

Proposed Amendment to the 2030 Transportation Policy Plan

Public Comment Report and Proposed Action

Transportation Committee Apr. 22, 2013



Actions Prompting Amendment

- Metro Transit completed Arterial Transitway Corridors Study
- Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority recommended locally preferred alternative for the Bottineau Transitway

Proposed Revisions to Potential 2030 Arterial BRT* Routes

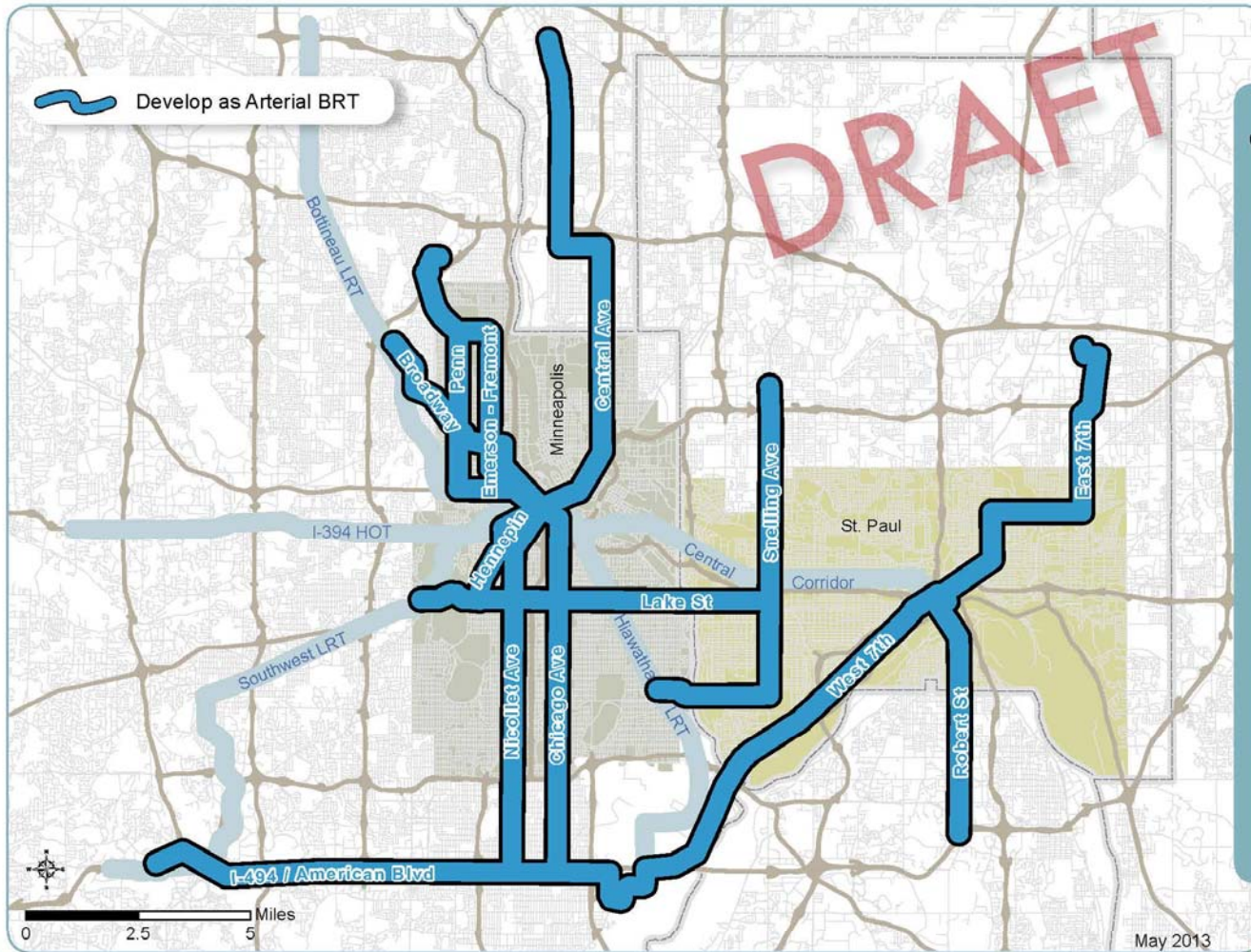


Figure 7-39: Potential 2030 Arterial BRT Routes

- Add Penn Ave N, Hennepin Ave, and Lake St
- Extend Chicago Avenue to include Fremont-Emerson Ave N
- Identify need for W Broadway Ave Alternatives Analysis

