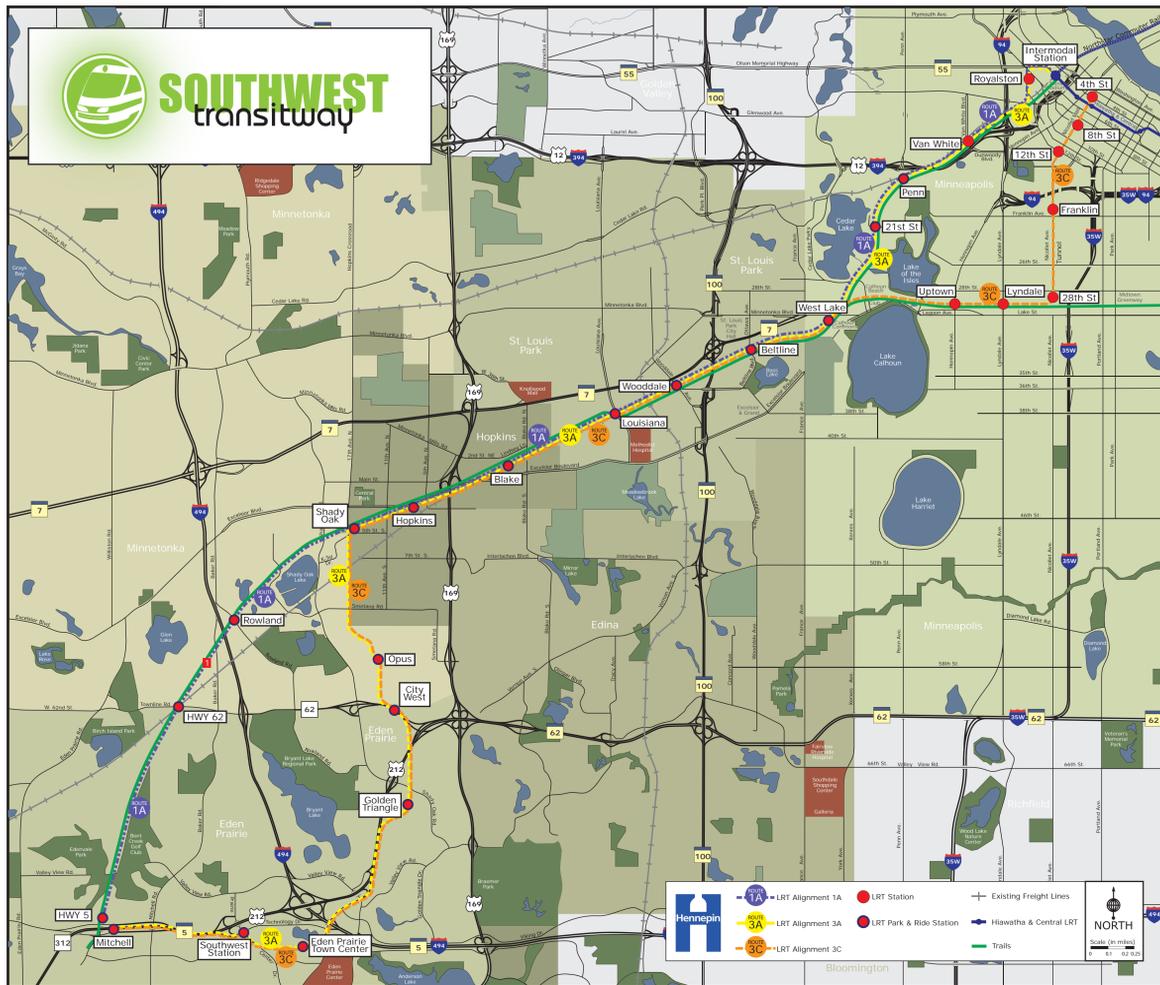


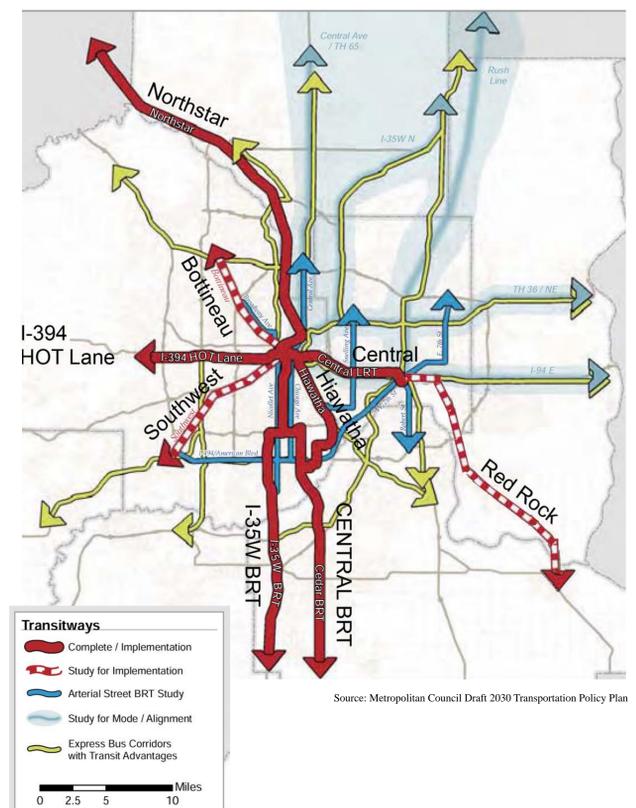
WHAT IS THE SOUTHWEST TRANSITWAY?

THE SOUTHWEST TRANSITWAY IS A PROPOSED LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT CORRIDOR THAT WILL RUN FROM DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS THROUGH THE CITIES OF ST. LOUIS PARK, HOPKINS, MINNETONKA, AND EDEN PRAIRIE.



HOW DOES IT CONNECT TO THE REGION?

THE SOUTHWEST TRANSITWAY WILL CONNECT TO THE EXISTING HIAWATHA LIGHT RAIL LINE AND THE PLANNED CENTRAL CORRIDOR LIGHT RAIL LINE. AS ADDITIONAL BUS RAPID TRANSIT AND OTHER RAIL CORRIDORS ARE IMPLEMENTED, THE SOUTHWEST CORRIDOR WILL CONNECT TO THE GREATER REGION AND BEYOND INCLUDING: COMMUNITIES IN THE NW METRO AREA, BIG LAKE, ST. CLOUD, HASTINGS, HINCKLEY, DULUTH, WINONA, AND CHICAGO.



WHAT IS STATION AREA PLANNING?

IN ANTICIPATION OF PASSENGER STATIONS BEING CONSTRUCTED ALONG THE SOUTHWEST TRANSITWAY, THE HENNEPIN COUNTY REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY (HCRRA) IS FUNDING A SERIES OF STATION AREA PLANNING ACTIVITIES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITIES OF EDEN PRAIRIE, MINNETONKA, HOPKINS, AND ST. LOUIS PARK. PLANNING WILL ALSO OCCUR AROUND THE MINNEAPOLIS STATIONS AFTER A ROUTE INTO THE DOWNTOWN AREA HAS BEEN SELECTED.

