



Southwest LRT Community Works Steering Committee

Thursday, May 15, 2014

1:30 – 3:00 PM

Council Chambers, St. Louis Park City Hall

Agenda

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| I. Welcome
Edina Mayor Hovland, Vice Chair | 1:30 to 1:35 PM |
| II. Approval of April 2014 Meeting Minutes*
Edina Mayor Hovland, Vice Chair | 1:35 to 1:40 PM |
| III. Corridor Wide Housing Gap Analysis
Marquette Advisors | 1:40 to 2:10 PM
(Presentation) |
| IV. New Starts Storyline Update | 2:10 to 2:30 PM |
| V. Southwest TOD Implementation Strategy
GB Arrington, GB Placemaking | 2:30 to 3:00 PM
(Presentation) |

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The next Southwest LRT Community Works Steering Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, June 19, 2014 at the St. Louis Park City Hall at 1:30 PM.



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Southwest LRT Community Works
Steering Committee

2014 Meeting Schedule

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 1:30 PM at the St. Louis Park City Hall, Council Chambers.

January 16

February 20

~~March 20~~

April 17

May 15

June 19

July 17

August 21 (tentative)

September 18

October 16

November 20

December 18



**Southwest LRT Community Works Steering Committee
Roster (May 2014)**

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Southwest LRT Community Works Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 17, 2014

1:30-3:00pm, St Louis Park City Hall

Meeting Attendees

Steering Committee Members & Alternates

Chair Jan Callison, Hennepin County Member

Linda Higgins, Hennepin County Alternate

Linea Palmisano, City of Minneapolis Member

James Hovland, City of Edina Member

Jason Gadd, City of Hopkins Member

Tony Wagner, City of Minnetonka Member

Jeff Casale, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Alternate

Anita Tabb, Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board Member

Nancy Tyra-Lukens, Southwest Transit Member

Other Attendees

Katie Walker (Hennepin County), Kerri Pearce Ruch (Hennepin County), Chuck Darnell (Hennepin County), Barry Schade (Bryn Mawr), Kersten Elverum (Hopkins), Kevin Locke (SLP), Cathy Bennett (ULIMN), Jeanette Colby (KIAA/CAC), Janet Jeremiah (EP), Vida Y Ditter (Bryn Mawr/ROC), Kathryn Hansen (SW LRT Project Office), Karen Lyons (Metropolitan Council), Sara Schmitt (KLD), Kathie Doty (KLD)

I. Welcome

Chair Jan Callison convened the meeting and offered an announcement that the grand opening of the Interchange (new Target Field station) will be held on May 17. She asked Minneapolis member Linea Palmisano for an update on getting an alternate for the Steering Committee from Minneapolis. Ms. Palmisano responded that an alternate would be named soon.

II. Approval of February 20, 2013 Minutes

Chair Callison asked for a motion on the minutes from the February 20, 2013 Steering Committee meeting. The minutes were moved by Jason Gadd and seconded by Anita Tabb, and passed on a voice vote.

III. Southwest Corridor Investment Framework

Chair Callison asked Katie Walker for an update. Ms. Walker reported that cities are presently reviewing the Investment Framework and considering action to formally accept this document. Jason Gadd asked if cities could suggest changes, and Ms. Walker said that staff will be collecting recommendations for changes and the Investment Framework will be re-issued after changes have been incorporated.

IV. LRT New Starts Application Presentation

Kathryn Hansen, Southwest Project Office, presented key elements of the New Starts Application and an overview of the New Starts rating system. Key points of her presentation included: the Southwest LRT line (Green Line Extension) is a part of a regional system; key goals include increasing access to jobs and creating more affordable housing. Also, it will be emphasized that there has been considerable investment of time and funding to date for this transit project from the local level. Ms. Hansen outlined the application schedule, stating that today we are doing a high-level review, in May the draft document will be distributed for review, and in June, the application will be finalized.

