

# WEST END & ROUTE 9 TRANSIT STUDY



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# WEST END & ROUTE 9 PROJECT

- Today's meeting—purpose
- Project outline
  - Project area and routes
  - Initial goals
  - Evaluation criteria
  - Review existing conditions
  - Remaining steps and timeline

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- Project area



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- Project area
  - Routes in study area: 9, 604, 615, 643, 649, 663, 675
  - Routes that we're focused on:
    - Route 9 west of downtown
    - Route 615 (schedule only)
    - Route 643
    - Route 649
    - Route 675

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    - Easier for customers to understand
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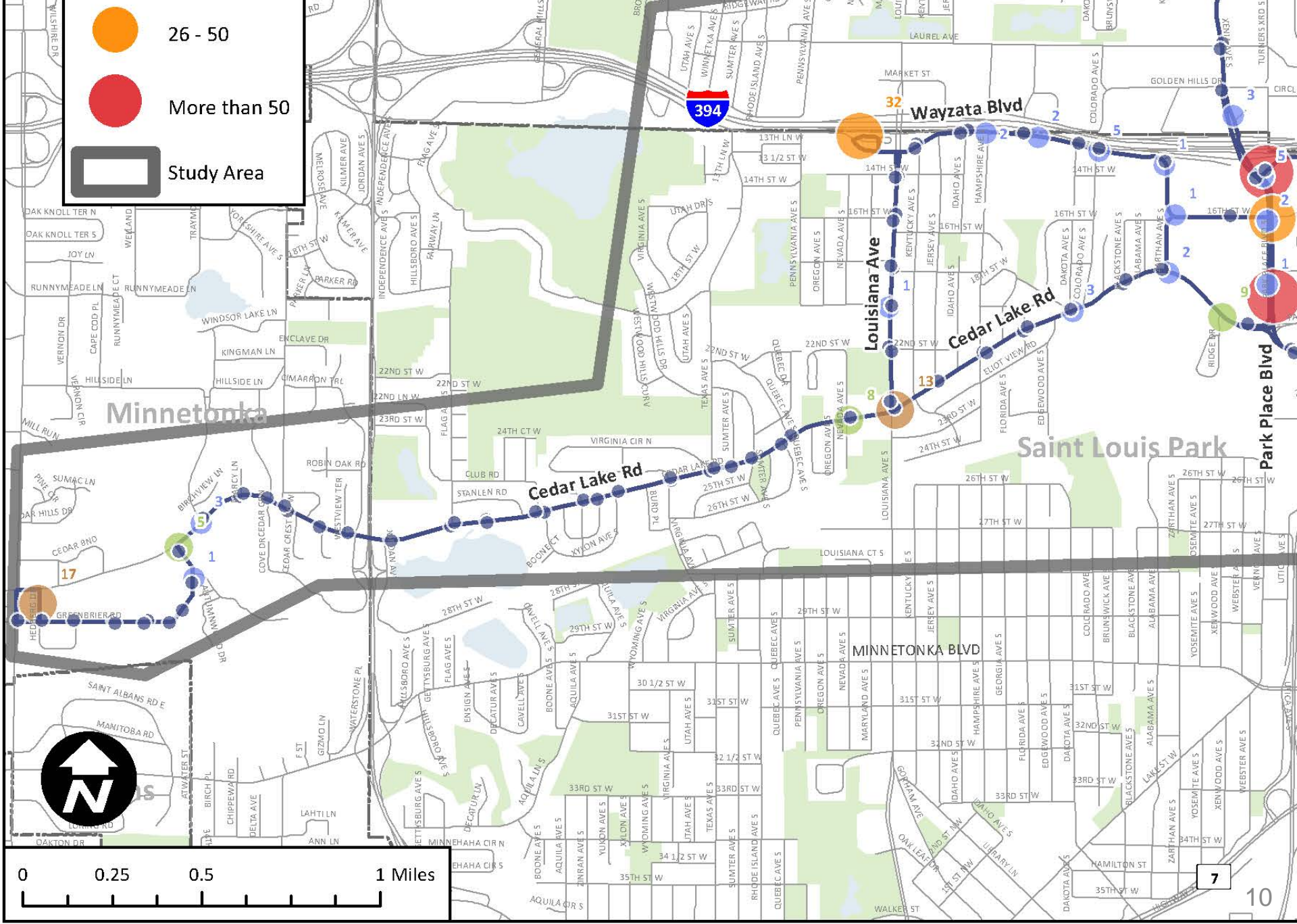
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More than 50

