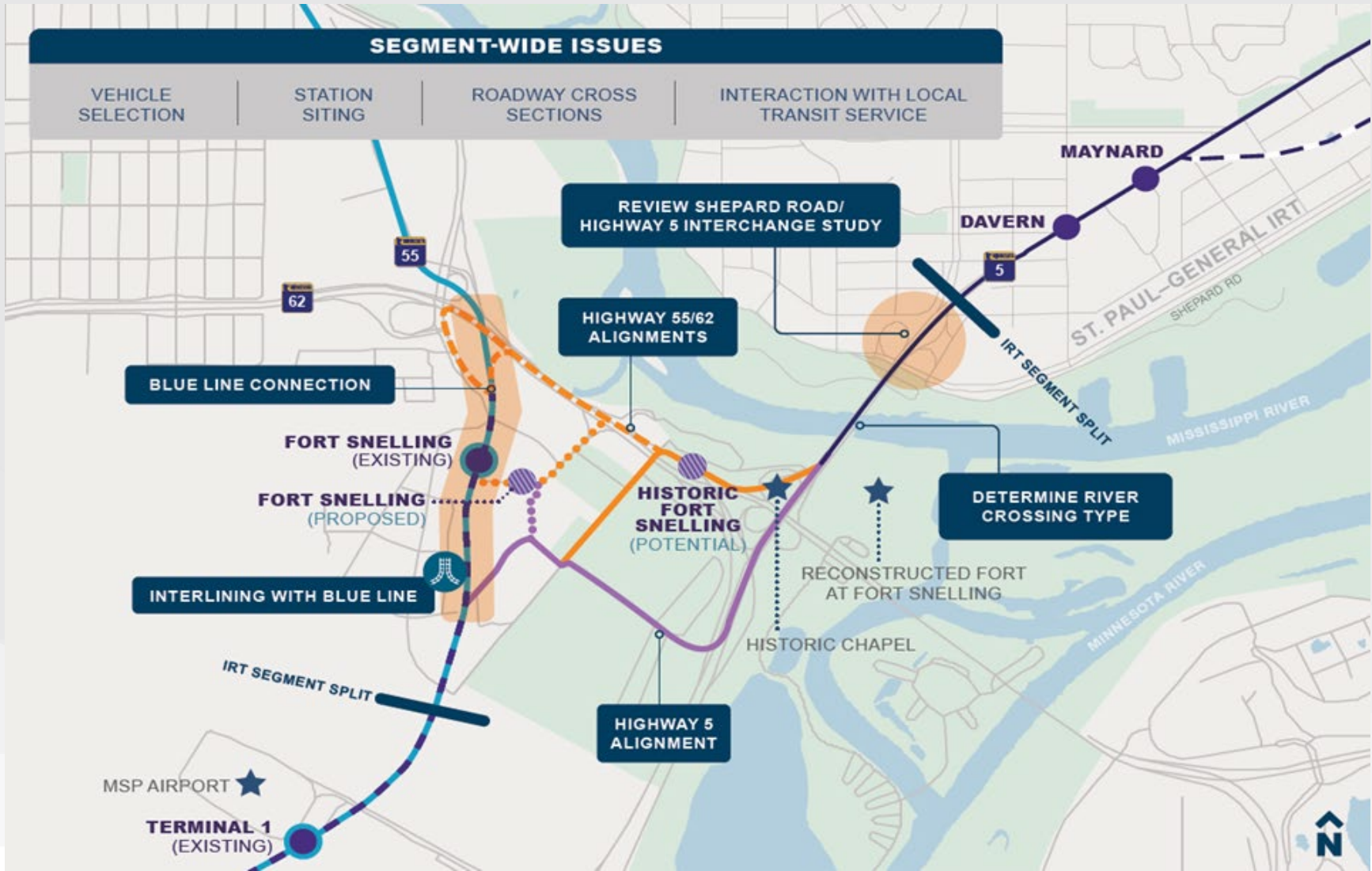
- Locally Preferred Alternative: Streetcar.
- Route
 - Light rail transit connections.
 - Seven Corners/Smith Avenue.
 - CP Spur parallel to West 7th Street.
 - Highway 5 river crossing.
 - Bloomington South Loop/Mall of America.
- Operating environment
 - Dedicated and shared use.
 - Center- or side-running.