Ms. Hansen then focused on the New Starts rating for Land Use and Economic Development, which will be 17% of the overall score. She outlined the specific elements of this rating and listed quantitative measures that would be analyzed. Chair Callison asked the Committee if they thought there were any key items missing in the overview provided by Ms. Hansen. Anita Tabb asked about low-wage workers and connecting them to jobs, specifically asking for numbers behind the table on low wage jobs/acre. Ms. Hansen replied that she would get these specifics to the Committee. Tony Wagner asked if there were other actions the cities could take to increase the SW LRT score, and also asked if input from outside consultants had identified ways to strengthen the application. Ms. Hansen said that input from G.B. Arrington and Mariia Zimmerman has been valuable, and specifically mentioned that cities have received input on affordable housing issues and possible zoning changes. Mr. Wagner asked if city comprehensive plans should be updated to reflect information in the application. Ms. Hansen replied that that would make sense after 2040 estimates included in ThriveMSP 2040 are approved by the Met Council this spring. Chair Callison asked if we have a strong story to make that will lead to a higher rating. Ms. Hansen replied in the affirmative, and offered that regional efforts including transit-supportive planning and zoning changes are moving us in the right direction. James Hovland expressed his appreciation for Ms. Palmisano's presence on this Committee, especially given the importance of Minneapolis in this process.

Chair Callison asked if a full application would be available for presentation in the May meeting and, after discussion, it was decided that Ms. Hansen would present on the final application at the June Steering Committee meeting.

V. Adjournment

Chair Callison adjourned the meeting. The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be held on May 15, 2014.



Agenda Item III - Corridor Wide Housing Strategy

Steering Committee Action Requested:
Information

Background/Justification:

In 2012, the Southwest Community Works Steering Committee approved development of a corridor-wide housing strategy and component tasks to develop that strategy. The first task, a corridor-wide housing inventory, was completed in 2013. The next task, a Gaps Analysis, is currently underway, scheduled to be complete in June 2014. The Gaps Analysis builds on the housing inventory and Investment Framework, as well as other data sources. It will identify who is likely to want to live along Southwest Corridor, what types of housing are needed to provide a full range of housing choices and provide recommendations as to what tools, policies and funding mechanisms are necessary to create or preserve those housing types. Marquette Advisors has been retained to conduct the housing gaps analysis and is currently mid-way through the work. Brent Wittenberg, Vice President, will present an overview of work completed to date and review themes that are developing for the final report. The final report draft will be available at the end of June and likely come to the Steering Committee in July. After the Gaps Analysis is complete, recommendations will be discussed with the Housing Workgroup, TIC, Steering Committee and partner cities to identify components of a corridor-wide housing strategy. The Gaps Analysis is also being shared with Met Council to support the Southwest New Starts application.

Previous Action on Request:

Recommendation:

Financial Implications? None

Are These Funds Budgeted?

Attachments: Steering Committee-Endorsed Southwest LRT Corridor-Wide Housing Strategy Outline of Tasks

Comments:

