

Application

Name:

Jurisdictional Agency (if different):

01974 - 2014 Transit Expansion				
02185 - Route 2 service expansion				
Regional Solicitation - Transit and TDM Projects				
Status:	Submitted			
Submitted Date:	12/01/2014 2:1	11 PM		
Primary Contact				
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What Grant Programs are you most interested in?	Regional Solic	itation - Transit and T	DM Projects	
Organization Information				

Metro Transit

Organization Type:	Metropolitan Council
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Organization Website:

Address: 600 7th Street North

Minneapolis Minnesota 55406

City State/Province Postal Code/Zip

County: Outside MN

Phone:* 651-602-1000

Fax:

PeopleSoft Vendor Number METROTRANSIT

Project Information

Project Name Route 2 service expansion

Primary County where the Project is Located Hennepin

Jurisdictional Agency (If Different than the Applicant):

Improve service on Route 2 by increasing frequency to every 10 minutes on weekdays from 5:30 a.m. - 7 p.m., on Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., and on Sundays from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. These changes will raise service levels as appropriate for the high level of demand in the corridor. This change requires two additional buses.

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Brief Project Description (Limit 2,800 characters; approximately 400 words)

Route 2 runs between Hennepin Avenue and the U of M, largely along Franklin Avenue. Traveling east, buses run from Hennepin and Franklin avenues to the METRO Blue Lines Franklin Avenue Station. The route continues northbound at Riverside Avenue and crosses the Mississippi River on the Washington Avenue Bridge, running through the heart of the U of Ms East Bank campus on the Washington Avenue Transit Pedestrian Mall. Here it connects with the METRO Green Line at East Bank Station.

Include location, road name/functional class, type of improvement, etc.

Project Length (Miles)

4.75

Connection to Local Planning:

Reference the name of the appropriate comprehensive plan, regional/statewide plan, capital improvement program, corridor study document [studies on trunk highway must be approved by MnDOT and the Metropolitan Council], or other official plan or program of the applicant agency [includes Safe Routes to School Plans] that the project is included in and/or a transportation problem/need that the project addresses. List the applicable documents and pages.

Metropolitan Council's 2012-2014 Regional Service

Improvement Plan, page B-1.

http://metrocouncil.org/METC/files/68/68d373e3-

d886-4f86-afd9-37fcad57cc39.pdf

Connection to Local Planning ACCESS Minneapolis Citywide Transportation

Action Plan, page 46.

http://www.minneapolismn.gov/www/groups/public/@publicworks/documents/webcontent/convert_279

031.pdf

Project Funding

Are you applying for funds from another source(s) to implement

this project?

No

If yes, please identify the source(s)

Federal Amount \$4,789,025.00

Match Amount \$1,197,256.00

Minimum of 20% of project total

Project Total \$5,986,281.00

Match Percentage 20.0%

Minimum of 20%

Compute the match percentage by dividing the match amount by the project total

Source of Match Funds

Metropolitan Council Regional Transit Capital, Motor Vehicle

Sales Tax revenues or other eligible non-federal funds

Preferred Program Year

Select one: 2018

MnDOT State Aid Project Information: Transit and TDM Projects

County, City, or Lead Agency

N/A

Zip	Code where Ma	jority of Work is	Being Performed	0
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(Approximate) Begin Construction Date 12/31/2014
(Approximate) End Construction Date 01/01/2015

LOCATION

From:

(Intersection or Address)

Do not include legal description; Include name of roadway if majority of facility runs adjacent to a single corridor.

To:

(Intersection or Address)

Type of Work

Examples: grading, aggregate base, bituminous base, bituminous surface, sidewalk, signals, lighting, guardrail, bicycle path, ped ramps, bridge, Park & Ride, etc.)

Specific Roadway Elements

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ELEMENTS/COST ESTIMATES	Cost
Mobilization (approx. 5% of total cost)	\$0.00
Removals (approx. 5% of total cost)	\$0.00
Roadway (grading, borrow, etc.)	\$0.00
Roadway (aggregates and paving)	\$0.00
Subgrade Correction (muck)	\$0.00
Storm Sewer	\$0.00
Ponds	\$0.00
Concrete Items (curb & gutter, sidewalks, median barriers)	\$0.00
Traffic Control	\$0.00
Striping	\$0.00
Signing	\$0.00
Lighting	\$0.00
Turf - Erosion & Landscaping	\$0.00
Bridge	\$0.00
Retaining Walls	\$0.00
Noise Wall	\$0.00
Traffic Signals	\$0.00
Wetland Mitigation	\$0.00
Other Natural and Cultural Resource Protection	\$0.00