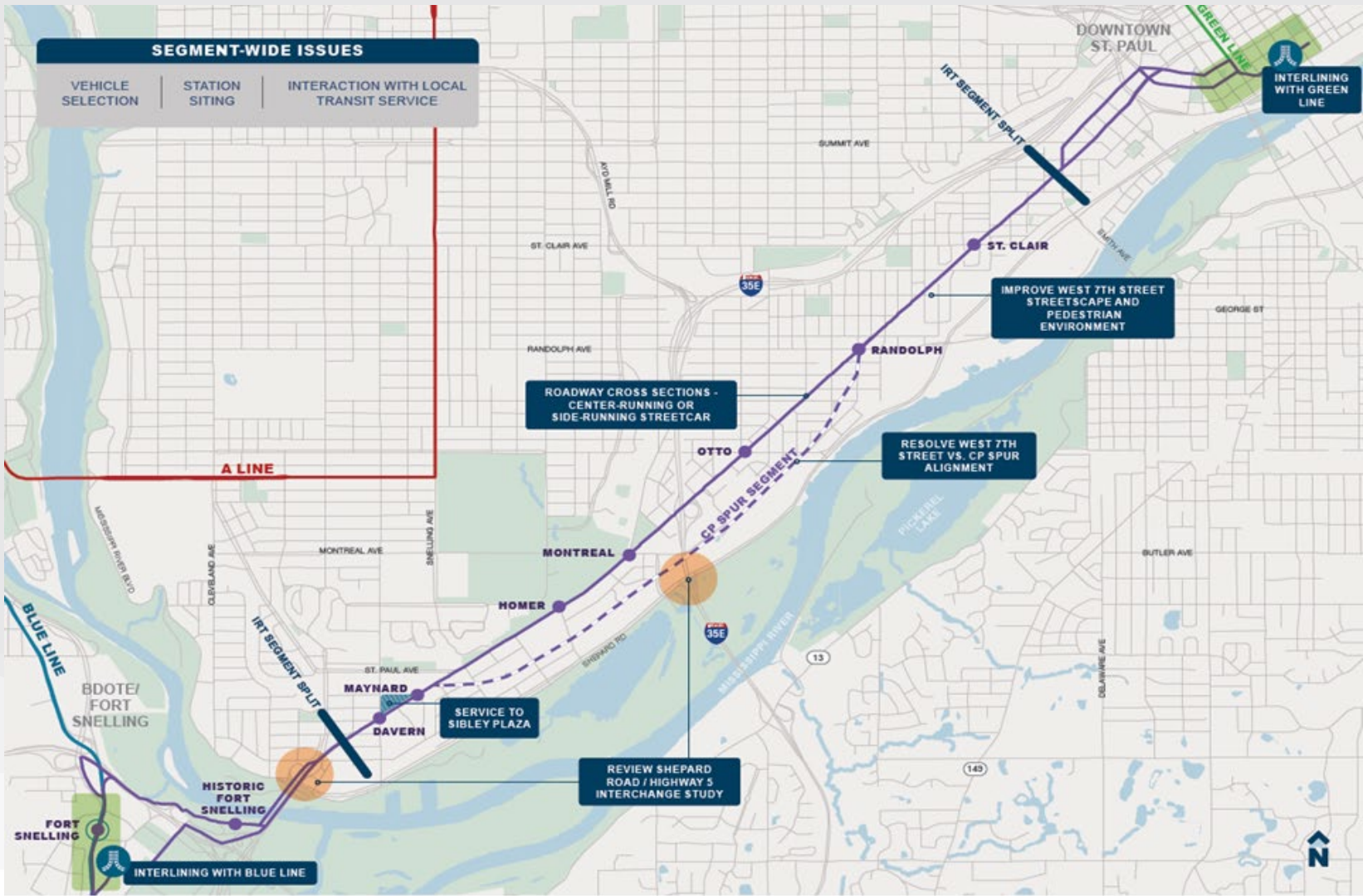
Airport/Bloomington



