



Metro Transit Service Improvement Plan Public Comment Period

Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee
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SIP Purpose

- Long-range **bus service expansion plan** that identifies system improvements that best achieve regional goals:
 - Transportation system stewardship
 - Safety and security
 - Access to destinations
 - Competitive economy
 - Healthy environment
 - Leveraging transportation investment to guide land use

SIP Purpose

- Engage stakeholders and the community
- Combine regional vision, transit planning principles and public input
- Create a specific, prioritized list of potential improvements when additional funding is available
- Relate to Regional SIP process
- Include in 2015 legislative program

SIP Development Process & Timeline

- Initial Stakeholder Outreach Nov - Dec 2013
- Phase I Public Input Dec - Feb 2014
- Review and Process Input Feb - Apr 2014
- Develop Draft SIP May - Oct 2014
- Public Review of Draft SIP Nov 2014
- Modify SIP Dec 2014
- Finalize SIP Jan-Feb 2015

We are
here

Fall 2014 Activities

- Today: approve public comment period
- Next meeting: information item to introduce key elements and specific projects included in the draft SIP
- Councilmember briefings in late September/early October
- October: accept draft SIP to be released for public review and comment
- November 1-30: public comment period
 - Five public meetings and one official public hearing
 - Community-driven engagement
 - Other ways to comment

Proposed Public Hearing and Meetings

- Daytime (11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)
 - Nov. 5th at Hennepin County Central Library, Minneapolis
 - Nov. 18th at Metropolitan Council, St. Paul
- Evening (6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.)
 - Nov. 13 at Hennepin County Southdale Library, Edina
 - Nov. 17th at Anoka County Northtown Community Library, Blaine
- Saturday (1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.)
 - Nov. 8 at North Community YMCA, Minneapolis
 - Nov. 15th at Conway Recreation Center, St. Paul
- Nov. 18th meeting designated as official public hearing

Proposed Action

That, for the purposes of holding a public hearing and receiving public comment on the draft Service Improvement Plan, the Metropolitan Council authorize a public comment period between November 1, 2014 and November 30, 2014.

This comment period will include several public meetings and an official public hearing on November 18, 2014 in St. Paul.