Totals	\$0.00
Other Roadway Elements	\$0.00
Roadway Contingencies	\$0.00
RR Crossing	\$0.00

Specific Bicycle and Pedestrian Elements

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ELEMENTS/COST ESTIMATES	Cost
Path/Trail Construction	\$0.00
Sidewalk Construction	\$0.00
On-Street Bicycle Facility Construction	\$0.00
Right-of-Way	\$0.00
Pedestrian Curb Ramps (ADA)	\$0.00
Crossing Aids (e.g., Audible Pedestrian Signals, HAWK)	\$0.00
Pedestrian-scale Lighting	\$0.00
Streetscaping	\$0.00
Wayfinding	\$0.00
Bicycle and Pedestrian Contingencies	\$0.00
Other Bicycle and Pedestrian Elements	\$0.00
Totals	\$0.00

Specific Transit and TDM Elements

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ELEMENTS/COST ESTIMATES	Cost
Fixed Guideway Elements	\$0.00
Stations, Stops, and Terminals	\$0.00
Support Facilities	\$0.00
Transit Systems (e.g. communications, signals, controls, fare collection, etc.)	\$0.00
Vehicles	\$1,304,406.00
Transit and TDM Contingencies	\$0.00
Other Transit and TDM Elements	\$0.00
Totals	\$1,304,406.00

Transit Operating Costs

OPERATING COSTS Cost

Transit Operating Costs \$4,681,875.00

Totals \$4,681,875.00

Totals

Total Cost \$5,986,281.00

Construction Cost Total \$1,304,406.00

Transit Operating Cost Total \$4,681,875.00

Requirements - All Projects

All Projects

1. The project must be consistent with the goals and policies in these adopted regional plans: Thrive MSP 2040 (2014), the 2030 Transportation Policy Plan (amended 2013), the 2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan (amended 2013), and the 2030 Water Resources Management Policy Plan (2005).

Check the box to indicate that the project meets this requirement. Yes

2.Applicants that are not cities or counties in the seven-county metro area with populations over 5,000 must contact the MnDOT Metro State Aid Office prior to submitting their application to determine if a public agency sponsor is required.

Check the box to indicate that the project meets this requirement. Yes

3.Applicants must not submit an application for the same project in more than one funding sub-category.

Check the box to indicate that the project meets this requirement. Yes

4. The requested funding amount must be more than or equal to the minimum award and less than or equal to the maximum award. The cost of preparing a project for funding authorization can be substantial. For that reason, minimum federal amounts apply. Other federal funds may be combined with the requested funds for projects exceeding the maximum award, but the source(s) must be identified in the application. Transit expansion applications must be between \$500,000 and \$7,000,000. Transit System Modernization applications must be between \$100,000 and \$7,000,000.

Check the box to indicate that the project meets this requirement. Yes

5. The project must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Check the box to indicate that the project meets this requirement. Yes

6. The project must be accessible and open to the general public.

Check the box to indicate that the project meets this requirement. Yes

7. The owner/operator of the facility must operate and maintain the project for the useful life of the improvement.

Check the box to indicate that the project meets this requirement. Yes

8. The project must represent a permanent improvement with independent utility. The term independent utility means the project provides benefits described in the application by itself and does not depend on any construction elements of the project being funded from other sources outside the regional solicitation, excluding the required non-federal match. Projects that include traffic management or transit operating funds as part of a construction project are exempt from this policy.

Check the box to indicate that the project meets this requirement. Yes

9. The project must not be a temporary construction project. A temporary construction project is defined as work that must be replaced within five years and is ineligible for funding. The project must also not be staged construction where the project will be replaced as part of future stages. Staged construction is eligible for funding as long as future stages build on, rather than replace, previous work.

Check the box to indicate that the project meets this requirement. Yes

10. The project applicant must send written notification regarding the proposed projected to all affected communities and other levels and units of government prior to submitting the application.

Check the box to indicate that the project meets this requirement. Yes

Requirements - Transit and TDM Projects

Transit and TDM Projects Only

1. The project must exclude costs for studies, preliminary engineering, design, or construction engineering (except if the project does not involve construction such as signal re-timing). Noise barriers, drainage projects, fences, landscaping, etc., are not eligible for funding unless included as part of a larger project, which is otherwise eligible. Right-of-way costs are not eligible as a stand-alone proposal, but are eligible when included in a proposal to build or expand transit hubs, transit terminals, park-and-ride facilities, or park-and-pool lots).