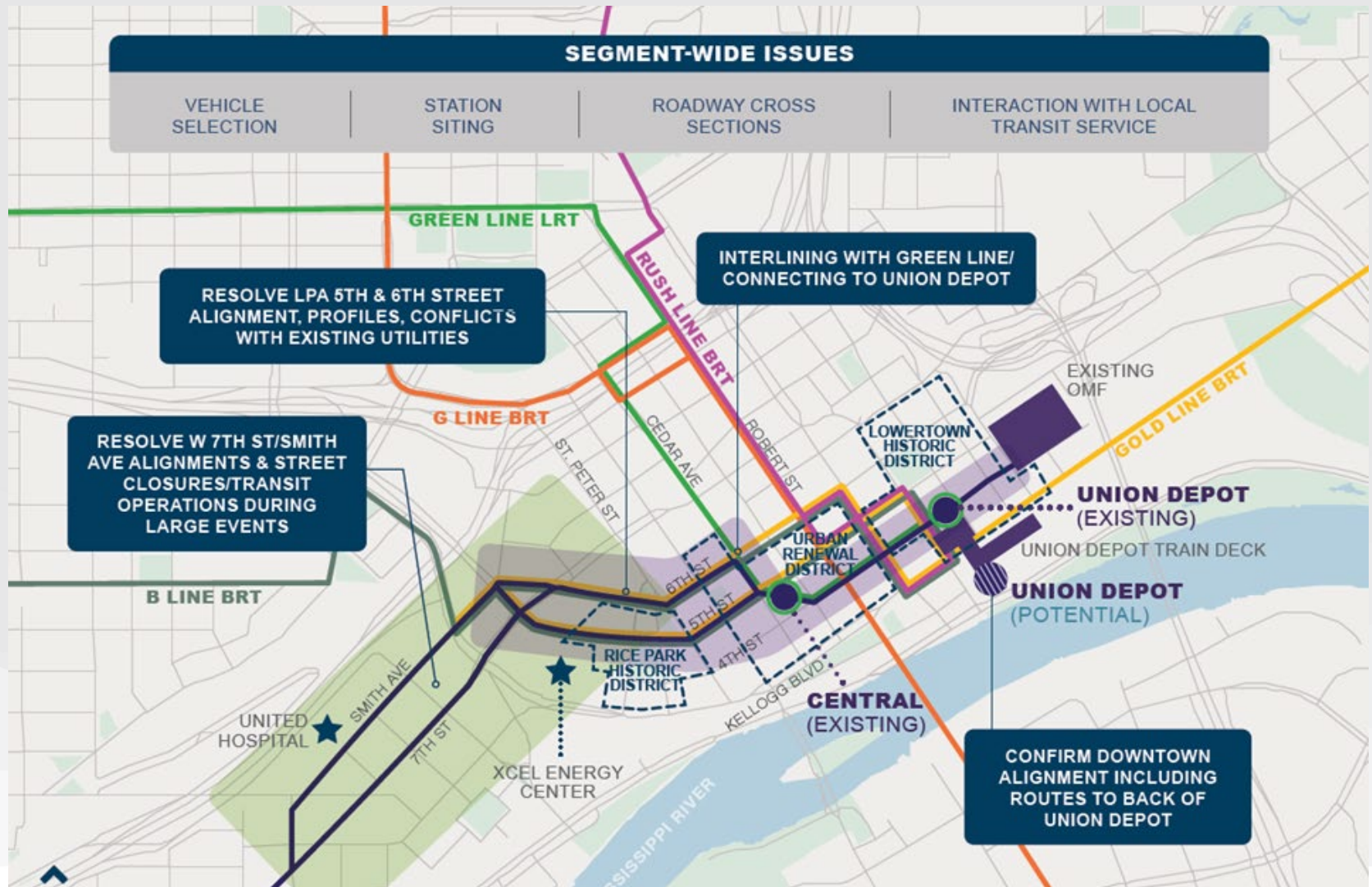
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