



Riverview Corridor Pre-Project Development Study

What is the Riverview Corridor?

The Riverview Corridor extends from Union Depot to the Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport and the Mall of America. It connects neighborhoods, historic districts, businesses, thriving commercial districts and the capital city to each other and to the regional transportation network.

The Riverview Corridor includes:

- Union Depot and Lowertown
- Downtown Saint Paul
- Upper Landing
- West 7th Street/Fort Road Neighborhood
- Highland Park Neighborhood (including the Ford redevelopment site)
- Historic Fort Snelling
- Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport
- Mall of America
- Bloomington South Loop

Why study transit options in the corridor now?

The Riverview Corridor is designated for future transit development by the Metropolitan Council and the Counties Transit Improvement Board. While this route is served by Metro Transit buses, there is currently no direct transitway connection between downtown Saint Paul, the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport and the Mall of America. The Riverview Corridor transitway will connect the East Metro to two of the region's largest travel destinations.

Major investments in public transit create temporary jobs during development and construction, and permanent jobs to operate and maintain the transit investment. Area businesses benefit economically from improved access, station-area development and access to a larger labor market. Area residents benefit from increased mobility options, access to more jobs, education opportunities and decreased congestion.

The number of people who live and work in the corridor is expected to grow making it harder for existing roads and transit service to meet the mobility needs of the corridor. Additional challenges related to air quality and quality of life emerge with increases in population.

What is happening now?

Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority is leading a Pre-Project Development (PPD) Study to research, analyze and identify opportunities to improve transit within the Riverview Corridor. This study is scheduled for completion in late 2015 and will involve reviewing the viability of transit modes, transit location, engineering issues, community needs, preferences, and estimated costs. Policy makers will use the results of the study to select a locally preferred alternative for the corridor that will advance into more detailed study. The PPD Study will also feature an extensive public involvement and outreach effort to ensure that stakeholders in the Riverview Corridor understand the study and are given ample opportunity to provide input and comment. This effort will help shape the study's vision and inform the project team of issues and concerns during the course of the study.

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