Check the box to indicate that the project meets this requirement. Yes

For Transit Expansion Projects Only

2. The project must provide a new or expanded transit facility or service (includes peak, off-peak, express, limited stop service on an existing route, or dial-a-ride).

Check the box to indicate that the project meets this requirement. Yes

3. The applicant must have the capital and operating funds necessary to implement the entire project and commit to continuing the service or facility project beyond the initial funding period.

Check the box to indicate that the project meets this requirement. Yes

4. The project is not eligible for either capital or operating funds if the corresponding capital or operating costs have been funded in a previous solicitation. A previously selected project is not eligible unless it has been withdrawn or sunset prior to the deadline for proposals in this solicitation.

Check the box to indicate that the project meets this requirement. Yes

Other Attachments

File Name	Description	File Size
Route 2 application form.pdf	Agency letter of support	308 KB
Route 2 Project Area.pdf	Project area map	167 KB

Measure A: Project Location Relative to Jobs, Manufacturing, and Education

Select all that apply:

Direct connection to or within 1/4 mile (bus stop) or 1/2 mile (transitway station) of a Job Concentration

Yes

Direct connection to or within 1/4 mile (bus stop) or 1/2 mile (transitway station) of a Manufacturing/Distribution Location

Yes

Direct connection to or within 1/4 mile (bus stop) or 1/2 mile (transitway station) of an Educational Institution

Yes

Project provides a direct connection to or within 1/4 mile (bus stop) or 1/2 mile (transitway station) of an existing local activity center identified in an adopted county or city plan

City or County Plan Reference

Note: Transitways offer travel time advantages for transit vehicles, improve transit service reliability, and increase the convenience and attractiveness of transit service. Transitways are defined in the 2030 Transportation Policy Plan to include commuter rail, light rail, highway and arterial bus rapid transit, and express bus with transit advantages. Eligible transitway projects are those that have a mode and alignment identified in the 2030 Transportation Policy Plan.

Response (Limit 700 characters; approximately 100 words)

Upload Map Route 2 - Regional Economy.pdf

Measure B: Project Location Relative to Population

Completed by Metropolitan Council Staff

Existing Population (Integer Only) 66063

Upload Map Route 2 - Population Summary.pdf

Measure C: Transit Ridership

3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 17, 18, 22, 39, 67, 94, 111, 113,

114, 115, 118, 129, 133, 134, 135, 146, 156, 252, 272, 353, 355, 365, 375, 452, 460, 464, 465, 467, 470, 472, 475, 476,

477, 478, 479, 491, 492, 535, 552, 553, 554, 558, 568, 578,

579, 597, 652, 684, 695, 698, 789, METRO Blue Line, METRO

Green Line

Planned Transitways directly connect to the project (mode and

alignment determined and identified in the 2030 TPP)

Existing transit routes directly connected to the project

I-35W BRT (METRO Orange Line Extension), Nicollet Avenue

Arterial BRT, Chicago Ave BRT

Upload Map Route 2 - Transit Connections.pdf

Response

Met Council Staff Data Entry Only

Route Ridership 5.7246347E7

Transitway Ridership 1.67904E7

Measure A: Total Annual Project Cost per Rider

Total Annual Operating Cost \$1,560,625.00

Total Annual Capital Cost of Project \$108,701.00

Cost Effectiveness

\$0.68

Service Type, Methodology, and Annual Ridership

Service Type

Urban and Suburban Local Routes

Annual Ridership (Integer Only)

2472191

Existing annualized ridership of Route 2 PLUS new weekday and weekend service. Applied existing rides per weekday or weekend trip to respective new service.

Rationale:

When adding new trips we would typically assume ridership to be slightly lower than existing service. However with estimates for 2020 (third year of service following 2018 implementation) I feel very confident that market will strengthen to achieve existing productivity on these added trips.

Urban and Suburban Local Routes Peer Route Selection (Limit 1,400 characters; approximately 200 words)

Math:

43 new weekday trips x 30 pass/trip = 1,290

60 new Saturday trips x 23 pass/trip = 1,380

46 new Sunday trips x 19 pass/trip = 874

Annualized NEW service = 451,402

Annualized EXISTING service = 2,020,789

TOTAL = 2,472,191

Measure B: Total Annual Project Operating Cost per New Rider

Cost Effectiveness \$3.46

Service Type, Methodology, and New Annual Ridership

Service Type

Urban and Suburban Local Routes

New Annual Ridership (Integer Only)

451402

Annualized ridership of new weekday and weekend service. Applied existing Route 2 rides per weekday or weekend trip to respective new service.

