



Midtown Greenway Regional Trail Long-Range Plan, MPRB

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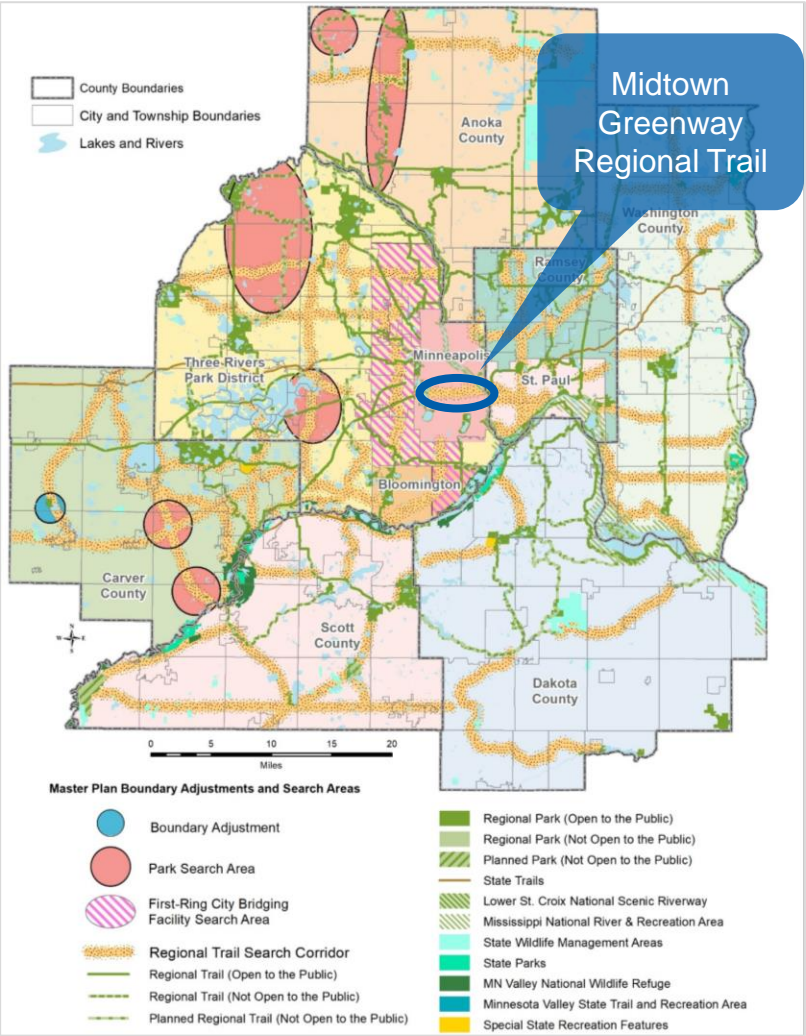
Community Development Committee

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Midtown Greenway Regional Trail

- Trail boundaries generally established
- Midtown Greenway Expansion Planning Project will expand trail to the east
- Most land owned by HCRRA; HCRRA and the City are primary operators
- Several properties owned/operated by MPRB included in trail boundary
- Two parcels proposed for acquisition: east side of Hiawatha Ave and north side of the Greenway adjacent to West River Pkwy & E 26th St



Engagement + Equity Analysis

Past Engagement

- Public engaged in numerous previous plans related to the Midtown Greenway

Partner Engagement

- Cooperative Agreement (City, HCRRA, and MPRB) developed, focuses on ownership, operations, use of regional funding. This is in addition to existing operations permit agreement between City/HCRRA.
- Project Advisory Committee (PAC), Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), and Operations Workgroup engaged throughout the process

Project Data

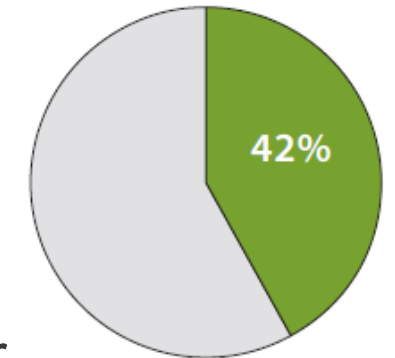
- Comparing the adjacent neighborhood area's population (right) with the City of Minneapolis indicates that areas along the corridor are more diverse, especially central portion of the corridor

Public Engagement

- Draft plan shared: online/in print, language focus groups, Slow Roll bike, online open houses, and neighborhood org outreach
- Major themes: Safety improvements (lighting, staffing, cameras), more trailside amenities

Evaluation Results

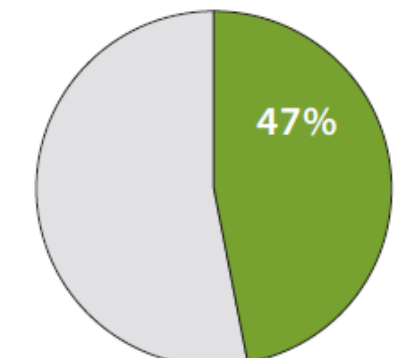
- Amenity zones added, especially on east end
- Funding for more low-cost amenities added to cost estimate for each amenity zone
- Expansion of guiding principles to support design/implementation



25-45 years of age



Language other than English



Identifies as BIPOC/Multi-Racial

Development Concept

West Lake: by entrance close to Kenilworth Regional Trail

The Mall: where Humboldt Avenue S intersects with the internal park road in The Mall Park

