



Metro Transit Service Improvement Plan

Help shape the future of Metro Transit bus service
We're setting priorities for our growing transit system



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What is the Service Improvement Plan (SIP)?

- *Bus* service *expansion* plan
 - Builds on existing network
 - Identifies potential new routes, frequency and span improvements on existing routes
- Prioritized, specific list of how to grow and improve local and express bus service between 2015-2030
- Establish a **framework** of when and how to expand the bus network
- Implementation requires additional operating funds
- Informs the legislative program, Regional SIP, and other transit funding opportunities

SIP Evaluation Criteria

- **Productivity** criteria demonstrate the ridership potential of service improvements using land use and density factors (50% weight)
- **Social equity** criteria evaluate how well improvements serve people most reliant on transit (25% weight)
- **System connectivity** criteria establish how well projects improve connections and service throughout the Metro Transit service area (25% weight)

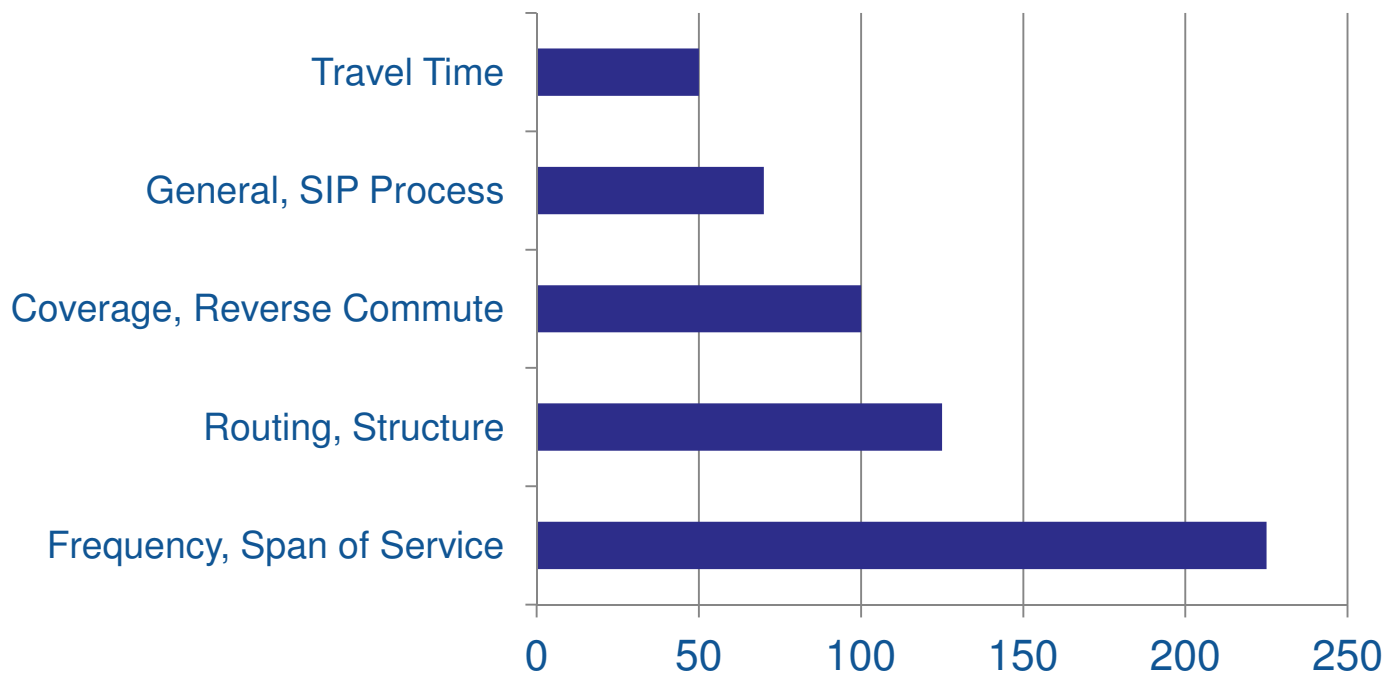
SIP Scoring

- Three project priority categories
 - **High** – 75 percent of possible points or greater
 - **Medium** – 55 percent of possible points or greater
 - **Low** – less than 55 percent of possible points
- High and Medium projects prioritized for implementation
 - Represent resource requirements and ridership growth in SIP
 - Arterial BRT included in resources but not evaluated under SIP
- Implementation Phases
 - 2015-2017; 2018-2020; 2021-2030



Nov. 2014 Public Comment Period








Received 570 service suggestions; 176 contacts from individuals and organizations