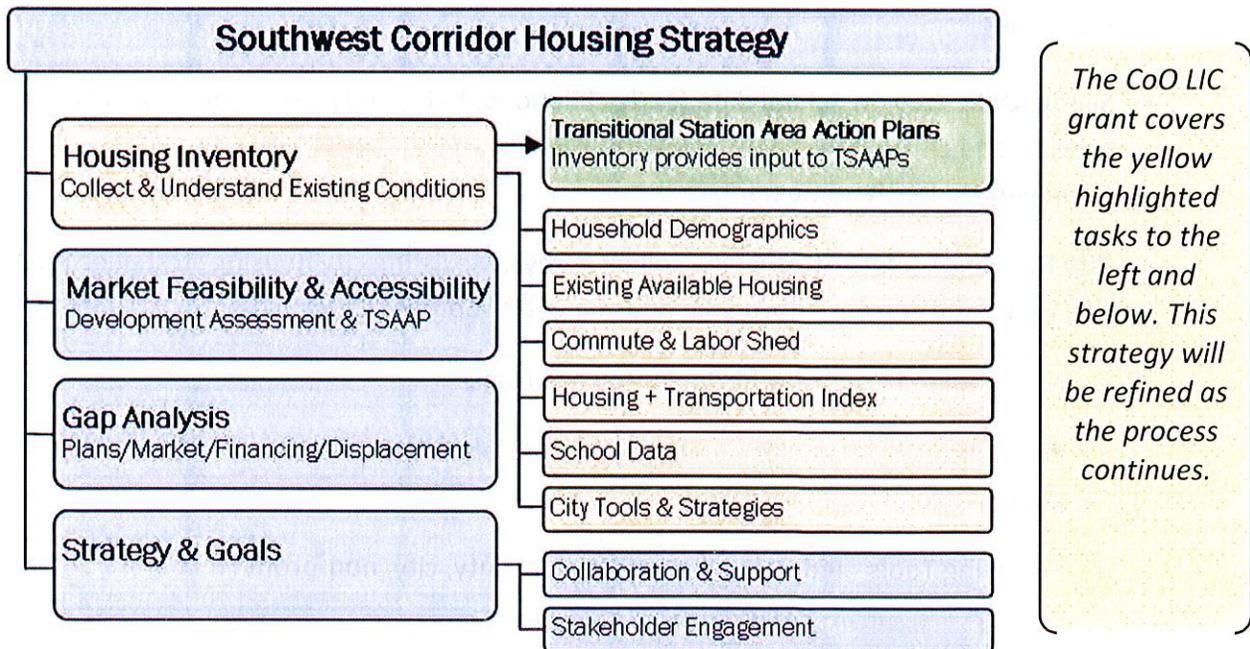


Southwest LRT Corridor-Wide Housing Strategy Outline of Tasks

Purpose: Partner with SW LRT Corridor Community Works and regional partners to recommend joint policies, tools and financing strategies that help to achieve a full range of housing choices along the SW LRT Corridor in conjunction with future transit investments.

- **Respond to Corridors of Opportunity - Fair & Affordable Housing Task Group** - Corridor Transit-Oriented Development Strategies should include a plan for the adoption of measurable corridor-wide goals and strategies to ensure sufficient housing, both new production and preservation, to serve a full range of incomes. This plan should be informed by consultation with all appropriate stakeholders (fair and affordable housing experts, community members and organizations, housing developers, etc.).
- **Build upon Existing SW Corridor Community Works Activities** - Ensure that the housing strategy is grounded in market reality and is connected to financial feasibility and employment growth based upon Southwest Corridor Community Work planning activities completed through Living Cities and HUD Sustainability Grants.

Corridor Housing Strategy Tasks:



1. **Collect & Understand Existing Conditions:** Set the baseline; document what is already available along the corridor, build upon the ULI MN/RCM Opportunity City Program Housing Audit Process.
 - **Household Demographics** - who is living in the corridor, where are they coming from and where do they move to? What type of housing are people living in currently? What is the household income? *Source: Excensus, Census. DEED, Metropolitan Council*
 - **Existing Available Housing** - determine number and type of subsidized and unsubsidized affordable housing along the corridor. *Sources: Housing Link, Excensus, Cities, County, MN Housing, MN Preservation Plus, etc*
 - Subsidized: Financed with HUD funding, section 8, tax credit projects, Minnesota Housing, TIF, Land Trust Homes, Habitat, etc.
 - Unsubsidized (Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing): Single Family & Multi-Family
 - **Commute & Labor Shed** - determine where people work and where workers come from; evaluate industries; summarize incomes and wages. *Sources: Census LEHD, DEED*
 - **Housing + Transportation Cost Index** - review and apply current Housing + Transportation Cost Index.
 - **School Data** - review school data (early childhood, K-12, and post-secondary) regarding families and changes in school populations, including changes in race/ethnicity and free/reduced lunch numbers.
 - **City Housing Tools & Strategies** - collect & review existing city housing strategies (policies and tools) and current affordable housing goals. *Source: Cities*
 - Metropolitan Council Affordable Housing Goals
 - City Policies & Strategies - Comprehensive Plan Housing Section and other city specific policies and plans that address housing.
 - Financing Tools - federal, state, regional, county, city, non-profit
2. **Outline & Agree Upon Key Study Parameters**
 - Boundaries for housing strategy will include 1/2-mile, 2-mile radius; station area, corridor-wide, neighborhoods.

- Define affordability levels to target research; e.g., Area Median Income at and below 30%, 60%, 80% and 120%. Define and review a full range of housing options to include a review of mortgage and rent levels at 30 percent of household income for ownership and rental housing along the corridor.