Rationale:

When adding new trips we would typically assume ridership to be slightly lower than existing service. However with estimates for 2020 (third year of service following 2018 implementation) I feel very confident that market will strengthen to achieve existing productivity on these added trips.

Urban and Suburban Local Routes Peer Route Selection (Limit 1,400 characters; approximately 200 words)

Total Annual Capital Cost of Project

Math:

\$108,701.00

43 new weekday trips x 30 pass/trip = 1,290

60 new Saturday trips x 23 pass/trip = 1,380

46 new Sunday trips x 19 pass/trip = 874

Annualized NEW service = 451,402

Measure C: Total Annual Project Cost per New Rider

Total Annual Operating Cost \$1,560,625.00

Total Annual Project Costs \$1,669,326.00

Cost Effectiveness \$3.70

Service Type, Methodology, and New Annual Ridership

Service Type

New Annual Ridership (Integer Only)

Urban and Suburban Local Routes Peer Route Selection (Limit 1,400 characters; approximately 200 words) Urban and Suburban Local Routes

451402

Annualized ridership of new weekday and weekend service. Applied existing Route 2 rides per weekday or weekend trip to respective new service.

Rationale:

When adding new trips we would typically assume ridership to be slightly lower than existing service. However with estimates for 2020 (third year of service following 2018 implementation) I feel very confident that market will strengthen to achieve existing productivity on these added trips.

Math:

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Measure A: Project Location and Impact to Disadvantaged Populations

Select One:

Projects service directly connects to Racially Concentrated Area of Poverty

Yes

Projects service directly connects to Concentrated Area of Poverty

Yes

Projects service directly connects to census tracts that are above the regional average for population in poverty or population of color

Yes

Project's service directly connects to a census tract that is below the regional average for population in poverty or populations of color or includes children, people with disabilities, or the elderly Response (Limit 1,400 characters; approximately 200 words)

Route 2 offers crosstown service that connects diverse populations. The service expansion of Route 2 along Franklin Avenue is entirely inclusive of areas that are either racially concentrated areas of poverty, concentrated areas of poverty or above the regional average for concentrations of race and poverty. These populations will benefit from better direct access to educational and employment opportunities, as well as easier transfers to many of the region's busiest bus and rail lines.

Upload Map

Route 2 - Socio-Economic Conditions.pdf

Measure B: Affordable Housing

City/Township Number of Stops in City/Township

Minneapolis 68.0

68

Affordable Housing Scoring - To Be Completed By Metropolitan Council Staff

City/Township	Number of Stops in City/Township	Total Number of Stops	Score	Number of Stops/Total Number of Stops	Multiplied by Segment percent
Minneapolis	68.0	68.0	97.0	1.0	97.0
		68	97	1	97

Affordable Housing Scoring - To Be Completed By Metropolitan Council Staff

Total Number of Stops in City 68.0

Total Housing Score 97.0

Measure A: Daily Emissions Reduction

New Daily Transit Riders (Integer Only)

Distance from Terminal to Terminal (Miles) 4.75

VMT Reduction 5875.75

CO Reduced 14043.0425

 NOx Reduced
 940.12

 CO2e Reduced
 2154050.0

 PM2.5 Reduced
 29.3788

 VOCs Reduced
 176.2725

 Total Emissions Reduced
 2169239.0

Measure B: Total Project Cost per Daily KG of Emissions Reduced

This measure will calculate the cost effectiveness of the project as it relates to emissions reduction.

The total annual project cost is calculated by adding the annualized capital cost and the annual operating costs for the third year of service. The applicant **must** complete the forms listed below in order to calculate the Cost Effectiveness, save, and submit this form.

Are the forms listed above complete? Yes

Total Project Cost \$1,669,326.00

Total Emissions Reduced 2169239.0

Cost Effectiveness \$0.77

Measure A: Bicycle and Pedestrian Connections

Response (Limit 1,400 characters; approximately 200 words)

Streets being served by the Route 2 expansion, primarily Franklin, Riverside and Washington avenues, all have sidewalk access on both sides. Along Franklin Avenue it crosses nine designated bicycle lanes, including the Hiawatha LRT trail, before Franklin itself adds a designated bicycle lane east of Hiawatha Ave. Both Riverside and Washington avenues are designated bicycle lanes, each with several more cross-street bicycle connections. Finally, the Route 2 improvement would end at the Washington Avenue Pedestrian Mall at the heart of the U of M East Bank Campus, one of the most active pedestrian spaces in the region.