STATION AREA PLANNING WILL BUILD UPON THE PAST WORK OF EACH COMMUNITY AND WILL LOOK AT HOW LRT RIDERS WILL GET TO THE TRANSIT STATIONS AND HOW DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS COULD CHANGE AROUND EACH STATION. STRATEGIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE STATION AREAS WILL BE DEVELOPED RESULTING IN LAND-USE PLANNING WITHIN A HALF-MILE RADIUS AROUND EACH OF THE 12 STATIONS. STAKEHOLDER AND PUBLIC MEETINGS ARE BEING HELD IN EACH OF THE FOUR COMMUNITIES IN 2008-09 TO OBTAIN FEEDBACK AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

THE STATION AREA PLANNING PROCESS BEGAN IN THE SUMMER OF 2008 WITH THE COLLECTION AND REVIEW OF BASE DATA FOR EACH STATION INCLUDING:

- EXISTING LAND USE
- CURRENT AND FORECASTED TRAFFIC
- ACCESS AND CIRCULATION
- MARKET ANALYSIS
- DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES
- BASE MAPS AND PLANS
- CITY COMPREHENSIVE PLANS



THE STATION AREA PLANNING PROCESS HAS ALSO INCLUDED ONGOING MEETINGS BETWEEN HENNEPIN COUNTY AND PLANNING STAFF FROM EACH OF THE INVOLVED COMMUNITIES. MANY OF THE IDENTIFIED STAKEHOLDERS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN TWO VISIONING SESSIONS HELD IN EACH COMMUNITY.