Study Area



0 0.25 0.5 1 Miles



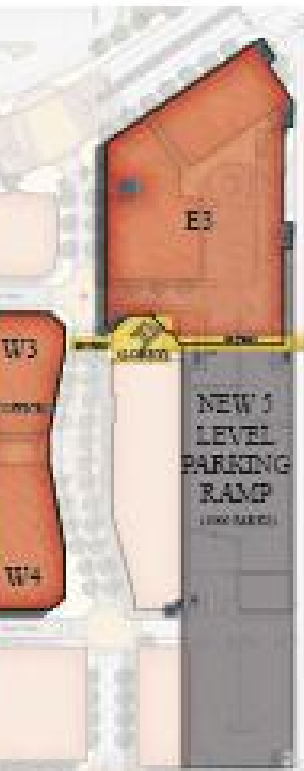
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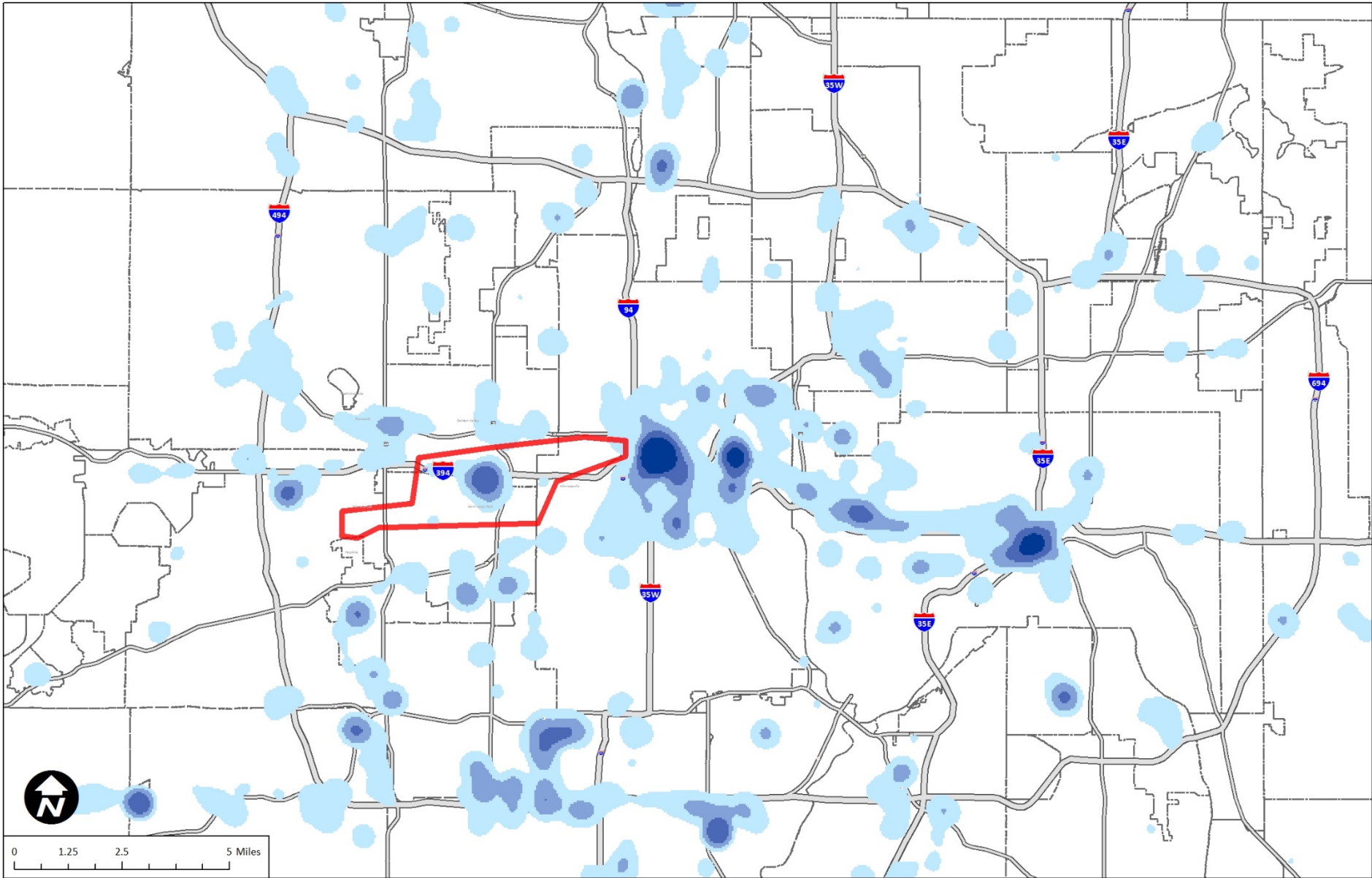
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THEATER/PARKING  
SECOND LEVEL





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  - Effectively meet transit needs of those reliant upon transit service in areas with most potential to support service
  - Retain most existing riders while growing ridership and productivity
  - Compatible with future plans

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- Evaluation criteria
  - Route 9 structural improvements
    - Easier to understand
    - Cycle efficiencies
      - Route patterns without short or excessive layover
      - Route patterns that minimize buses needed
  - Ridership and productivity
    - Passengers per in-service hour
    - Attract new riders while retaining most existing riders

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- Evaluation criteria
  - Faster off-peak service between downtown and West End
  - Accessibility and regional connectivity
    - Jobs within 30 minutes
    - Connecting transit service
  - Equity considerations
    - Low-income populations
    - Auto availability
    - Access to jobs paying less than \$40,000/year

