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## **Transit Investment Direction and Plan Introduction – Investment Summary**

Transportation Advisory Committee

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# Today's Topics – Transit Plan

- Quick recap of the current plan
- Updates to investment direction
- Changes to transitway investments

# What Feedback are We Looking for Today?

- Questions or clarifications about proposed changes or investments
- Outstanding issues that are not proposed to change
- Future work program items (things we need to study)



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# The Current Plan

## Refresher

# Transit Investment Direction and Plan

## Investment Summary

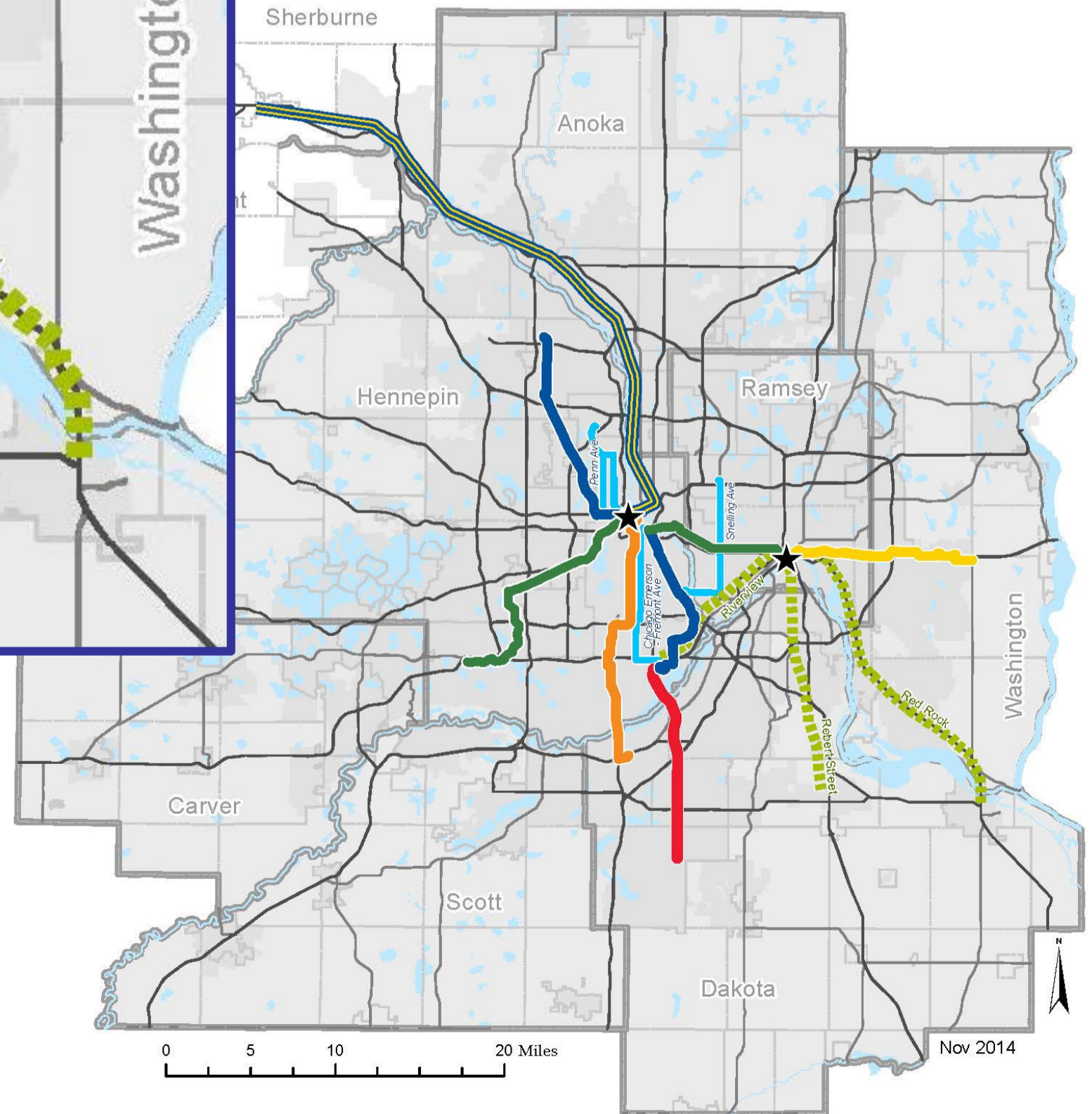
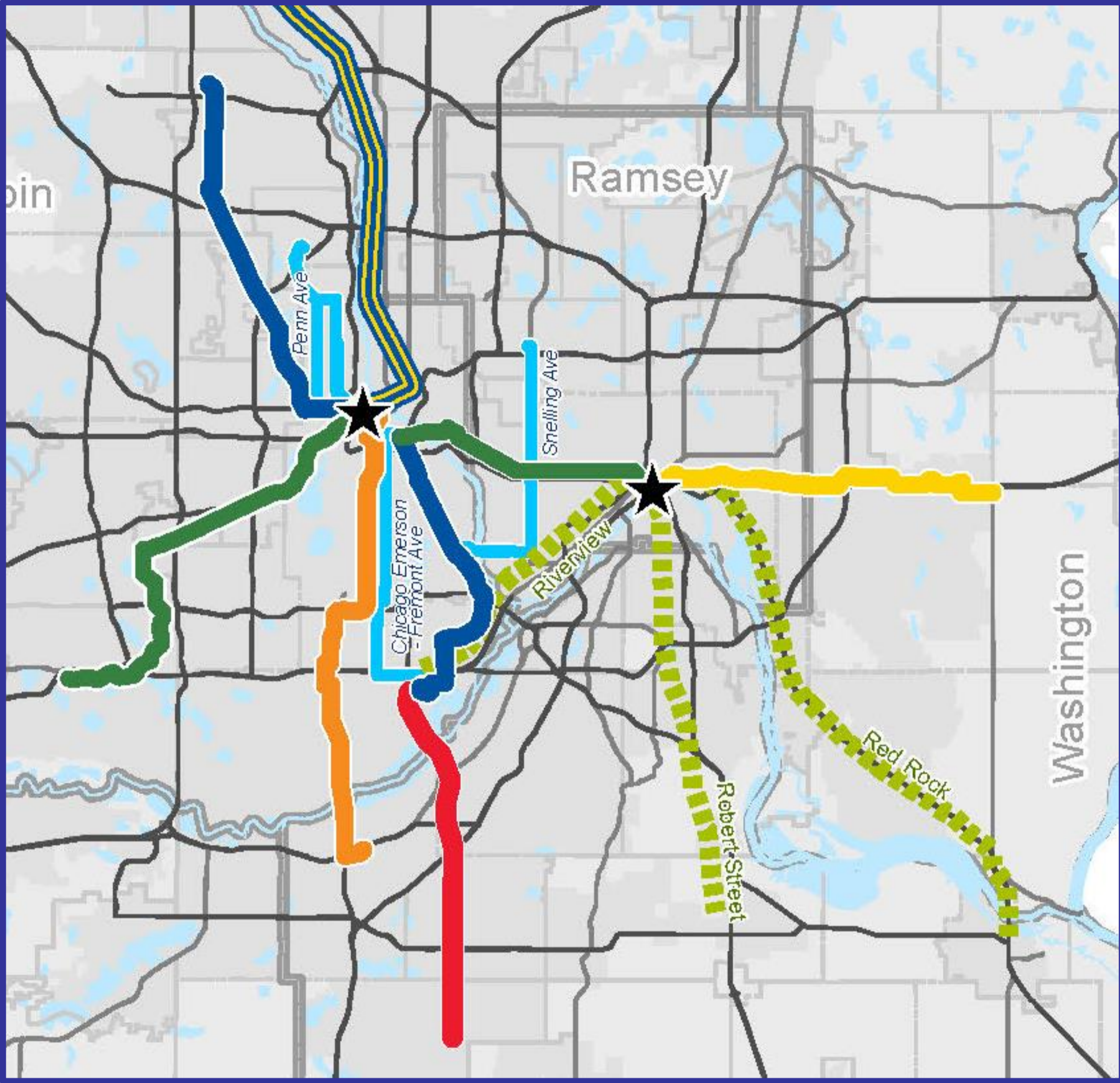
	Operate and Maintain Bus System	Expand and Modernize Bus System	Operate and Maintain Transitways	Operate and Build New Transitways	Total
Current Revenue Scenario 2015-2040	\$18.5 billion	\$0.6 billion	\$3.6 billion	\$8.5 billion	\$31.2 billion
Increased Revenue Scenario 2015-2040	-	+ \$2-3 billion	-	+ \$5-6 billion	+ \$7/\$9 billion










# Transit Investment Direction and Plan

## Bus and Support System

- Funding allows for maintenance and operation of the existing bus system
  - Manage and optimize system performance
- Funds required expansion of Metro Mobility
  - Assumed state funding obligation
- Limited expansion and modernization opportunities through the Regional Solicitation
  - Expansion projects may require operating funding
  - Modernization may supplement maintenance and replacement of existing facilities