Measure B: Roadway, Bicycle, and Pedestrian Improvements

[•] Cost Effectiveness = Total annual project cost / kilograms of emissions reduced per day

Response (Limit 1,400 characters; approximately 200 words)

As mentioned in question 5A, the project area is fully accessible to bicycles and pedestrians. Though this project is solely service-related, we believe that increased transit ridership also corresponds to increased pedestrian activity.

Transit Projects Not Requiring Construction

If the applicant is completing a transit or TDM application, only Park-and-Ride and other construction projects require completion of the Risk Assessment below. Check the box below if the project does not require the Risk Assessment fields, and do not complete the remainder of the form. These projects will receive full points for the Risk Assessment.

Check Here if Your Transit Project Does Not Require Construction

Yes

1)Project Scope (5 Percent of Points)
Meetings or contacts with stakeholders have occurred
100%
Stakeholders have been identified
40%
Stakeholders have not been identified or contacted
0%
2)Layout or Preliminary Plan (5 Percent of Points)
Layout or Preliminary Plan completed
100%
Layout or Preliminary Plan started
50%
Layout or Preliminary Plan has not been started

Measure A: Risk Assessment

Anticipated date or date of completion

3)Environmental Documentation (10 Percent of Points)

EIS

0%

EΑ

РМ

Document Status:

Document approved (include copy of signed cover sheet)

Document in progress; environmental impacts identified

50%

Document not started

0%

Anticipated date or date of completion/approval

4) Review of Section 106 Historic Resources (15 Percent of Points)

No known potential for archaeological resources, no historic resources known to be eligible for/listed on the National Register of Historic Places located in the project area, and project is not located on an identified historic bridge

100%

Historic/archeological review under way; determination of no historic properties affected or no adverse effect anticipated

80%

Historic/archaeological review under way; determination of adverse effect anticipated

40%

Unknown impacts to historic/archaeological resources

0%

Anticipated date or date of completion of historic/archeological review:

Project is located on an identified historic bridge

5)Review of Section 4f/6f Resources (15 Percent of Points)

(4f is publicly owned parks, recreation areas, historic sites, wildlife or waterfowl refuges; 6f is outdoor recreation lands where Land and Water Conservation Funds were used for planning, acquisition, or development of the property)

No Section 4f/6f resources located in the project area

100%

Project is an independent bikeway/walkway project covered by the bikeway/walkway Negative Declaration statement; letter of support received

100%

Section 4f resources present within the project area, but no known adverse effects

80%

Adverse effects (land conversion) to Section 4f/6f resources likely

30%

Unknown impacts to Section 4f/6f resources in the project area

0%

6)Right-of-Way (15 Percent of Points)	
Right-of-way or easements not required	
100%	
Right-of-way or easements has/have been acquired	
100%	
Right-of-way or easements required, offers made	
75%	
Right-of-way or easements required, appraisals made	
50%	
Right-of-way or easements required, parcels identified	
25%	
Right-of-way or easements required, parcels not identified	
0%	
Right-of-way or easements identification has not been completed	
0%	
Anticipated date or date of acquisition	
7)Railroad Involvement (25 Percent of Points)	
No railroad involvement on project	
100%	
Railroad Right-of-Way Agreement is executed (include signature	
page)	100%
Railroad Right-of-Way Agreement required; Agreement has been	
initiated	
60%	
Railroad Right-of-Way Agreement required; negotiations have begun	
40%	
Railroad Right-of-Way Agreement required; negotiations not	
begun	
0%	
Anticipated date or date of executed Agreement	
8)Construction Documents/Plan (10 Percent of Points)	
Construction plans completed/approved (include signed title sheet)	
100%	
Construction plans submitted to State Aid for review	
Construction plans submitted to State Aid for review 75%	

Construction plans have not been started

0%

Anticipated date or date of completion

9)Letting

Anticipated Letting Date



December 1, 2014

Elaine Koutsoukos TAB Coordinator 390 N. Robert St St Paul, MN 55101

RE: Regional Solicitation Applications

Dear Ms. Koutsoukos:

Metro Transit is submitting a Transit Expansion application for the Route 2 in Minneapolis that will improve service to every 10 minutes during the Hi-Frequency Network standards weekdays 6:00am to 9:00pm, and Saturdays 9:00am to 7:00pm. This service requires three additional buses to operate.