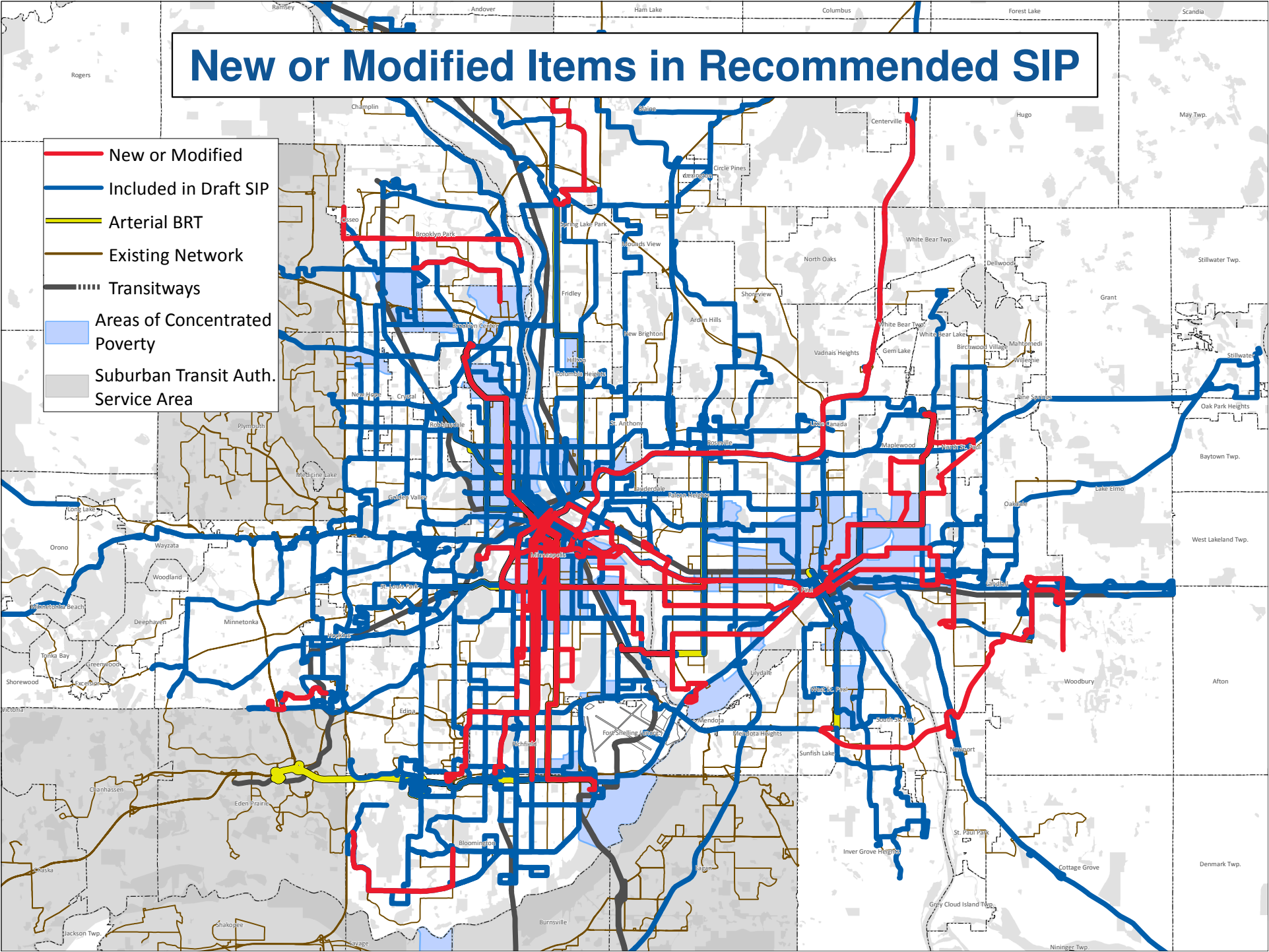


SIP Modifications

- Guiding principles, evaluation criteria reviewed and clarified
 - Improve transit *equity*
 - Define key destinations
 - Weight high-frequency routes and transitways higher
 - Compared with regional solicitation evaluation criteria
 - Evaluated park-and-ride based routes in all relevant categories
- 24 new projects were evaluated

New or Modified Items in Recommended SIP

-  New or Modified
-  Included in Draft SIP
-  Arterial BRT
-  Existing Network
-  Transitways
-  Areas of Concentrated Poverty
-  Suburban Transit Auth. Service Area



Evaluation Results

- **50** High projects
 - 9.7 Million new rides
- **87** Medium projects
 - 8.8 Million new rides
- **11** Arterial BRT projects
 - 10.2 Million new rides
- **48** Low projects
 - 2.7 Million new rides