*BRT = Bus Rapid Transit

Proposed Revisions to 2030 Transitway System

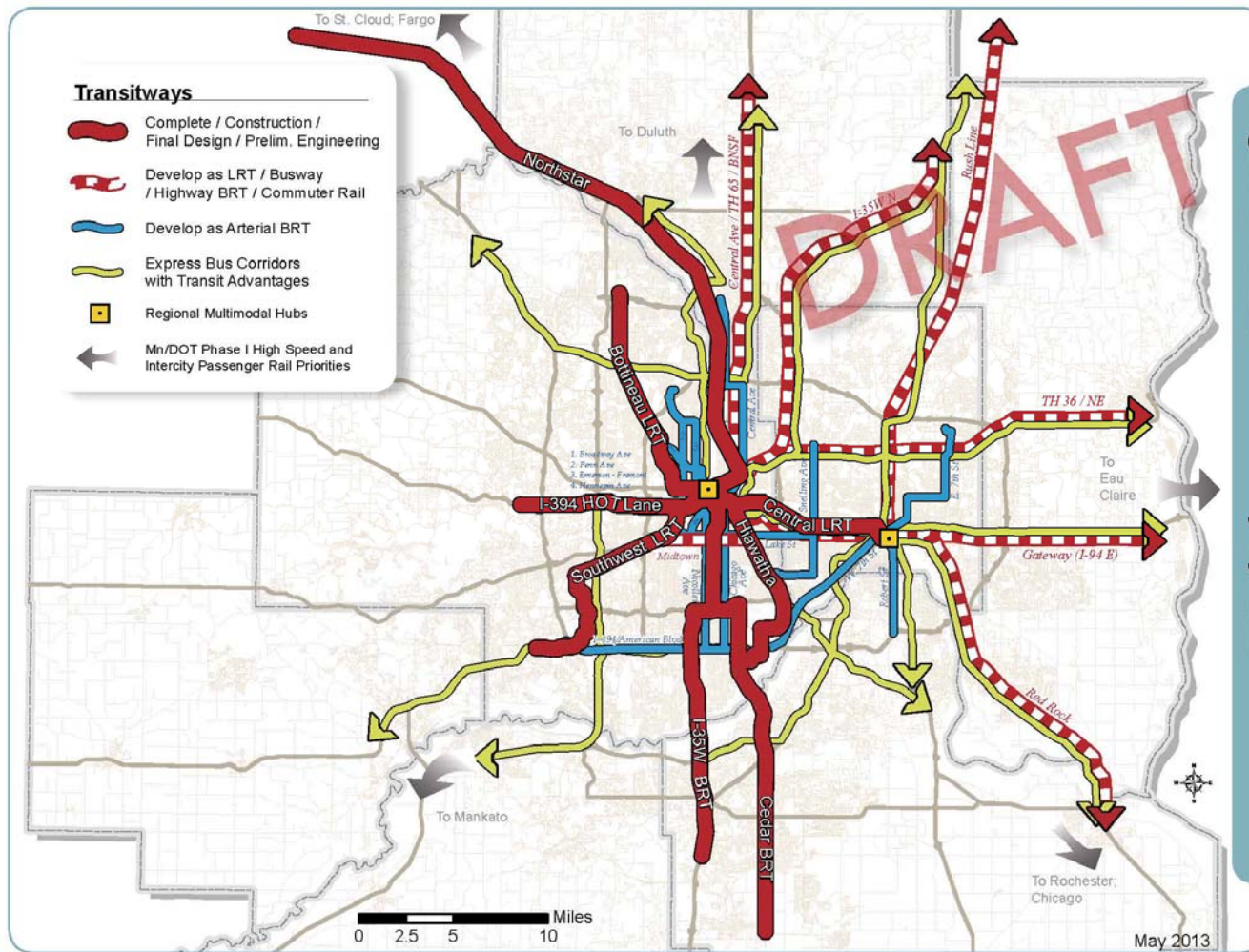


Figure 7-43: 2030 Transitway System

- Bottineau locally preferred alternative and status
- Arterial bus rapid transit (BRT) additions and extension
- Identify need for W Broadway Ave Alternatives Analysis



Public Outreach

January 23, 2013	Metropolitan Council action authorizing public hearing and comment period
February 4, 2013	Public comment period opens
March 7, 2013 5-7 PM Robbinsdale City Hall	Public open house – 50+ attendees
March 11, 2013 5 PM Metro Transit FT Heywood Building	Public hearing – 13 people testified
March 21, 2013	Public comment period closes

Public Comment Report

- 209 sets of comments, including Corridors of Opportunity Community Engagement Grantees
 - Asian Median Access
 - Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing
 - Over 160 resident comments submitted by the Northside [Minneapolis] Residents Redevelopment Council
- Three groups of comments
 - General: Including trolleys/streetcars on West Broadway Ave
 - Bottineau LRT: Support, opposition, process concerns, and issues for the Draft EIS and later in the process
 - Arterial BRT: Support, interest in North Minneapolis circulator service
- Staff recommends no changes to amendment