3. **Market Feasibility/Transitional Station Area Action Plans**

- Incorporate relative market feasibility of different housing uses/types based upon previous work; e.g., market assessment, transitional station area action plans and existing inventory of infrastructure improvements. Connect housing type and value to current and future jobs and wages along the corridor.
- Determine locations and station areas where the market is strongest for new housing types; identify key housing for preservation and areas that should be protected from displacement; make connections to areas of job growth.
- Review and update station typology chart—a tool used to communicate and assist with complex TOD decisions on a corridor level that helps articulate the expectations and objectives of TOD investments by stakeholders, from private developers to community members to policymakers.

4. **Gap Analysis**

- Based upon information collected and review of market feasibility, determine gaps in housing types and values and areas that need enhanced connectivity between current and planned housing and jobs.
- Determine the financing tools & strategies that are needed to achieve transitional station area plans and to provide a full range of housing choices along the corridor.
- Identify barriers to preserving and building a full range of housing choices along the corridor.

5. **Develop Coordinated Strategy to Meet Future Housing Goals:** Develop a strategy that provides coordination in preserving and constructing a full range of housing choices along the corridor. Seek to clearly identify goals and future implementation measures/benchmarks.

- a. **Collaboration and Support:** Seek input and support among SW LRT Community Works and with each Southwest Corridor City.
- Incorporate into City Comprehensive Plans and other city policies and plans
 - Inform and align with the Hennepin County Consortium Consolidated Plan

- Collaborate with the Metropolitan Council Regional Housing Policy Plan

b. Stakeholder Engagement: Collaborate with existing city and corridor community engagement efforts and seek input from key stakeholders.

- Build upon the Corridors of Opportunity community engagement activities and individual City citizen engagement processes.
- Conduct additional targeted engagement as necessary at key points in the process.
- Seek to communicate with stakeholders using technology.

c. Partners/Stakeholders:

- Cities - Minneapolis, St. Louis Park, Hopkins, Minnetonka, Eden Prairie, Edina
- Hennepin County
- Community Works
- Metropolitan Council
- Corridors of Opportunity - Community Engagement & Affordable Housing TOD Team
- MN Housing
- Family Housing Fund
- McKnight
- Businesses
- Schools
- Neighborhood Groups



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Agenda Item IV – New Starts Application	
	<p>Steering Committee Action Requested:</p> <p>Information</p>
<p>Background/Justification:</p> <p>Staff from the cities, Hennepin County, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD), Southwest Project Office (SPO) and Met Council met with GB Arrington, GB Placemaking, and Mariia Zimmerman, MZ Strategies, to collaborate on developing themes to “tell the story” of the Southwest Corridor’s successes and opportunities to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in the New Starts Application. The results of this session and on-going dialogue will continue to inform the development of the Land Use and Economic Development sections of the New Starts application.</p>	
<p>Previous Action on Request:</p>	
Recommendation:	<p>Financial Implications?</p> <p>Are These Funds Budgeted?</p>
<p>Attachments: Staff Notes from Recent New Starts Meeting; Los Angeles New Starts Example</p>	
<p>Comments:</p>	