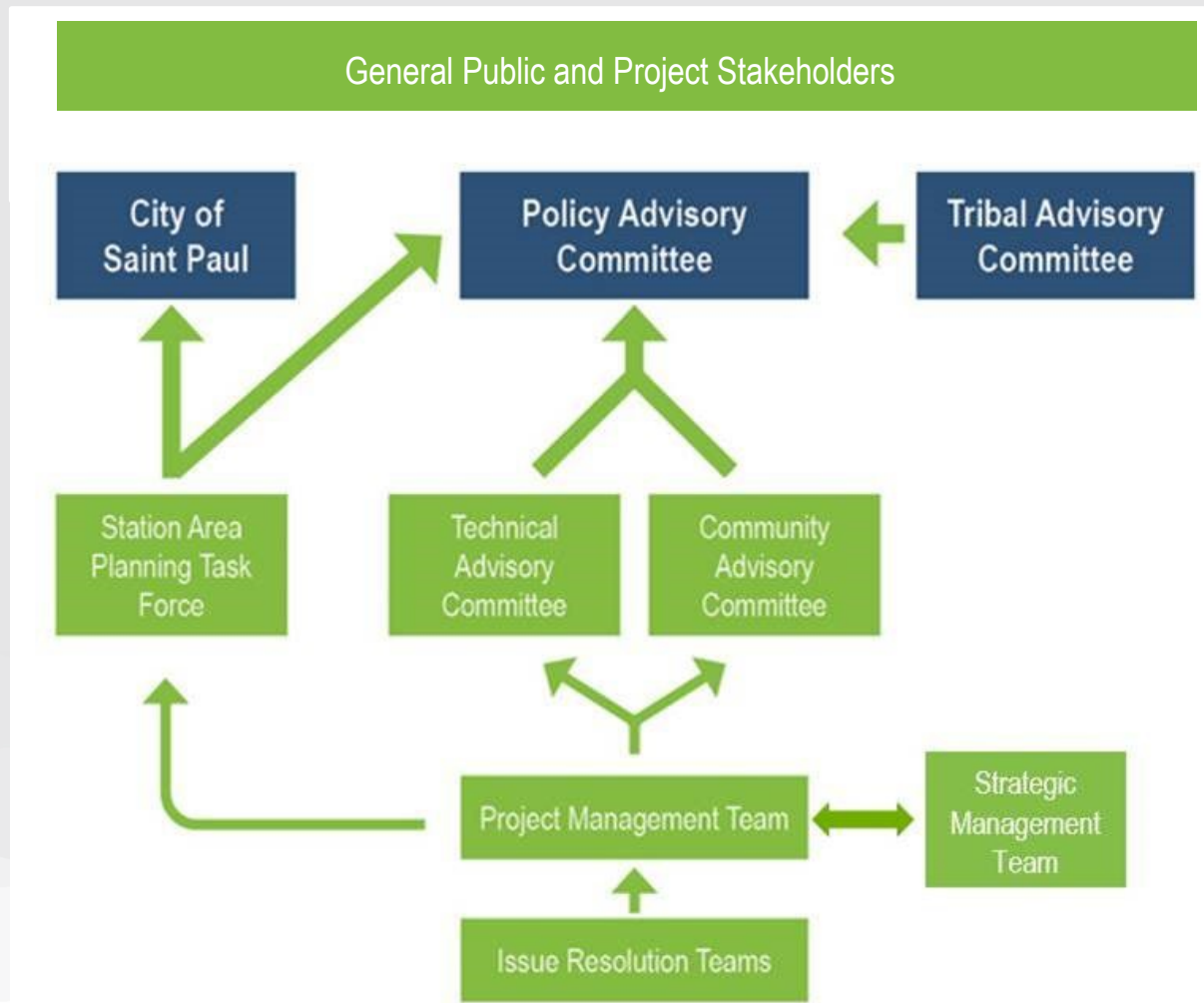
Saint Paul – West 7th