# Current Revenue Scenario Transitways (Funded Projects In the Plan)



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-  Red Line
-  Orange Line
-  Gold Line

# Transit Investment Direction and Plan

## Transitway System

- Gold Line Dedicated BRT
- Highway BRT
  - Red Line (existing)
  - Orange Line
- Arterial BRT
  - Snelling Ave (now existing)
  - Penn Ave
  - Chicago-Emerson-Fremont
- Light Rail
  - Blue Line (existing) and Blue Line Extension
  - Green Line (existing) and Green Line Extension
- Northstar Commuter Rail (existing)

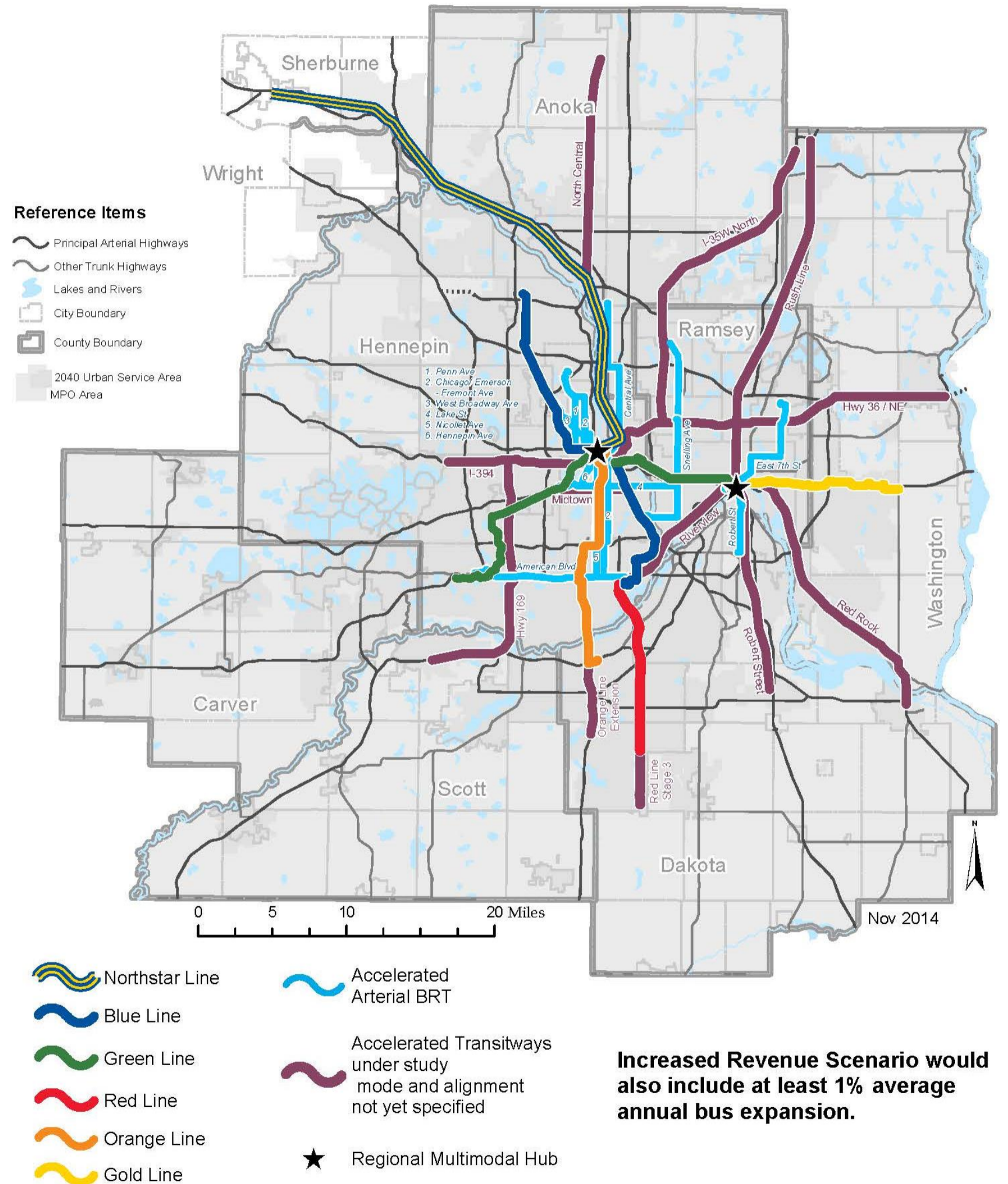
CTIB Priority Corridors  
under study:

Riverview  
Red Rock  
Robert Street



# Increased Revenue Scenario

- 1% annual bus expansion
- Additional and accelerated transitway investments
- *Transitways can move from Increased Revenue Scenario to Current Revenue Scenario with viable funding plan*



**Increased Revenue Scenario would also include at least 1% average annual bus expansion.**



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# Expected Changes in Plan

## Transit System

# Fiscal Outlook

- Able to maintain existing bus system provided:
  - Regular fare increases to maintain fare recovery ratio
  - Motor vehicle sales tax (MVST) continues to grow with inflation
  - Ongoing state general funds and regional transit bonding authority provided by Legislature
  - Federal formula funding grows moderately
- Regional Solicitation funds
  - Provide very limited expansion funding for bus system and arterial bus rapid transit funding
- Transitway funding provided through:
  - New/Small Starts federal competitive grants
  - New county sales tax replaces state share of capital and Counties Transit Improvement Board funding
  - County Regional Railroad Authority funding

# Bus and Support System

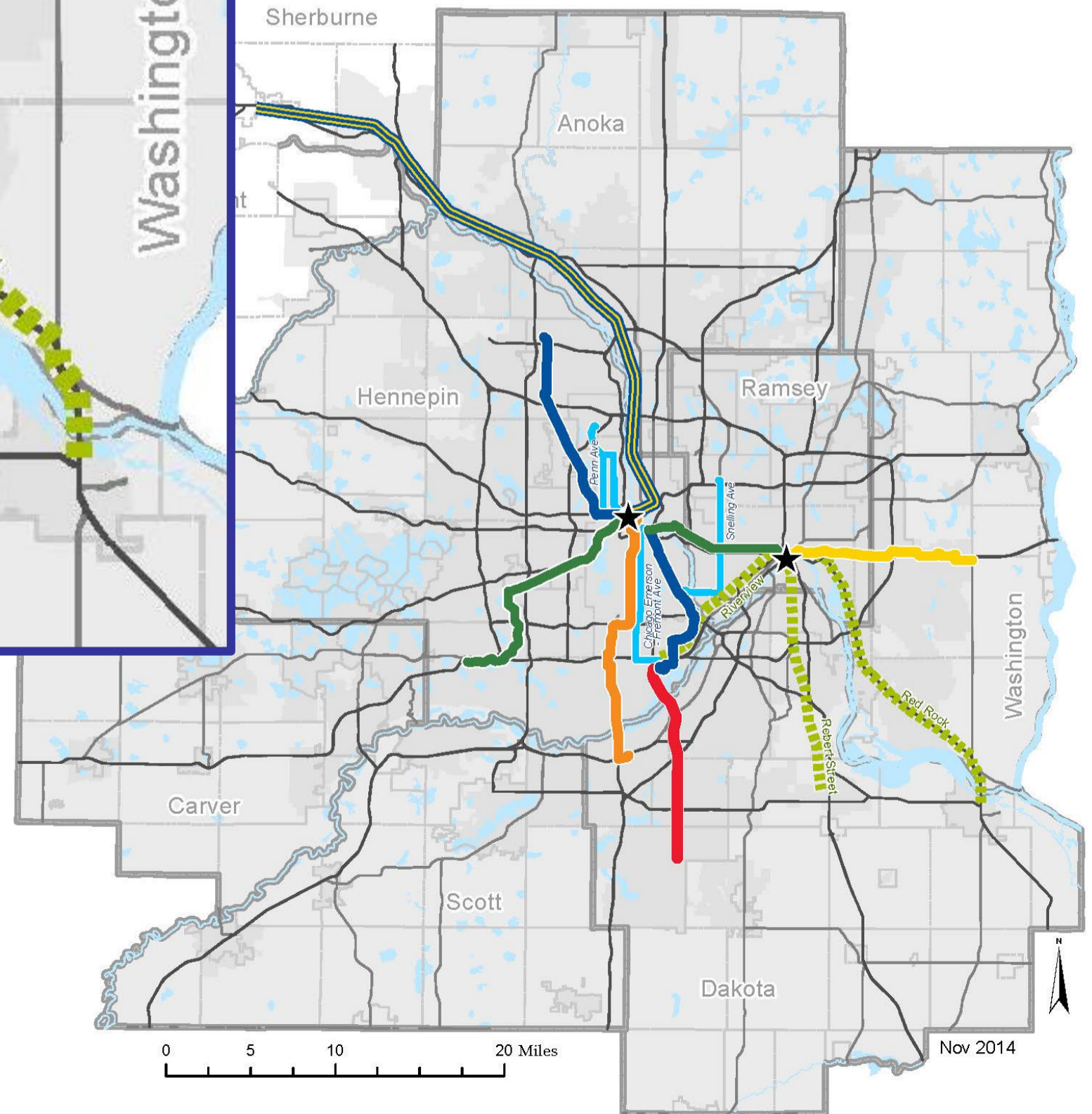
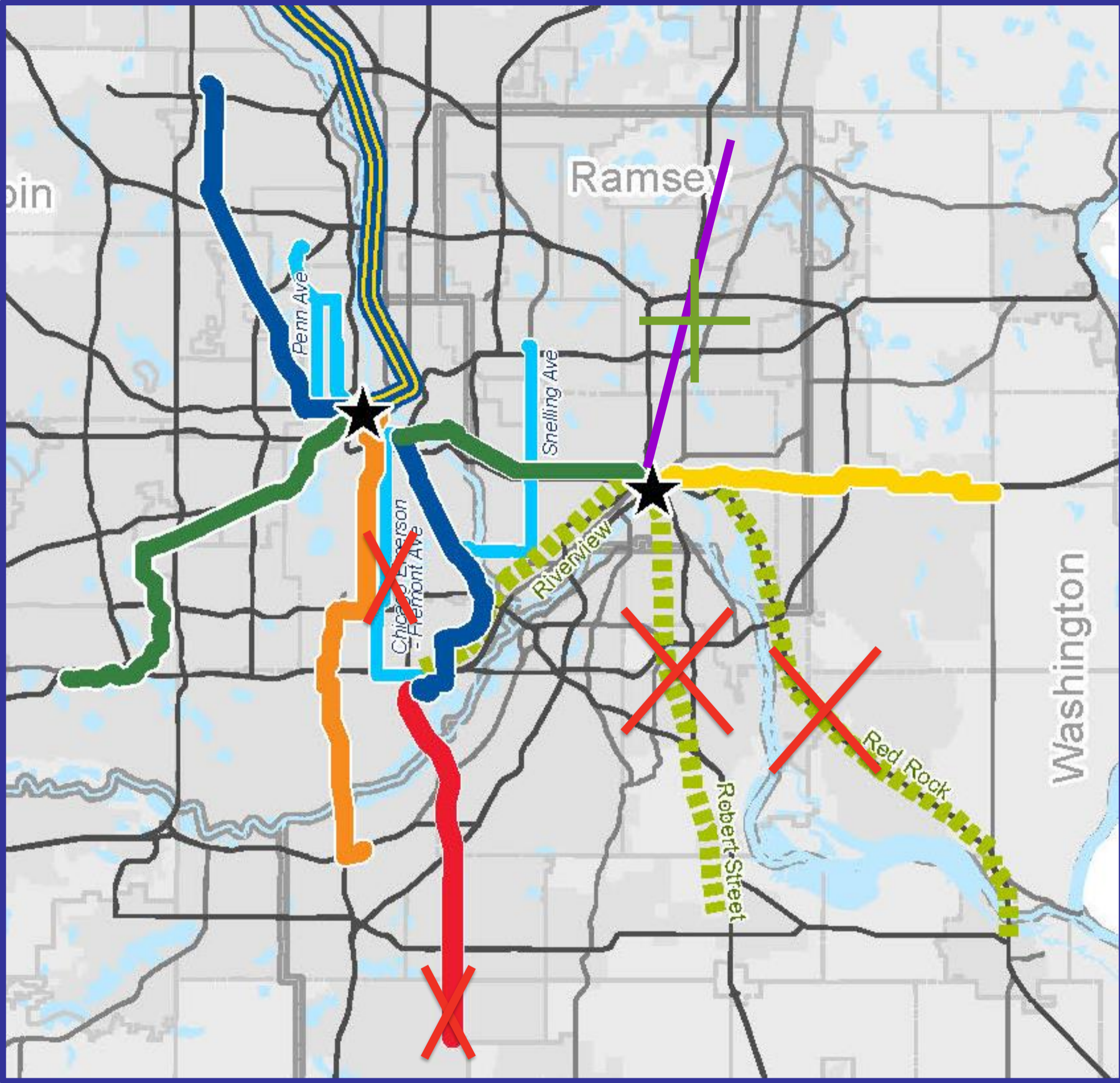
- Improved discussion of Transit Modernization and Expansion, relation to Regional Solicitation
- Acknowledgement of emerging technology potential role in transit service delivery (on-demand services, shared rides)
- Improved discussion of transit facilities and park-and-rides, removal of old future park-and-ride map

# How does a Transitway Get in the Plan?

What the Council Requests to be in the TPP:

- Approved LPA recommendation on mode and alignment
- LPA report documenting the project process and merits
- Resolutions of support from local affected communities
- Viable funding plan for capital and operating (for fiscal constraint)
- Viable project schedule