Land Use and Economic Development Section Meeting

4/23/2014

<p>Major Themes Civic infrastructure that allows us to continuously innovate Tell suburban story</p>		
<p>Bike/pedestrian system connectivity</p> <p><i>culture committed to closing the last mile</i></p> <p>Bike/trail investments and gaps - #1 city</p> <p>Long history & tradition of regional planning that has led us into #1 bike region</p> <p>Bike infrastructure and culture headed to closing the last mile gap</p> <p>Bike network Transportation system/complete streets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - trails - LRT - bus - auto - parks <p>Community Connections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - regional trail - roadways - sidewalks & trails 	<p>Economy/Jobs</p> <p>Regional economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fortune 500 - low unemployment - market is there <p>Already some strong areas/markets that will be amplified.</p> <p>Fiscal disparities</p> <p>Jobs, jobs, jobs, number of people in corridor</p> <p>Greater MSP Itasca ROI</p> <p>Jobs corridor</p> <p>Equity income and diversity</p> <p>Completes the Green Line diversity of corridor</p> <p>Inv. to date – all agencies/private</p>	<p>Investments</p> <p>SW community works - capital dollars already appropriated</p> <p>LCDA investments</p> <p>Regional CIP & commitment</p> <hr/> <p>Collaboration for implementation</p> <p>Finance Agency</p> <p>Affordable housing – collaborative tool development</p> <hr/> <p>Partnerships for implementation</p> <p>Nothing gets done without multi agency collaboration, i.e. all successful projects have this element</p> <p>Partnerships public and private</p> <p>Collaboration across partners for housing</p> <p>Collaboration – HUD grants and living cities housing, cap investments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SWCW <p>Consistent champions and creativity</p> <p>SW Inv partnership</p> <p>Corridor of Opportunity & the \$21M invested is a unique story nationally. The partnerships, the tools, the results</p> <p>Community Works</p> <p>Sr. level policy makers who come each month the TIC principles group the funding the county is holding in reserve.</p> <p>Early development input</p> <hr/> <p>Unsorted sticky notes</p> <p>JD capability in SPO and the TOD office, City of Mpls, HC's new TOD person</p> <p>Dedicated local governments</p> <p>Hiawatha Ridership</p> <p>Extremely experienced staff – council – community support for TOD</p>
<p>Regional Collaboration</p> <p><i>culture of collaboration</i></p> <p>Collaborative/co-op approach resulting in extremely successful projects – West End, downtown Hopkins, MCLD-Blake corridor as examples.</p> <p>A project does not happen in this region without inter-disciplining advice, influence and planning, i.e. multi-modal, retrofits, new development.</p> <p>Communities work together</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - many partnerships - joint financing <p>Livable communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - emphasis on Met Council - incorporation by cities <p>Metropolitan Council Growth management activities Strong and engaged regional planning agency with a proven track record of delivering projects on time and on budget MPO & transit agency, has authority to review local comp plans.</p> <hr/> <p>Partnerships Long history of regional planning w track</p>	<p>Development</p> <p>Hiawatha development – 46th street</p> <p>Central corridor examples most relevant</p> <p>Hiawatha & central corridor development outcomes</p> <p>Compact development examples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mixed use - Transit oriented <p>Demonstrated private and public response to infrastructure</p> <p>Quantify the TOD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outcomes for blue and green lines – the tools used, the developer - expertise to develop TOD <p>Open space/connections/water development</p> <p>Urban corridor SW LRT driven Creek project Cottageville Park Louisiana, Blake Trail Regional storm water support development</p> <p>Access to regional parks</p> <p>Connects reinforces access to</p>	

record of advancing affordable housing opportunities	parks/trails - chain of lakes - riverfront - Midtown greenway	
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Agenda Item V – Southwest Corridor TOD Implementation Strategy

Steering Committee Action Requested:

Information/Discussion

GB Arrington, GB Placemaking, will provide the Steering Committee with an overview of the purpose, process, and timeline for the Southwest LRT Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Implementation Strategy.

The TOD Implementation Strategy is intended to move TOD in the Southwest Corridor from planning to targeted implementation and is the necessary next step in capturing the opportunity afforded by the Southwest LRT line. GB Arrington will work hand-in-hand with the Southwest Community Works partners to develop an integrated Southwest Corridor TOD Implementation Strategy to help guide the individual planning and implementation activities. This will be accomplished through a series of workshops leading to agreement on: a) a corridor wide strategy including priorities and key next steps, b) a snapshot of next steps for each station, c) roles and responsibilities for TOD implementation including the role of the SW Corridor LRT Community Works Steering Committee and individual partners.

Previous Action on Request:

Recommendation:

Financial Implications?

Are These Funds Budgeted? Yes through Hennepin County Community Works

Attachments:

Comments:





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Updates

Steering Committee Action Requested:

Information

Background/Justification:

- Southwest Project Office Update
- Target Field Station Grand Opening
- 6th Annual Housing Summit
- Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers Event
- North Moves Event Update

Previous Action on Request:

Recommendation:

Financial Implications?

Are These Funds Budgeted?