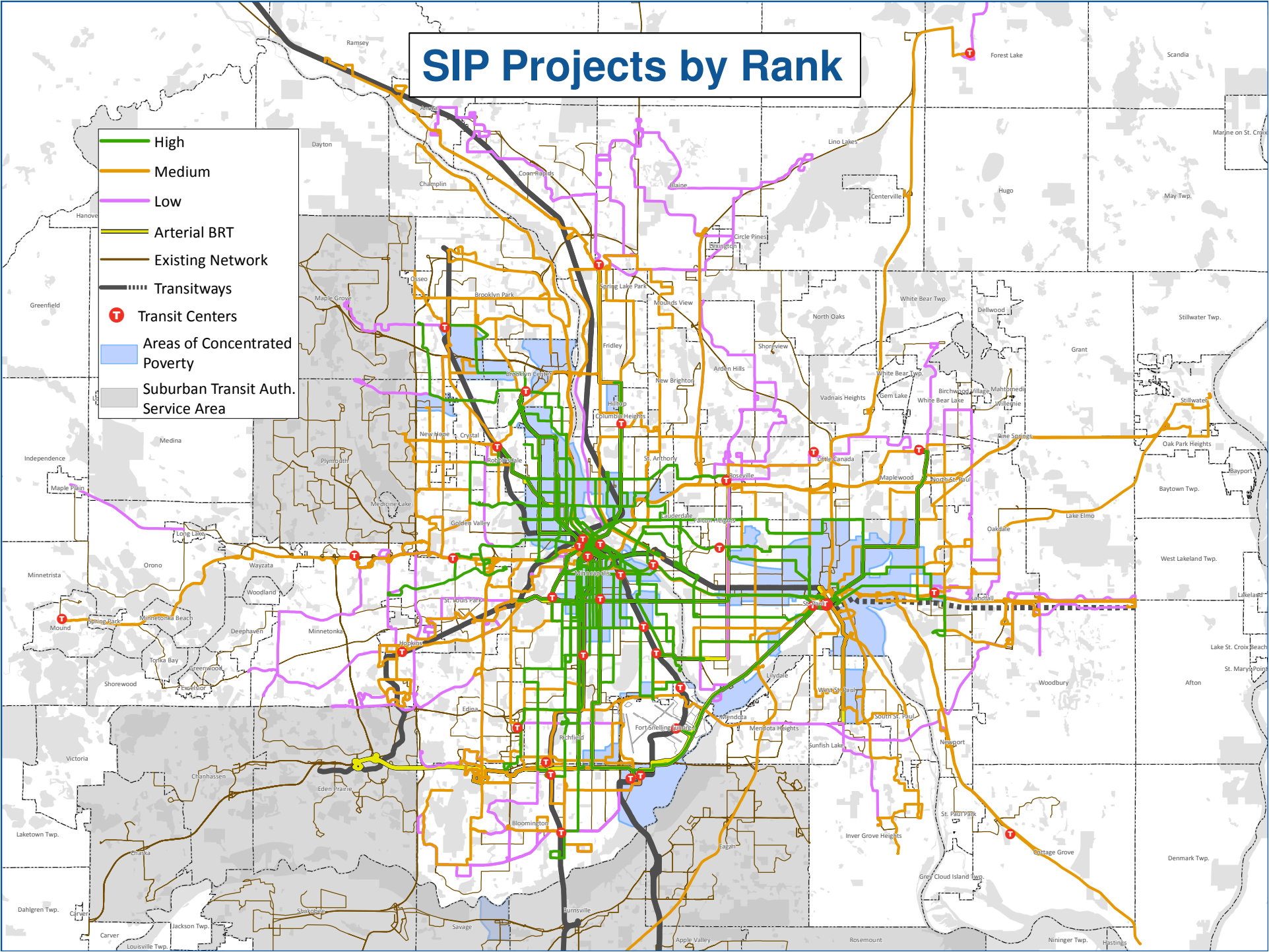
Recommended for
Implementation

148 projects on 94 routes

- **58** expand coverage/ improve connectivity
- **71** improve frequency on existing service
- **52** expand span of service
- **7** add reverse commute service

SIP Projects by Rank

- High
- Medium
- Low
- Arterial BRT
- Existing Network
- Transitways
- Transit Centers
- Areas of Concentrated Poverty
- Suburban Transit Auth. Service Area





Annual Ridership and Resources

Total Service Hours	870,000
Additional Peak Buses	161
New Annual Passengers	29 Million
Additional Annual Operating Cost (\$2015)	\$98.3 Million
Additional Annual Subsidy (\$2015)	\$67.3 Million
Subsidy Per Passenger (\$2015)	\$2.35

* Costs do not include capital costs of fleet, expanded bus operating facility



Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the Metro Transit Service Improvement Plan

***Project report and additional information available at
metrotransit.org/sip***