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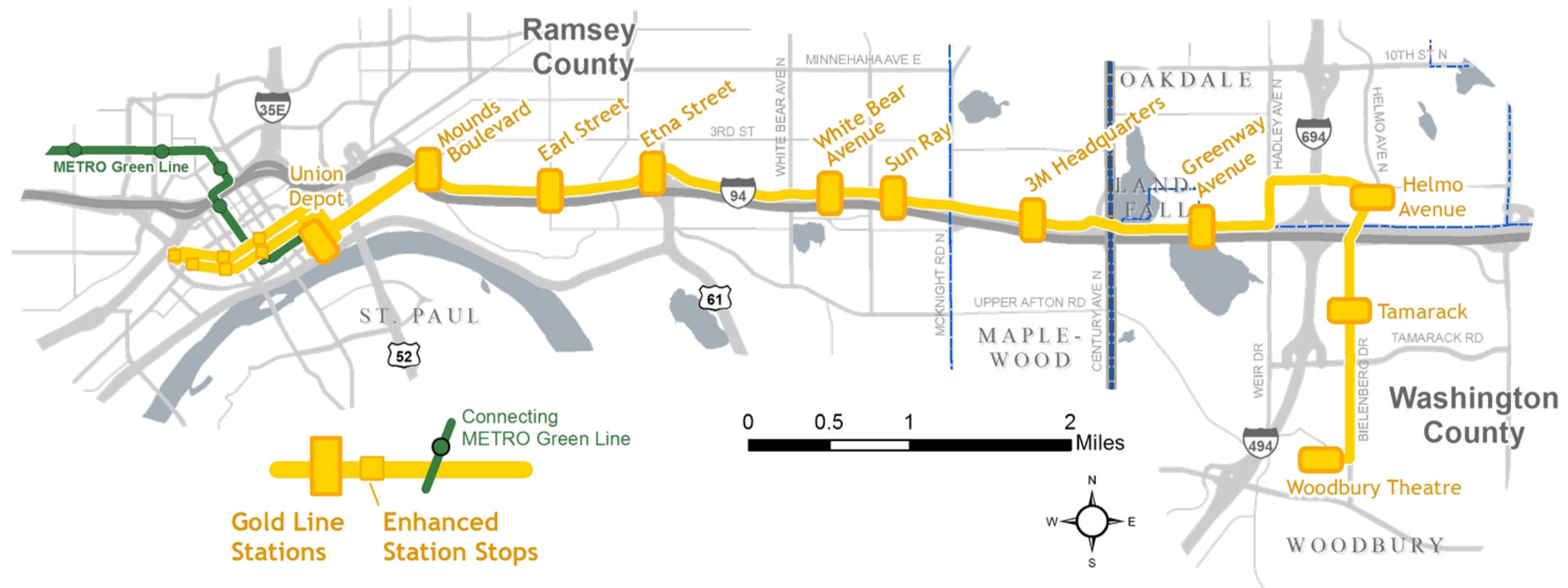


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# Expected Transitway Changes

## *METRO Gold Line Revised LPA*

- METRO Gold Line
- Revised LPA alignment adopted in early 2017
- Updated costs



# Expected Transitway Changes

## *Ramsey County Priorities*

- **Rush Line Dedicated BRT LPA**
  - Recommendation approved in fall 2017
  - Advancing to environmental phase and early engineering by County
  - Likely funded in the TPP Update
- **Riverview Corridor**
  - LPA recommendation expected in Dec/Jan
  - Local approval process timeline likely will require TPP amendment after TPP Update
  - Will be acknowledged as Ramsey County priority, future funded project



# Expected Transitway Changes

## Ramsey County Priorities

### Draft LPA Statistics

Approx. Length: **14 miles**

Dedicated  
Guideway: **85-90%**

# of Stations: **20**  
(includes Union Depot & Maplewood Mall Transit Center)

Schedule: **5 am to midnight**  
**7 days/week**

Frequency: **Rush hour: every 10 mins**  
**Non-rush hour: every 15 mins**

Travel Time: **14 mins**  
One way, White Bear Lake > Maplewood  
**30 mins**  
One way, Maplewood Mall > Robert/5<sup>th</sup>  
**6 mins**  
One way, Robert/5<sup>th</sup> > Union Depot

Capital Cost (\$2021): **\$420 M**  
(+ \$55 M if other routes in guideway)