CONCEPTUAL SITE DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND PROPOSED LAND USE PLANS WERE DEVELOPED BASED ON EXISTING DATA AND INPUT FROM COUNTY STAFF, CITY STAFF, CONSULTANTS, AND STAKEHOLDERS.

PUBLIC MEETINGS ARE NOW BEING HELD IN EACH COMMUNITY TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INPUT.

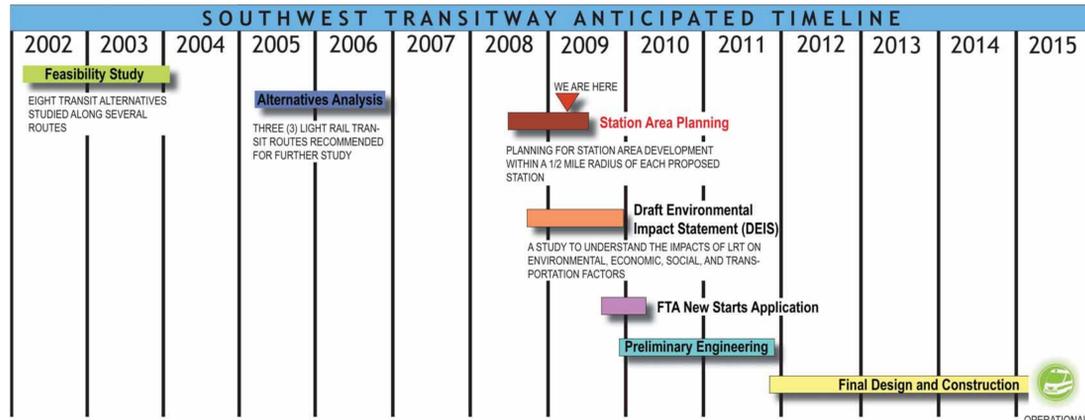


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WHEN WILL LIGHT RAIL BE HERE?

THE SOUTHWEST TRANSITWAY IS ANTICIPATED TO BE OPERATIONAL IN 2015. THE SCHEDULE FOR PLANNING, FUND-SEEKING, AND DESIGN ARE OUTLINED BELOW:



MAKING CONNECTIONS

IN ADDITION TO CONNECTING RIDERS TO THE GREATER REGION AND METRO AREA, THE STATION AREAS WILL EMPHASIZE CONNECTING THE STATIONS TO:

- EXISTING REGIONAL TRAILS
- SIDEWALKS & PATHS
- OPEN SPACE
- PARK & RIDES

BY PROVIDING STRONG CONNECTIONS FOR MULTIPLE MODES OF TRANSIT, THE SOUTHWEST TRANSITWAY WILL INCREASE RIDERSHIP, ACCESS, AND MOBILITY.

PLACE-MAKING WITHIN THE SYSTEM

EACH STATION ALONG THE SOUTHWEST CORRIDOR HAS A UNIQUE CHARACTER AND FEEL. CONCEPTUAL SITE DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND PROPOSED LAND USE CONCEPTS REINFORCE THE IDEA OF "PLACE-MAKING" BY EMPHASIZING INDIVIDUAL STATION IDENTITIES.



HOW WILL I GET THERE?

RIDERS WILL HAVE SEVERAL OPTIONS TO GET TO AND FROM THE PROPOSED LIGHT RAIL STATIONS ALONG THE SOUTHWEST TRANSITWAY. EACH STATION WILL EMPHASIZE WALKABILITY BY CREATING SAFE PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS. BICYCLISTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO BRING THEIR BIKE ON THE TRAIN OR TO USE BIKE LOCKS AT STATIONS. BUS ROUTES WILL BE MODIFIED TO COMPLEMENT LIGHT RAIL CONNECTIONS. SOME STATIONS MAY ALSO HAVE ACCESS TO LOCAL SHUTTLES THAT GO BETWEEN THE STATION AND KEY SITES NEAR THE STATION.

STATION AREA PLANS ALSO CALL FOR PARK & RIDE FACILITIES AT EACH STATION. PARKING CAPACITY FOR EACH STATION VARIES ALONG THE ROUTE AND THE CONCEPTUAL SITE DEVELOPMENT PLANS HAVE PLANNED FOR THE FOLLOWING NUMBER OF SPACES AT EACH STATION:



HOW CAN I GET MORE INFO?

STAY CONNECTED AND GET ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES FROM THE SOUTHWEST TRANSITWAY WEBSITE:

WWW.SOUTHWESTTRANSITWAY.ORG



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