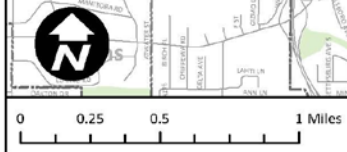
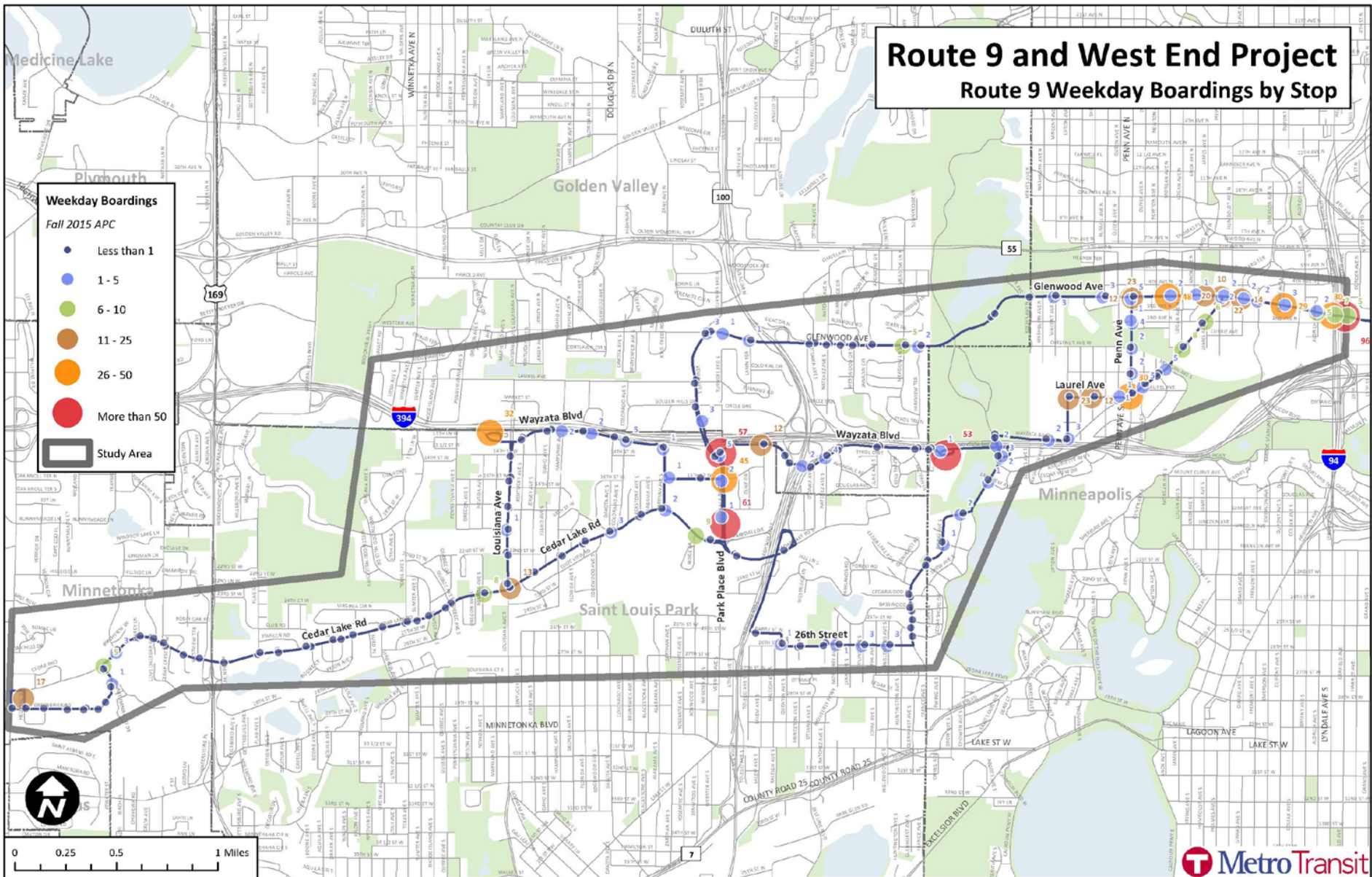
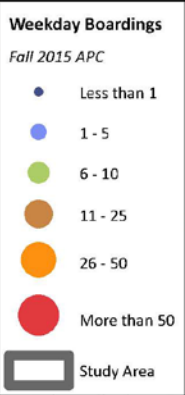


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# Route 9 and West End Project

## Route 9 Weekday Boardings by Stop



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- Review existing conditions
  - Ridership patterns—areas of low and high ridership
  - Unmet needs
    - Requests not served
    - Times & locations not served
  - Existing land use patterns & demographics
    - Residential & employment density
    - Low-income & zero car populations
  - Projected land use patterns & demographics
    - Projected employment and residential density

## REMAINING STEPS AND TIMELINE

- Finalize and review existing conditions
- Plan development
  - Initial concept plan—budget neutral and 10% increase (March)
  - Final concept plan this summer
  - Final plan late October/early November
  - Implementation March 2017
- Outreach and public engagement
  - Riders, Council Members, Community groups, city staff
- Public hearing/open house
  - Seeking Council approval for September 8<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing at Harrison Education Center from 430-600pm
  - Open House September 10<sup>th</sup> ICON community room from 100-230pm

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