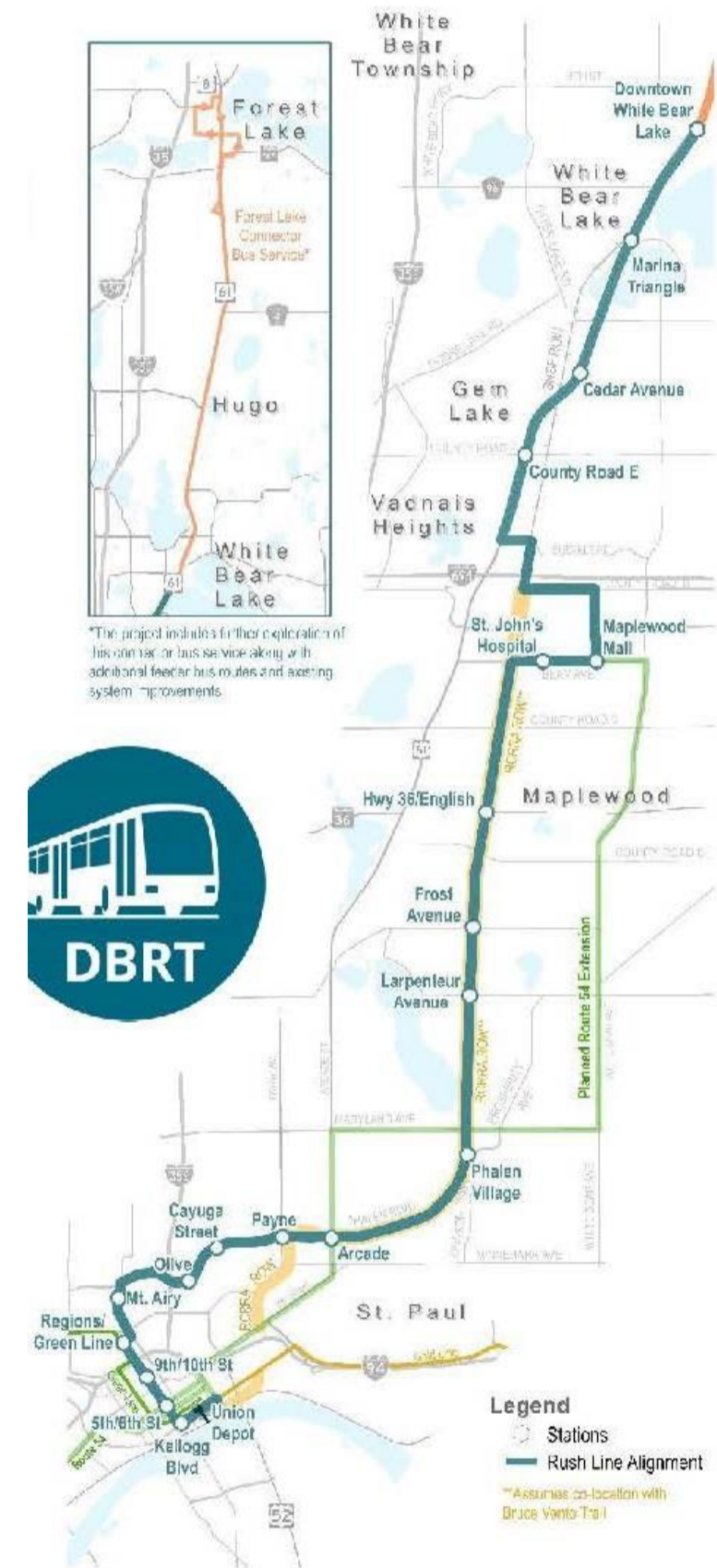
Annual O&M Cost (\$2015): **\$7.8 – 8 M**

Average Daily Ridership (2040): **5,700 – 9,700**  
(higher ridership if other routes use guideway)

# People Living below Poverty in Station Areas (2040): **11,700**

# of Jobs in Station Areas (2040): **106,700**

# of Residents in Station Areas (2040): **60,200**



# Expected Transitway Changes

## *Arterial Bus Rapid Transit*

- Regional solicitation grant awards and state and local sources assumed
- Funded Arterial BRT:
  - A Line (Snelling)
  - C Line (Penn)
- Partially funded Arterial BRT (incremental improvements funded):
  - D Line (Chicago-Emerson-Fremont)
  - B Line (Lake St)
  - E Line (Hennepin Ave)