Attachments:

Comments:





Date: May 8, 2014

To: Southwest Community Works Steering Committee

From: Chris Weyer, Southwest LRT Project Director

Re: **Southwest LRT (Green Line Extension) progress report through April 2014**

Project Development

- On April 9, the Metropolitan Council voted to adopt the SPO recommendation for project scope and budget. The project budget was set at \$1.68 billion. Key features of the project scope adopted by the Council include:
 - The freight rail alignment will match existing conditions through the Kenilworth Corridor except for a horizontal shift to accommodate LRT;
 - The LRT alignment in the Kenilworth Corridor will be within two shallow tunnels;
 - The 21st Street Station in Minneapolis will be eliminated;
 - The alignment will follow Technology Drive to Mitchell Station in Eden Prairie;
 - The westernmost station will be near Mitchell Road in Eden Prairie.
- On April 10, the Project initiated the Municipal Consent process as required by state law. SPO staff delivered preliminary design plan sets to the governments of cities along the alignment and Hennepin County. Staff also delivered plan sets to municipal buildings and libraries where they are available for public review, and posted plan sets as PDF documents on the Project's website.
- On April 22, SPO reissued one set of plans to correct information on a portion of the alignment.
- The Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority and the Metropolitan Council will hold a joint public hearing and open house on May 29 at the Hennepin County Government Center. The hearing will include opportunity for public testimony.
- Cities along the Southwest LRT alignment will hold public hearings in May and June, with SPO providing support at open houses. To date, two cities have scheduled public hearings: St. Louis Park (May 19) and Eden Prairie (May 20).

Environmental Program

- The Council reissued a Request for Proposals for a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment on April 17; the Phase II ESA will cover properties identified as requiring additional investigation by the Phase I ESA, completed in August 2013.
- Supplemental DEIS consultant CH2M HILL continued preparation of the SDEIS.

Advisory Committees

- The Corridor Management Committee met April 2 to receive public testimony and take action to recommend a project schedule and budget.
- The SWLRT Business and Community Advisory Committees met on April 23 and April 24, respectively, to learn more about the Municipal Consent process and project next steps. SPO also thanked the members for their hard work and noted the two groups are scheduled to reconvene in September 2014.

Other Outreach and Communication Activities

SPO staff engaged in the following outreach activities:

- SPO staff prepared materials for Metropolitan Council Chair Sue Haigh's presentations to the TwinWest Chamber of Commerce on April 11 and to a regional real estate forum on April 17; approximately 300 members of the public attended both events.
- On April 21, SPO staff attended a transit equity conversation hosted by Congressman Keith Ellison and attended by Metropolitan Council Members Munt, Duininick, and Brimeyer as well as other local officials; approximately 30 members of the public were in attendance to discuss access to jobs, improved transit connections and development opportunities around Southwest LRT stations.

TARGET FIELD STATION

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Grand Opening

Saturday, May 17

Share the excitement with family and friends



Overview of festivities

- 1-5:30 p.m. Music and activities (free and open to the public)
- 3 p.m. Ribbon cutting and program
- 6:10 p.m. Twins vs. Mariners game
(Twins tickets on sale at www.twinsbaseball.com/tickets)

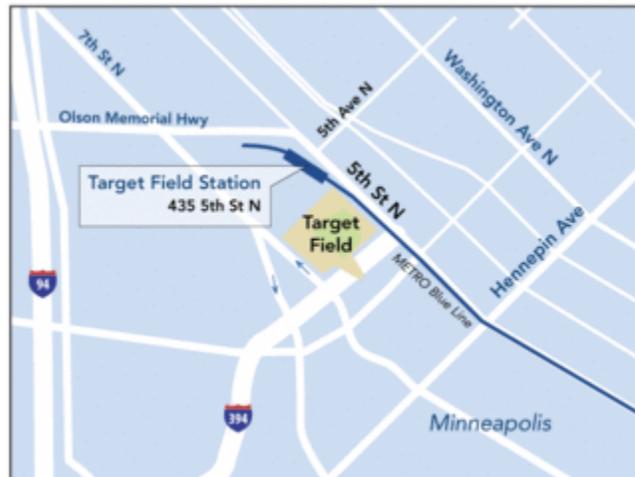
Food and beverages available for purchase.

