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Two outreach coordinators, intern join staff

Former Minnesota Vikings defensive back Joey Browner and Dana Dellis, a former employment counselor for Goodwill/Easter Seals, have joined the Central Corridor LRT Project's community outreach staff. Browner has worked as an events coordinator following his NFL career with the Vikings and Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Besides working for a nonprofit organization on the corridor, Dellis' qualifications include fluency in Spanish and English. Also joining the outreach staff as an intern is Kent Hranicka, a former Wisconsin legislative aide. Hranicka is studying for his master's degree in urban and regional planning at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute.

Central Corridor Management Committee visiting LRT operations on college campuses

Members of the Central Corridor Management Committee are taking field trips to see how LRT lines operate or could operate through college campuses. Project engineers must study an at-grade level versus a tunnel alignment for the Central Corridor LRT line through the University of Minnesota. On Oct. 10, CCMC members toured the University of Minnesota alignment by bus. On Nov. 5, some members of the CCMC will visit the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, which has an LRT line operating at street level. Then, on Nov. 6, they will visit San Diego where an LRT line operates through a tunnel under San Diego State University. The CCMC includes the mayors of Minneapolis and St. Paul and commissioners from Ramsey and Hennepin counties.

Open house Oct. 26 chance for public to meet Central Corridor LRT Project staff

Staffers of the Central Corridor LRT Project hope to meet some of the line's future passengers at an open house for the project's new office from 2 to 6 p.m. Oct. 26. The project office is at 540 Fairview Ave. N., Suite 200, in the Griggs Midway Building at the northeast corner of University and Fairview avenues. Metropolitan Council Chair Peter Bell and Central Corridor LRT Project Director Mark Fuhrmann will make brief remarks at 2:30 p.m., followed by refreshments. Staffers will be on hand to answer questions. To reach the office, enter on the Fairview side of the building by the Workforce Center sign. Please note there is no easy access via the University Avenue entrance. Free parking is available on the north side of the building and at the intersection of Fairview and Charles across the street from the entrance by the Workforce Center sign. Handicapped parking spaces are in the gated lot off of Fairview next to the handicapped entrance under the GMBC Property Management sign. Metro Transit routes 16, 50 and 67 serve the Griggs Midway Building.

For more information about the project, visit: http://www.centralcorridor.org/

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