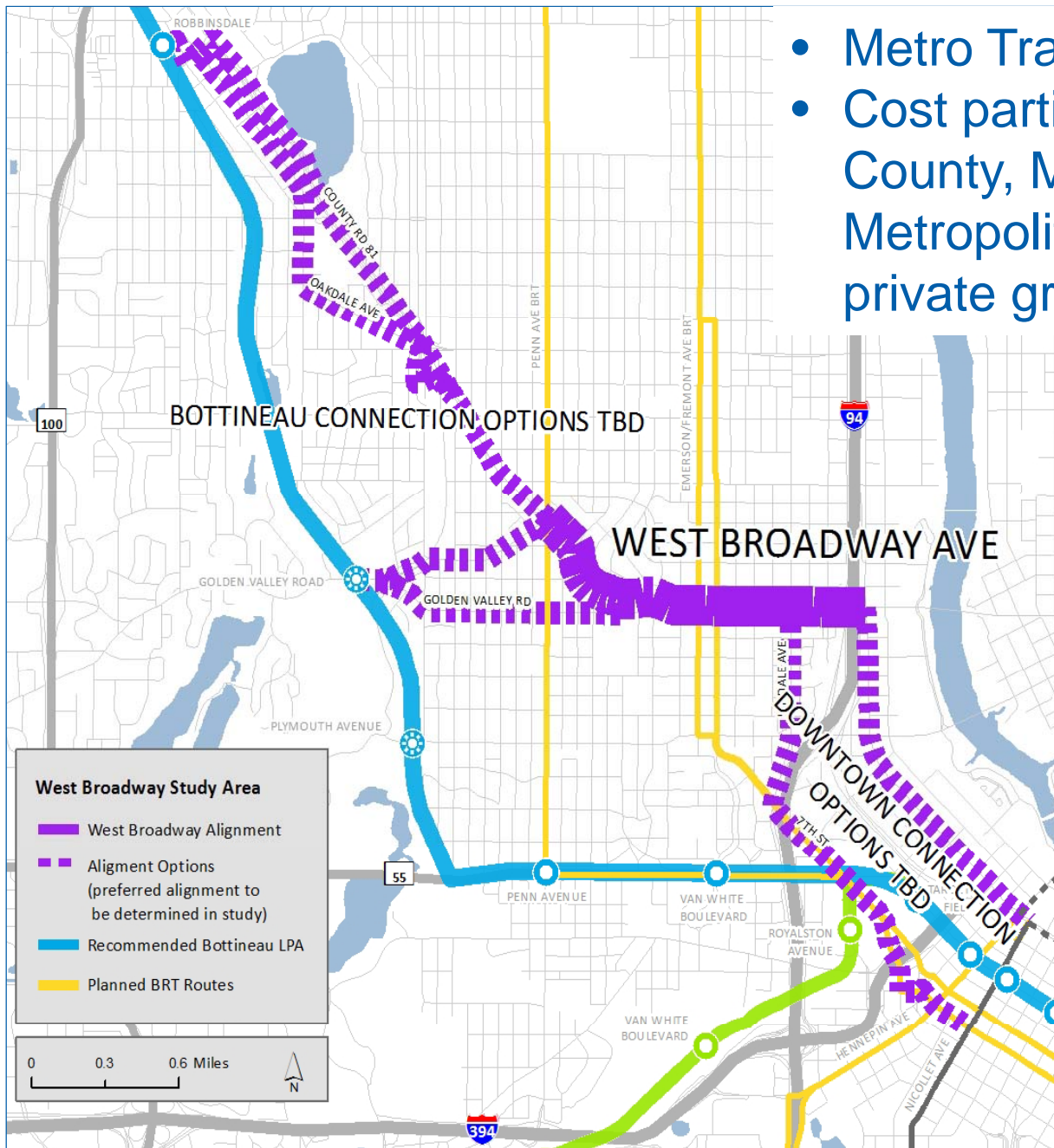
Response to Council Questions

- Bottineau Employers

- List of employers currently within ½-mile of proposed station locations (station locations not part of today's proposed action)
- Healthcare
- Education and community facilities
- Service and retail
- Corporate and office
- Industrial and manufacturing, Office/showroom
- Religious institutions
- Senior housing

West Broadway Transit Alternatives Study

- Metro Transit will lead study
- Cost participation by Hennepin County, Minneapolis, Metro Transit, Metropolitan Council; potential private grant funds



- Start study in 2013, complete in 2014
- Evaluate West Broadway for streetcar or bus improvement
- Explore connections to Bottineau LRT and to downtown Minneapolis
- Build on past studies

Proposed Action

- Accept the attached Public Comment Report
- Adopt the attached amendment to the 2030 Transportation Policy Plan that:
 - Selects light rail transit (LRT) on the West Broadway in Brooklyn Park-Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corridor-Olson Memorial Highway alignment (Alternative B-C-D1) as the locally preferred alternative (LPA) for the Bottineau Transitway, and
 - Identifies additions to the 2030 potential Arterial Bus Rapid Transit (Arterial BRT) routes based on results of the Arterial Transitway Corridors Study
- Affirm the amendment maintains the fiscal constraint and air quality conformity of the plan