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6th Annual Housing Summit

Designing Great Neighborhoods
Compact, Walkable, With a Mix of Uses

Date: Thursday, June 5, 2014

Location: Hopkins Center for the Arts

111 Mainstreet

Hopkins, MN 55343

Time: 7:30am Registration and Networking

8:00am Welcome

8:15am **MN Challenge Award Winner Announced**

8:30-11:00am Program

Credits: 2.5 CRE and AICP applied for



Julie Campoli
is the founder
of TerraFirma
Urban Designs

Keynote Speaker: Julie Campoli

Author of *Made for Walking* and *Visualizing Density*, Campoli combines a planner's perspective with a designer's sensibility to illustrate the built environment and the processes that shape it.

Resistance to density often hinders the construction of compact, walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods that cities desire. Campoli asserts that design, rather than density, determines the character of residential neighborhoods. She has developed innovative graphic techniques to help people understand the relationship between design concepts and the actual urban environment.

Followed by a discussion with next generation leaders focused on engagement strategies that move communities to embrace compact new development and redevelopment.

Colleen Carey, The Cornerstone Group, Moderator

Panelists:

Lisa Bender, Minneapolis City Councilmember

Michael Kisch, RSP Architects

Max Musicant, The Musicant Group

Nelima Sitati-Munene, Organizing Apprenticeship Program

The winner of the **MN Challenge to Lower the Cost of Affordable Housing** will be announced at this year's event. Three finalist teams are competing for up to \$70,000 to implement their idea to lower the cost of developing affordable housing. www.MNchallenge.com

Price: **\$25 Members/Non-members**

\$10 additional for walk-in registration

[Register online](#) or call 1-800-321-5011

Event code: 8117-1419

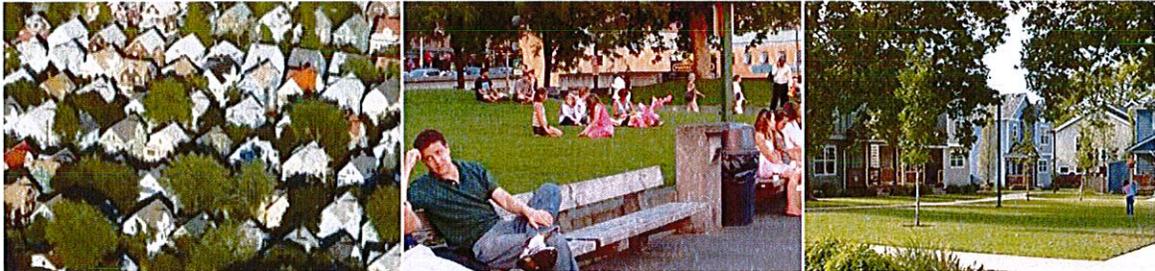
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Community Development Conversations

A community development forum

Collaborations-in-Place: Creating Opportunities along the Southwest LRT Corridor

Wednesday May 28th, 7:30am-9:30am
Hopkins Center for the Arts
John Ireland Community Room
1111 Main Street
Hopkins, MN

In partnership with Hennepin County Community Works and Twin Cities LISC, MCCD will host a Community Development Conversation that will focus on a wide-range of innovative practices that cities, neighborhoods, and community organizations are using to create places and opportunities along the Southwest LRT corridor, including Hopkins and Eden Prairie.

Please contact Greg Gramza at 612-789-7337 x815 or ggramza@mccdmn.org with any questions.



North Moves Event

Date & Location:

Saturday, May 3, 2014 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Redeemer Lutheran Church
1800 Glenwood Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55405

Event Description

Join us for a free community party and learning opportunity in the Harrison neighborhood of Minneapolis. This event is hosted by Redeemer Lutheran Church in North Minneapolis and Luther Seminary students. Come visit with neighbors, walk through our interactive stations and learn about how transit equity relates to a healthy community. Voice your hopes about North Minneapolis, talk with decision makers and learn how the future of light rail will affect your commute and your neighborhood. Get connected, get artsy and get moving at North Moves.

Event Update

On Saturday, May 3, the SW Community Works program staffed a table with Bottineau Transitway project staff at this community event that was sponsored by Redeemer Lutheran Church on Glenwood Ave in north Minneapolis. Community members asked questions about the status of the Southwest LRT project, and expressed strong interest in Community Works efforts around creating better access to proposed stations, spurring economic development, and creating housing for all. Everyone who stopped at our table said they strongly favored improving transit options for people living in this community.