



Monthly Report

June 2009

DEIS: Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) Evaluation Process Progressing

The DEIS consultants continue to assemble information and technical analyses to inform a recommendation on the LPA. Each alternative, LRT 1A, 3A, 3C, and 3C sub-alternative, will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Compatibility with existing municipal, county-level, and regional planning documents
- Performance (ridership, costs, cost-effectiveness, transit system integration, etc...)
- Potential Impact to Critical Environmental Resources
- Other Factors (acquisition/displacements, transportation system impact, constructability)

Forthcoming information and technical materials will be posted on southwesttransitway.org as soon as they are available.

Transit Projects Receive \$21 million in 2009 Minnesota Bonding Bill

The 2009 State Bonding bill included \$21 million for transit projects with \$8.5 million identified for Central Corridor LRT. The Metropolitan Council will allocate the remaining \$12.5 million amongst the following eligible projects: Bottineau Transitway, Cedar Lake Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), Red Rock Corridor, Riverview Corridor, Robert Street BRT, Rush Line Corridor, Southwest Transitway, and the St. Paul Union Depot.

Station Area Planning Progressing

Station Area Planning Open Houses were recently conducted in Minnetonka, Hopkins, and St. Louis Park. Did you miss the public meeting in your community? See southwesttransitway.org for information distributed at the meetings. The Eden Prairie Open House will be coming up soon, along with second public meetings in all cities; please check southwesttransitway.org for dates, times and locations.

Committee Activity

Southwest Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)

The Southwest PAC met on May 13, 2009 to review the status of the locally preferred alternative (LPA) evaluation process, and discuss a public involvement plan leading up to the selection of the LPA. The Southwest PAC is expected to recommend an LPA for consideration by the HCRRA in Fall of 2009, following three open houses and one public hearing where public input will be sought.

The PAC will meet next on Wednesday, June 10 at 8:00am at the St. Louis Park City Hall.

Southwest Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

The Southwest TAC meeting has been postponed to early June.

Southwest Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

The Southwest CAC met on May 27, 2009 to receive updates on the LPA selection process, and to review the conceptual engineering drawings. The CAC will meet next on Wednesday, July 22, 2009, at 6pm at the Wolfe Lake Professional Center in St. Louis Park.

Southwest Business Advisory Committee (BAC)

Project staff continue to reach out to the business community, and recently met with the City of Lakes



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Business Association, University of St. Thomas, WCCO, Orchestra Hall, as well as the Lyn-Lake and Nicollet-Lake Business Associations. A forum for businesses along the alignments will be planned for later this summer.

Public Outreach Meetings

Loring Business Association	May 19
East Isles Neighborhood Meeting	May 19

