



# Highway 169 Transitway/MnPASS Study

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We all have a stake in **A**  **B**



# Background

- ▶ Highway Transitway Corridor Study (2014)
- ▶ MnPASS System Study Phase 2 and Metropolitan Highway System Investment Study (2010)
- ▶ Scott County Transit Operations and Capital Plan (2013)
- ▶ 2040 Transportation Policy Plan (2015)
- ▶ Transit Service and Facilities
  - Metro Transit, Southwest Transit, Plymouth Metrolink, Minnesota Valley Transit Authority, Dial-A-Ride services

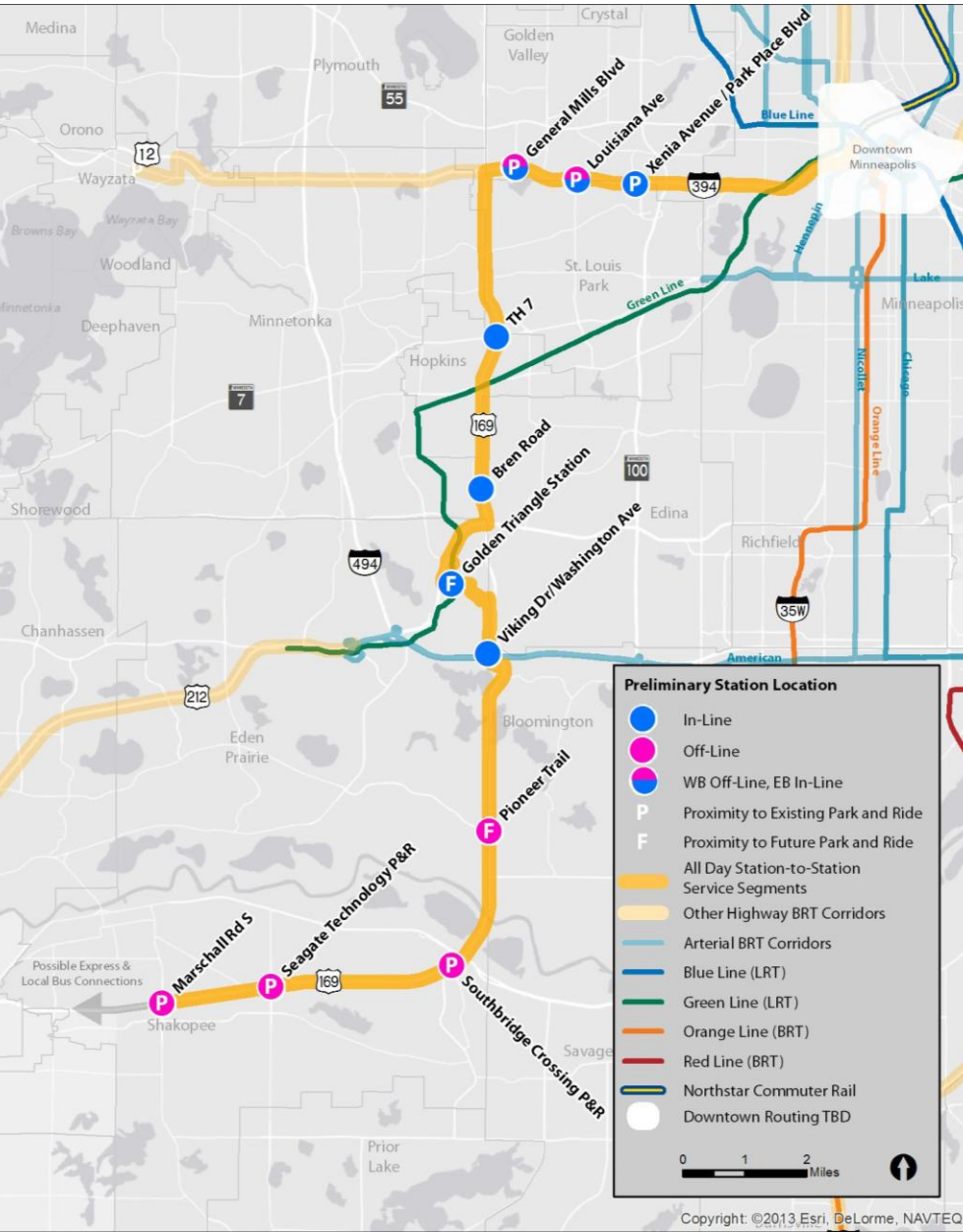


# Objectives

- ▶ Develop and evaluate options for providing reliable, congestion-free trip options for all travelers on Highway 169 in Scott and Hennepin Counties
- ▶ Options will include:
  - transitway facility
  - service operations improvements
  - coordinated MnPASS improvements