This letter corresponds to general solicitation requirements in Section IV, required attachments:

- Metro Transit will have jurisdiction over the buses in the project. Metro Transit commits to operate and maintain these vehicles for their useful life.
- Metro Transit will provide the required minimum 20% local match through Metropolitan Council Regional Transit Capital, Motor Vehicle Sales Tax revenues or other eligible nonfederal funds available to Metro Transit in the program year.
- The project includes transit service expansion. Metro Transit commits to provide the service and operate related equipment and any related contracts.

We look forward to developing the project. Please contact me with any questions or clarifications.

Sincerely

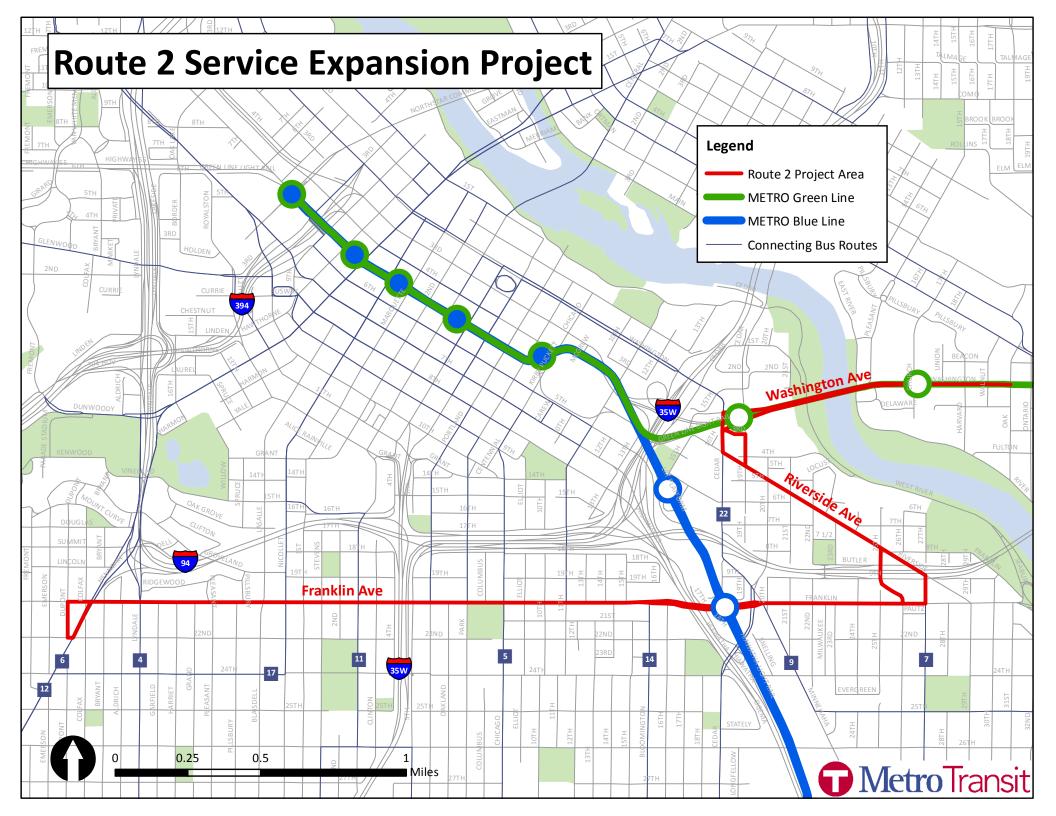
Brian Lamb

General Manager

CC:

Adam Harrington, Director of Service Development

Mary Gustafson, Manager of Grants



Regional Economy Transit Expansion Project: Route 2 | Map ID: 1415825852212 Sulversity Ave We Marchall-St-NE antirel Awe MB Color Valley Rd Falcon Hannaph LV-2 Results Heights Project IN area of Job Concentration. Claiwood Ave Project WITHIN QTR MI of area of Manufacturing and Distribution. 000 Shergy Parts for Project CONNECTED to area of Education Institutions. Marshall Ava Lako Calhoun Lake Hamlat **Project Points** PostSecondary Education Centers **Job Concentration Centers** Manfacturing/Distribution Centers **Project** Created: 11/12/2014 0.75 1.5 4.5 For complete disclaimer of accuracy, please visit Miles

Population Summary

Results

Within QTR Mile of project: Total Population: 66063 Total Employment: 40375

Within HALF Mile of project: Total Population: 92055 Total Employment: 64588