Saint Paul - Downtown



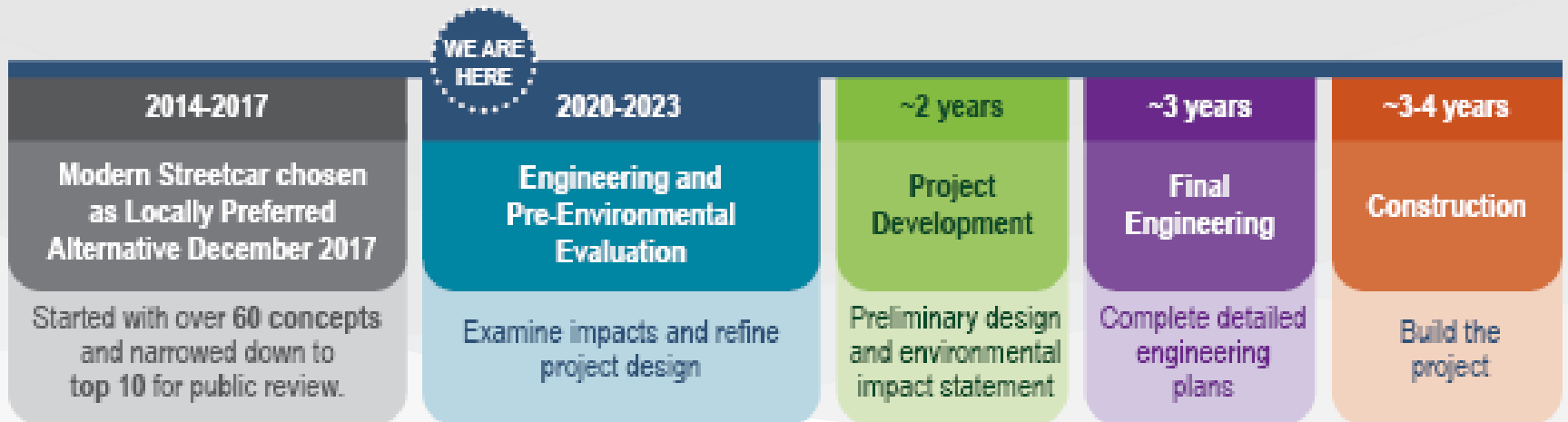
Decision Making Structure



Draft Purpose and Need

What is Purpose and Need?

- Articulates why the project is proposed and what it is trying to achieve.
- Provides a foundation for technical decision-making.
- Informs future environmental documentation.
- Will be updated in environmental documentation phase.



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 Statement #1

Planning for population and employment growth.

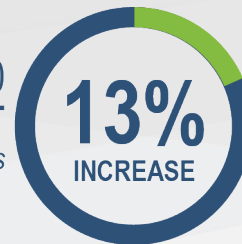


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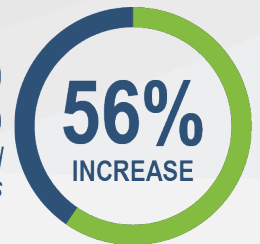
2020 → 2040
POPULATION
+15,800 people



2020 → 2040
EMPLOYMENT
+22,700 jobs



2010 → 2040
TRIP DEMAND
+53,100 additional person trips

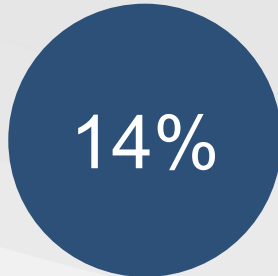


Need Statement #2

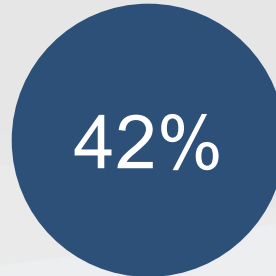
Meeting the needs of people who rely on transit.



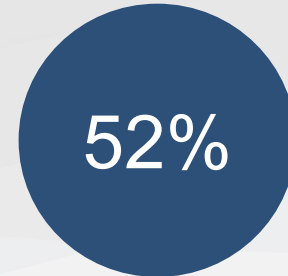
Did you know?



No car households
Regional average 10%



One car households
Regional average: 36%



INCREASE: in zero-car households
trips to markets within the corridor
between 2010 and 2040

Need Statement #3

Addressing a gap in the METRO system and accommodating future travel plans.



Did you know?

Metro Transit



Route 54



Regional ridership

1.3%

Annual ridership record

METRO Green Line, Blue Line and A Line

Need Statement #4

Supporting local and regional plans.



Did you know?