  - spot mobility improvements
  - other transit advantage improvements



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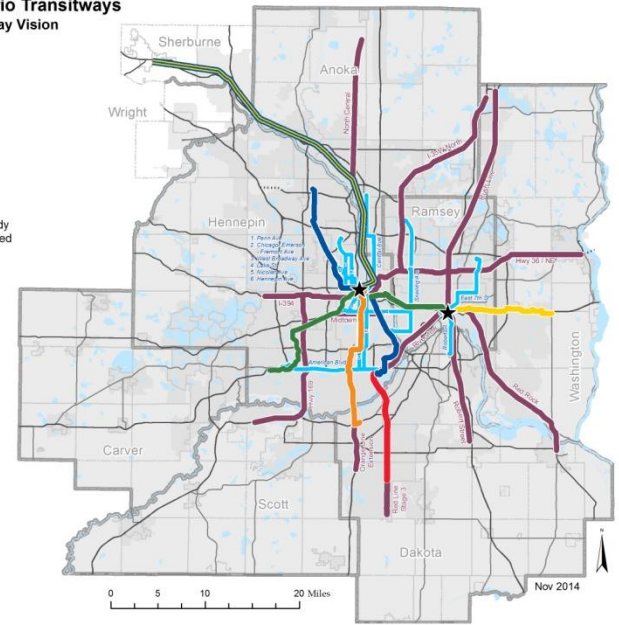


## Increased Revenue Scenario Transitways

Building an Accelerated Transitway Vision

- Northstar Line
- Blue Line
- Green Line
- Red Line
- Orange Line
- Gold Line
- Accelerated Arterial BRT
- Accelerated Transitways under study mode and alignment not yet specified
- Regional Multimodal Hub

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



### Reference Items

- Principal Arterial Highways
- Other Trunk Highways
- Lakes and Rivers
- City Boundary
- County Boundary

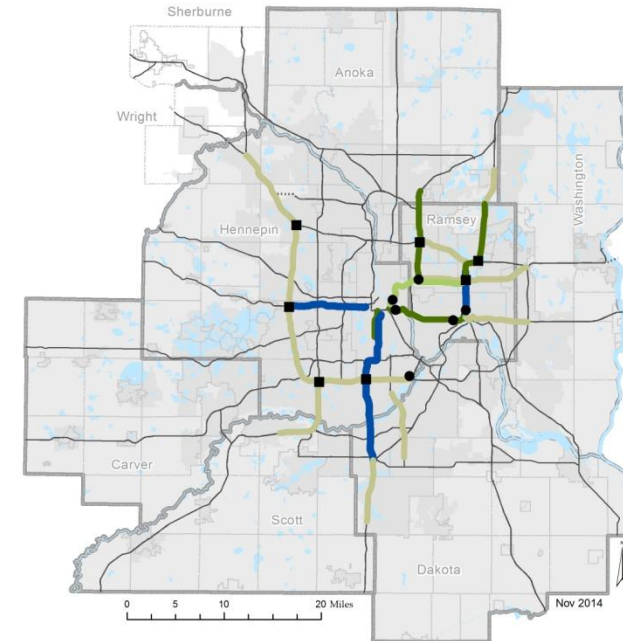
## MnPass System Vision

- Direct Connection
- Through Movement

### MnPASS

- Existing / Under Construction
- Tier 1 MnPASS Expansion
- Tier 2 MnPASS Expansion
- Tier 3 MnPASS Expansion\*

