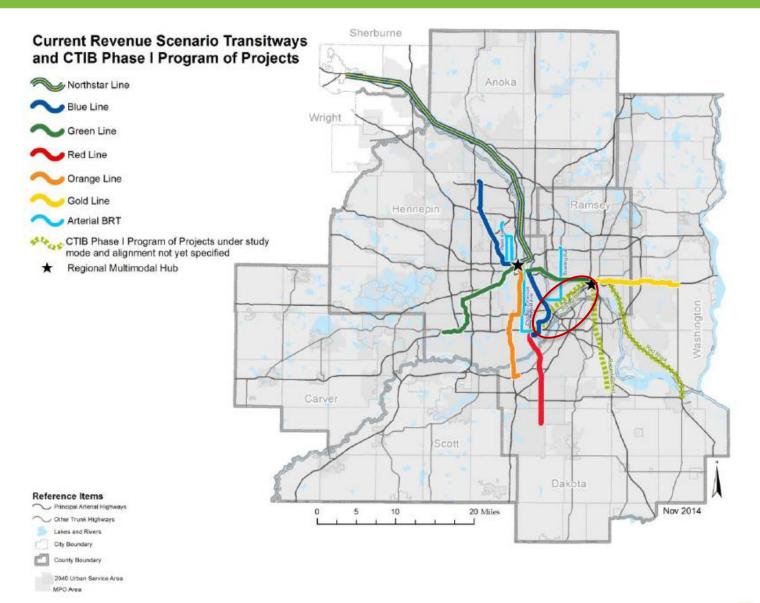


# Riverview Corridor Pre-Project Development Study

Project Update February 26, 2015



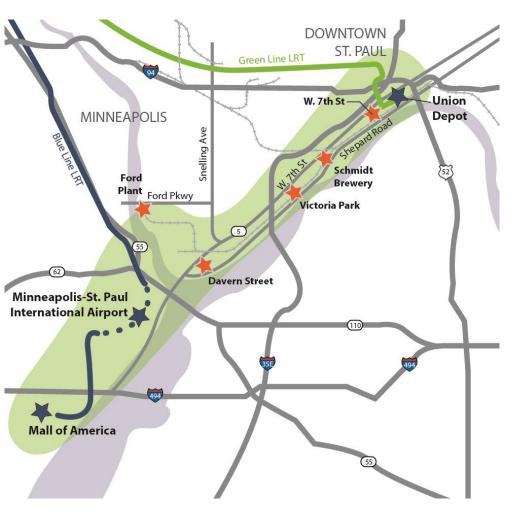


### Why Study Transit In the Corridor?

- (re)Development throughout the corridor
- Access to major job centers Mall of America, MSP Airport, Saint Paul
- Improve mobility within the Riverview Corridor and to connecting transit routes
- Connect major transportation hubs - Mall of America, MSP Airport, Union Depot



### What is the Pre-Project Development Study?



- Builds on previous studies and identifies opportunities to improve mobility and enhance economic development in the Corridor
- Identify a preferred route, type of transit service and infrastructure for detailed study
- Study through late 2015



### Community and Stakeholder Engagement

- Stakeholder Interviews
- Open houses
- Mini-open houses
- Presentations
- Pop-up events
- Social media
- MindMixer and other online tools

#### First Series of Open Houses

- Oct 29 and Nov 6 at Union Depot and Nova Classical Academy
- Over 500 flyers distributed, Ads in local paper; media story
- About 6o attendees at each
- Interactive activities to capture feedback





### Community and Stakeholder Engagement

### Website redesign

- "Home" page includes call-out box with the next scheduled PAC and TAC meetings
- "Committees" page created to increase visibility of study governance and be repository for previous PAC meeting materials and TAC meeting agendas
- "Committees" page also lists next scheduled PAC and TAC meetings

#### **Participate**

- Next Policy Advisory Committee
  Meeting:
   March 5, 2015, 9:00 a.m.,
   Veterans Gallery,
   Union Depot , 214 4th Street,
   Saint Paul, MN
- Next Technical Advisory Committee
  Meeting:
  February 26, 2015, 10:00 a.m.,
  Veterans Gallery,
  Union Depot, 214 4th Street
  Saint Paul. MN

