

# Making Tracks



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## Timeline announced for informing public, seeking input on Central Corridor LRT features

The clock is ticking for informing the public and seeking input on proposed features of the Central Corridor LRT Project because less than a year remains before preliminary engineering results must be submitted to the Federal Transit Administration. Issues that must be presented to the public by the end of this year include location of the West Bank station and the extent of reconstruction of University Avenue. Issues to be presented in the first quarter of 2008 include a tunnel versus a street-level route through the University of Minnesota and possible consolidation of some of the four proposed stations in downtown St. Paul.

## New Met Council Member Kirstin Beach named CAC co-chair

The Central Corridor Community Advisory Committee (CAC) has a new co-chair. Kirstin Beach of St. Paul, also a new Metropolitan Council member, assumed co-chair duties in August with Jerry Blakey. She is senior executive assistant to the chief financial officer of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. The CAC advises the Central Corridor Management Committee and provides input and feedback to the Central Corridor Project Office staff. The CAC's next meeting will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 18 at Goodwill/Easter Seals, 553 Fairview Ave., in St. Paul. It will focus on the Capitol area stations and station design standards.

## Central Corridor Management Committee tours Union Depot

Members of the Central Corridor Management Committee on Sept. 12 toured by bus the downtown St. Paul route of the Central Corridor LRT and got a rare glimpse inside the historic concourse of Union Depot. The tour highlighted the three routes being studied in preliminary engineering that LRT trains could use to reach the depot, which is proposed as the line's eastern terminus. On Oct. 10, committee members will tour the route through the University of Minnesota campus, where LRT trains will operate either in a tunnel or at street level on Washington Avenue. The CCMC includes the mayors of Minneapolis and St. Paul, and commissioners from Hennepin and Ramsey counties. The panel provides advice to the Met Council.

**For more information about the project, visit:**

<http://www.metrocouncil.org/transportation/ccorridor/centralcorridor.htm>.

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