Soo Line Garden: connection to the garden

Nicollet Ave and 1st Ave S: proposed ramp as part of the New Nicollet Redevelopment

5th Ave S: east of 5th Avenue South

Cepro Site: where Cepro Site paths connect to the trail

Bloomington Ave: top and bottom of planned ramp

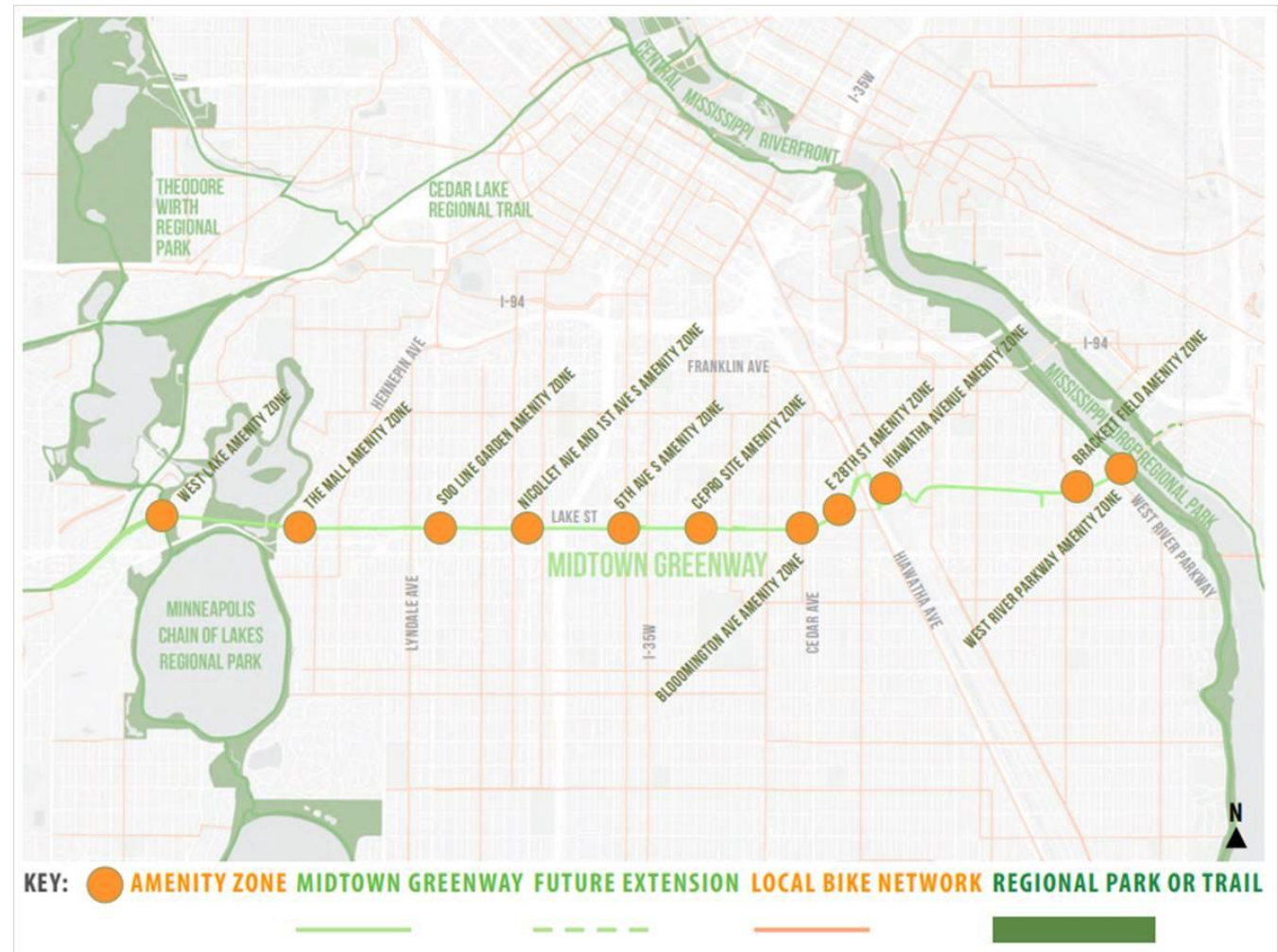
E 28th St: west side of Sabo bridge

Hiawatha Ave: east side of the Sabo bridge

Brackett Field: top of Brackett Field Park entrance ramp

West River Pkwy: between the two West River Parkway segments that intersect East 27th Street

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Estimated Costs



- Total estimated development and improvement cost: \$2,469,100.
 - Average cost per amenity zone is approximately \$120,100
- Acquisition of two parcels is proposed; formal appraisals have not been completed at this time
- Operations of amenity zones on land not owned by MPRB is outlined in the Cooperative Agreement

Rationale for Proposed Action

The Midtown Greenway Regional Trail Long-Range Plan is consistent with the requirements of the:

- *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan*
 - Chapter 5, Strategy 1
- Other Council policies



Proposed Actions

That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's Midtown Greenway Regional Trail Long-Range Plan.
2. Require MPRB, prior to initiating any construction, to send preliminary plans to the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Interceptor Engineering Assistant Manager.



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