#### **Upcoming Outreach**

- West 7th Street/Fort Road Federation Board Meeting February 9, 2015, 7:00 pm Fort Road Federation Office 974 West 7th Street Saint Paul, MN
- Riverview Cooper's Transit Table
   February 25, 2015 3:30pm 6:30pm
   Cooper's Foods
   633 7th Street West,
   Saint Paul, MN 55102



# Project Milestones

**1** Fall-Winter 2014-2015

#### **CORRIDOR VISION**

- Review of Relevant Work
- Public Engagement Plan
- Market Analysis
- Purpose/Need
- Goals/Objectives

2 Spring-Summer 2015

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

- Initial Screening
- Detailed Definition and Evaluation

Fall-Winter 2015

### LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

- Implementation Plan
- Early Assessment of Scope for Environmental Review

Community and Stakeholder Engagement



### Milestone 1: Corridor Vision

#### Development of Purpose & Need

Travel Market Assessment

Understand how people travel to, from, and within the corridor

Previous and ongoing studies and plans

 Previous planning studies, local and regional plans and policies

Community and stakeholder input

- Formal and informal engagement with stakeholders and community
- Social media and other online engagement strategies

Purpose and Need Statement

Goals & Objectives

**Evaluation Criteria** 



### Milestone 2: Alternatives

Initial Alternatives will consider a variety of:

**Transit modes** 

**Alignment options** 

**Guideway options** 

Development and screening of Initial Alternatives

Key Considerations:

Impacts on transportation systems

Social, environmental, and economic issues

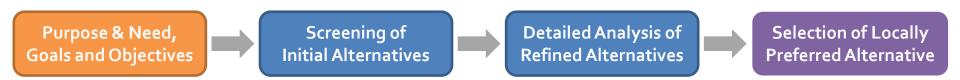
Stakeholder and community engagement



Detailed definition and evaluation of Refined Alternatives



### Milestone 3: Locally Preferred Alternative



- Implementation Plan and Schedule
- Identifies the next steps to implement the LPA

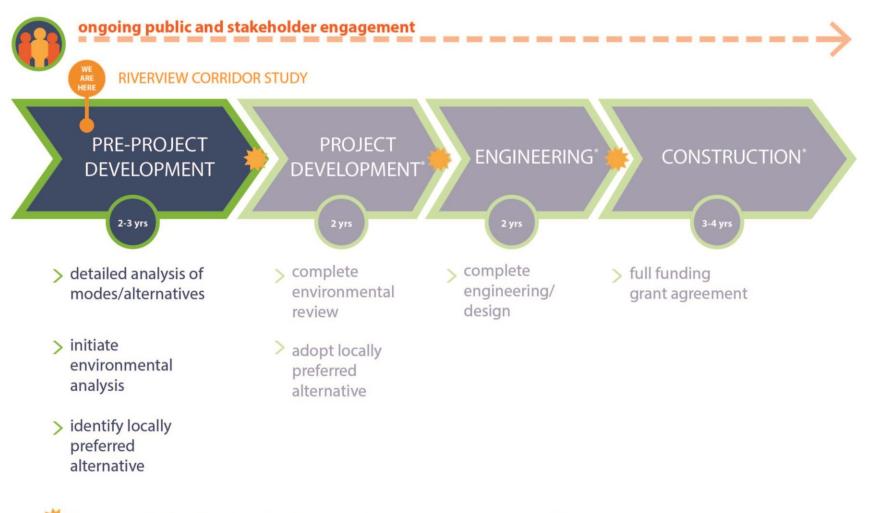
- Locally Preferred Alternative Report
- Summarizes how the study arrived at selecting the LPA

 Preliminary NEPA Class of Action Document

- Facilitates conversation with federal agencies
- Identifies key environmental areas to address in next phase



# Project Implementation Process



<sup>🎏</sup> If pursuing federal funds, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approval point

<sup>\*</sup> Funding for subsequent phases has not yet been determined

# Decision Making Process



Informed by Community and Stakeholder Engagement

\*Note: The Locally Preferred Alternative must be approved by impacted cities and counties as well as adopted by the Metropolitan Council.



## Next 60 to 90 Days

- Continue advancing technical work:
  - Purpose & Need
  - Land Use and Market Analysis
  - Travel Market Assessment
  - Universe of Alternatives

 Ongoing community and stakeholder engagement



# How to Stay Involved

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