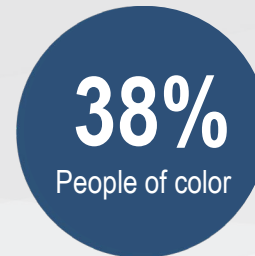
METROPOLITAN COUNCIL:
2040 TRANSPORTATION
POLICY PLAN



SAINT PAUL:
SAINT PAUL FOR ALL 2040
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



BLOOMINGTON:
FORWARD 2040
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



Purpose and Need: Review

- Summary and full document on the website www.riverviewcorridor.com.
- Comment period open until **June 25**.
- Summary of comments received will be provided to Policy Advisory Committee at meeting on July 15.



Instant Poll

Are the purpose and need statements a good foundation for how decisions should be made as part of this project?

- A. Yes – They cover topics that are important to the corridor.
- B. Somewhat – They are OK, but some things that could be better.
- C. No – There is a better way to prioritize improvements here.

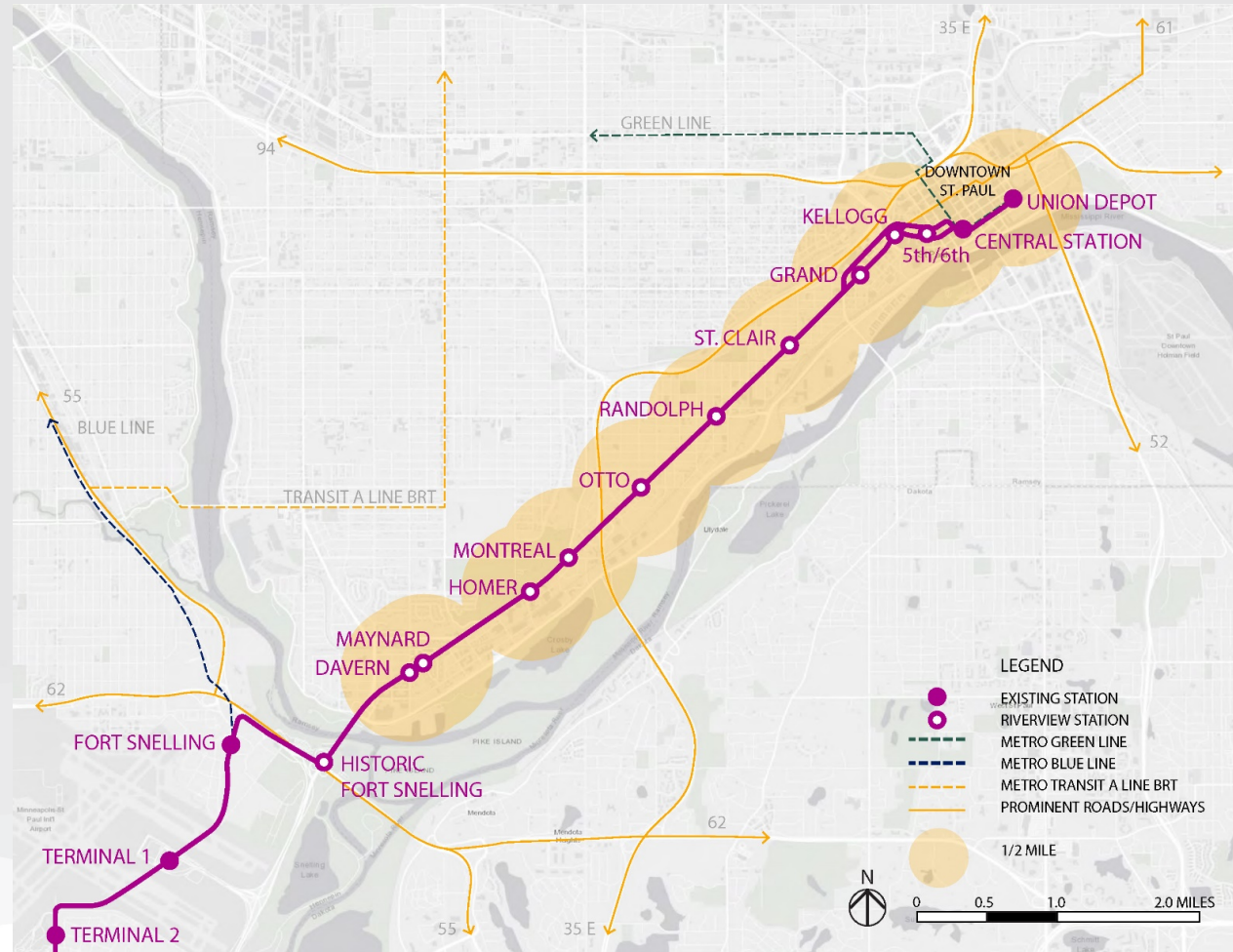
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Planning for Station Areas