\* The I-94 east corridor is in the MnPASS system vision contingent on resolving highway right-of-way issues through further study, including the Gateway transitway Draft Environmental Impact Statement.



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- 2040 Urban Service Area MPO Area

# Project Scope (identification)

- ▶ Study Limits: TH 41 in south, TH 55 in north
- ▶ Identify travel market(s) in corridor
- ▶ Identify goals and objectives for transportation improvement(s) consistent with state and regional plans
- ▶ Identify appropriate transit mode(s) and alignment(s) to serve the market area(s) and address the goals and objectives
- ▶ Identify appropriate highway improvements that serve the corridor travel markets and address the goals and objectives



# Project Scope (analysis)

- ▶ Conduct detailed evaluation of the most appropriate alternatives that coordinate transit and highway improvements
- ▶ Identify, engage and clearly communicate with, and obtain and incorporate meaningful input from key constituencies regarding the travel markets, proposed alternatives, and evaluation results
- ▶ Develop recommended program of action for advancing coordinated transit and highway improvements in the corridor



# Study Partnership

- ▶ Project Management Team
  - Guide study progress
  - Manage study's scope
  - Facilitate working groups (TAC & PAC)
  - Members (1–3 per agency)
    - MnDOT – Lead Agency
    - Scott County
    - Hennepin County
    - Metropolitan Council
    - Selected consultant team





# Other Groups involved in study

- ▶ **Technical Advisory Committee**
  - provide technical input on study work efforts
  - PMT members, plus
  - state and federal agencies, counties, cities and transit providers along the corridor
- ▶ **Policy Advisory Committee**
  - Provide policy input and direction and make study recommendations
  - Elected or appointed members representing
    - PMT agencies
    - state and federal agencies, counties, cities, other key agencies & stakeholders





# Key Partners & Stakeholders

- ▶ Minnesota Department of Transportation (Metro and District 7)
- ▶ Metropolitan Council
- ▶ Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community
- ▶ Scott County
- ▶ Hennepin County
- ▶ Cities within Highway 169 Corridor study area
- ▶ Metro Transit
- ▶ Minnesota Valley Transit Authority
- ▶ Southwest Transit
- ▶ Federal Transit Administration
- ▶ Federal Highway Administration
- ▶ Various other local, regional, state, and federal agencies
- ▶ Businesses and Other Community Leaders
- ▶ General Public (corridor commuters, transit riders)



# Key Project Deliverables

- ▶ **Primary Travel Corridor**
  - Travel Market & Existing Conditions Analysis
  - Technical Evaluation of Detailed Alternatives
  - Implementation Plan
  - Transit Alternatives Evaluation Study
  - Recommendation for Preferred Option(s)
- ▶ **Long Haul Transit study to Mankato**
  - Existing Conditions, Market Analysis & Inventory
  - Service Options
  - Implementation Plan



# Key Issues

- ▶ Finding most feasible & cost-effective mode/alignment combination
- ▶ Segmentation of analysis
- ▶ Critical locations:
  - Nine Mile Creek Bridge
  - Bloomington Ferry Bridge
  - MnPASS connection points to I-394, I-494, or Hwy 62
  - Southwest LRT Connection
  - Potential Future American Boulevard transit connections



# Tentative Schedule

2015:

Late June: Study Kickoff

2016:

February: Detailed Alternatives Selected

Fall: Complete Draft Study Report with  
Recommended Preferred Option(s)

December: Final Study Report



# Project Contact

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