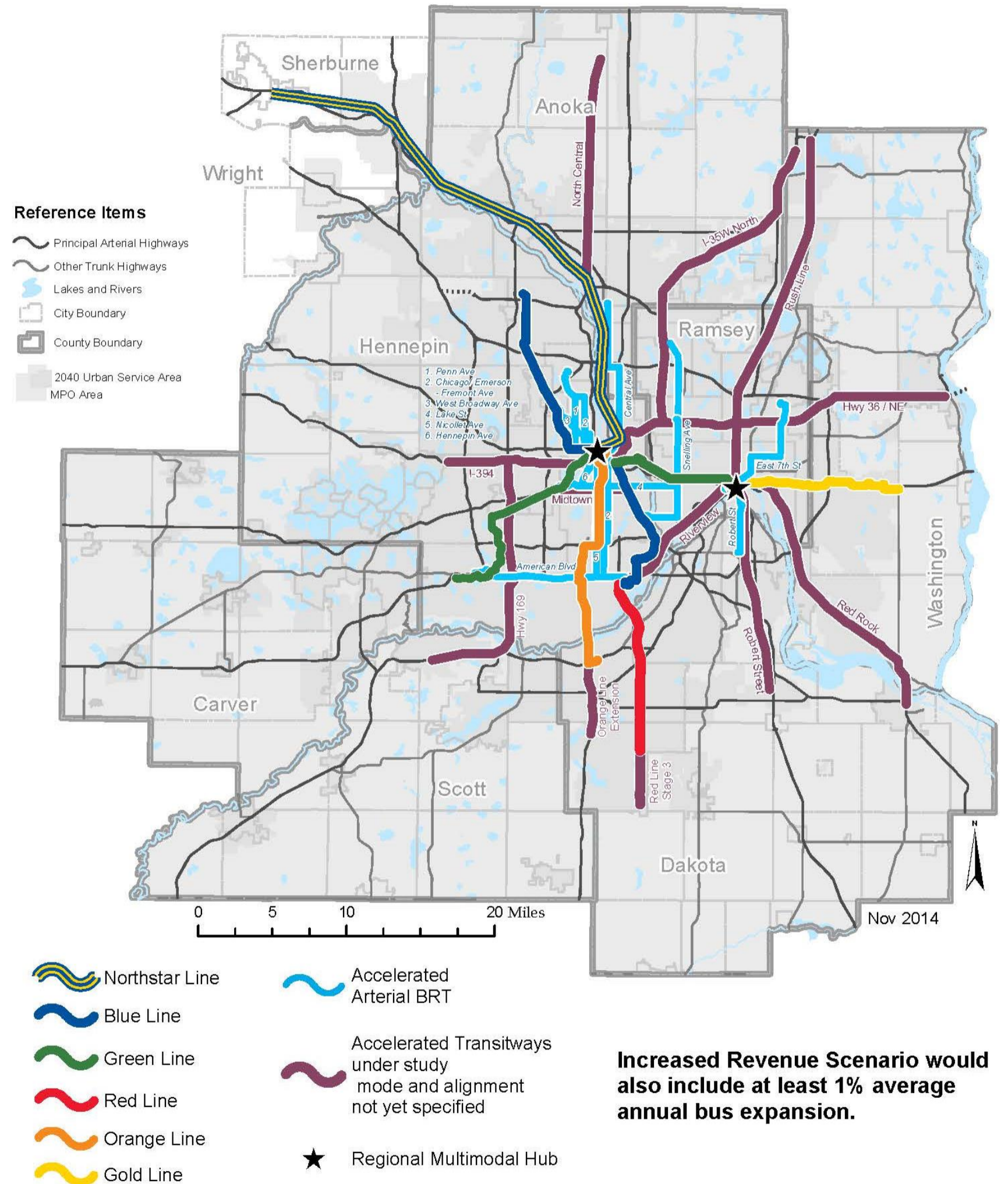
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## *Nicollet-Central Modern Streetcar*

- Partially funded through City of Minneapolis sources
- Advancing on environmental work in 2017/2018, potential to continue engineering in near future
- Remain in Increased Revenue Scenario
  - Highlighted as corridor that has made significant progress
  - Acknowledged as City of Minneapolis priority and potentially competitive federal project
  - Operating and capital funding gaps remain

# Increased Revenue Scenario

- Continue to highlight need for bus expansion
- Transitway map will likely remain as is, slight tweaks/updates
- Text will highlight corridors with completed study and recommendations
  - Midtown
  - West Broadway
  - Highway 169
  - Red Rock



# Potential Work Program (Future Studies)

- Service Allocation Strategy Study/Needs Assessment
  - How much service should be focused on efficiency versus regional coverage balance?
  - What emerging markets might be underserved today?
- Transitway Advantages assessments
  - Construction coordination with transit advantages
  - Downtown(s) advantages assessment
  - Arterial street transit routes advantages assessment (non ABRT)
  - Additional highway advantages assessment



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