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.



Station Area Planning Goals

Provide a **vision** for each station area to:

1. Thrive as a result of the transit investment.
2. Develop supporting policies.
3. Identify specific implementation steps for each plan.

* *Plans are intended to guide the next 20 or more years of development.*



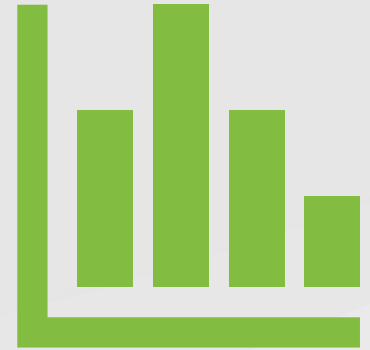
Station Area Planning Process



Instant Poll

What would you consider the **most important neighborhood strength** of the Riverview/West 7th Street Corridor?

- A. Parks and open spaces.
- B. Businesses.
- C. Pedestrian-friendly character.
- D. Availability of transit.
- E. Housing options.
- F. Other.



Understanding History and Culture

Historic Properties

- Why consider historic properties?
 - Federal and state laws.
 - Place matters to people.
- Architecture/History – the built environment.
 - Buildings, bridges, statues, roadways, designed parks, industrial complexes, military forts, districts, etc.



Historic Properties



- **Archaeology:** Study of our shared human past through the excavation and analysis of artifacts and features that people left behind.
- **Cultural Landscape:** Documents the interconnected nature of the landscape, landmarks, sites and natural features of Bdote and its significance to Dakota people.

Tribal Coordination

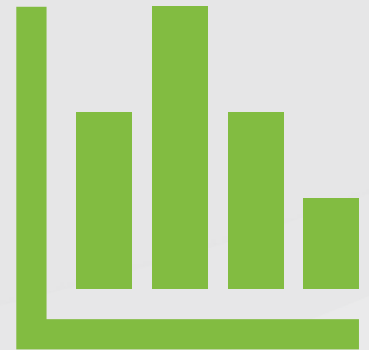
- Ramsey County recognizes the importance of the region to Tribal communities.
- Tribal coordination is ongoing.
- Participation by Tribal representatives in the IRTs.



Instant Poll

What aspects of the area's history are important to you and your community?

- A. The stories of people who lived here.
- B. Historic events that occurred here.
- C. Older buildings and structures located in the area.
- D. Something else.



Engaging the Public in the Project

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

1

reaching the underrepresented



2

supporting the impacted

















3

coordinating the connected



Engagement Strategies

Community Events 	Partner Agencies 	Open Houses 	Pop-Ups 	Media Campaign 	Email 	Website 
Artists 	Interactive Mapping 	Surveys 	Social Media 	Corridor Tour 	Interviews 	Signage 

General Timing of Engagement



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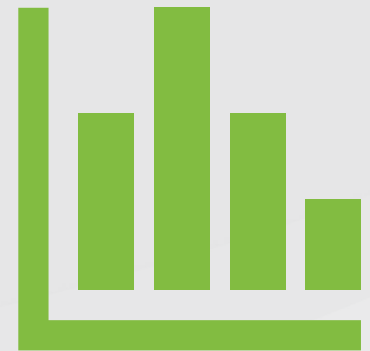
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Instant Poll

What is the best way to connect with people in the study area?

- A. Project website and email list
- B. Social media
- C. Online public meetings
- D. In-person public meetings
- E. Present at community events, meetings, etc.
- F. Other



Questions?

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