

Making Tracks



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42 Named to Community Advisory Committee

The Metropolitan Council has named 42 community representatives to the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for the proposed Central Corridor light rail transit (LRT) project.

The appointments were announced Jan. 10 by Peter Bell, chair of the Metropolitan Council, which is taking the lead in the planning, design and construction of the project. The 11-mile line will run along University and Washington Avenues between downtown St. Paul and downtown Minneapolis, connecting with the existing Hiawatha LRT line.

Bell explained that the CAC will provide public input and feedback during the design and construction of the project on such issues as possible changes in alignment, station placement and design, public art, and plans to mitigate adverse impacts during construction.

“We know public participation was crucial to the success of Hiawatha,” Bell said. “We are committed to gathering input and sharing information with people who will be affected by our decisions. The Central Corridor will require some tough decisions to meet federal funding guidelines. Because we can’t incorporate every great idea, it is critical that members of the community understand how and why decisions are made.”

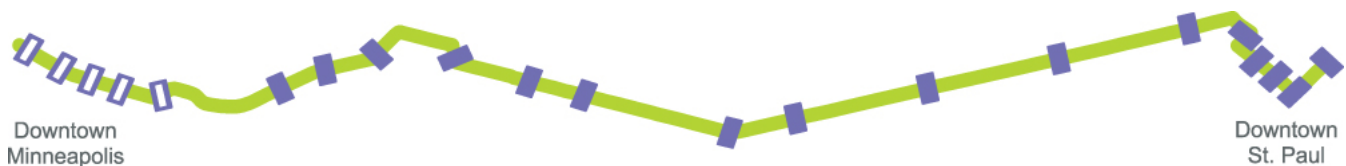
CAC meetings will be held from 5-7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at Goodwill/Easter Seals, 553 Fairview Ave., St. Paul. Its first meeting will be held Jan. 18.

Jerry Blakey, a former St. Paul City Council member and small business owner in St. Paul, will chair the Committee’s initial meetings. A co-chair will be named later this year to replace former Metropolitan Council member Song Lo Fawcett, who resigned from the Council last month.

See page 2 for a list of the CAC members.

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Central Corridor Community Advisory Committee Members



African Development Center - Hussein Samatar
American Council of the Blind - Ken Rodgers
Aurora/St. Anthony Neighborhood Development Corporation - Metric Giles
Center for Hmong Arts and Talent - Xiong Pao Lee
Central Corridor Equity Coalition - Veronica Burt
Community Action Partnership - JoAnn Tesar
Community member - Jeffrey Peltola
Community member - Joshua Bunker
Desnoyer Park Improvement Association - Keith Thompson
District 6 Planning Council - Brant Ingalsbe
District 7 Planning Council - Karen Inman
District Councils Collaborative - Anne White
Goodwill/Easter Seals Minnesota - Denise Fosse
Hamline Midway Coalition - Richard Hansen
Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota - ThaoMee Xiong
Keystone Computer Solutions - Fredrick Blocton
Lexington-Hamline Community Council - Laura Nevitt
LOCATE - Larry Englund
Merriam Park Community Council - Charles “Chip” Welling
Metro Council Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee - Rozanne Severance
Metropolitan State University - Daniel Kirk
Midway Travel Management Organization - Jessica Treat
Minnesota Hmong Chamber of Commerce - Seng Tchaa
Minnesota State Council on Disability - Margot Imdieke Cross
Minnesota State Fair - Steve Grans
Minnesota Student Association - Max Page
Pi Kappa Alpha - Nick Rosenberry
Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association - John Wicks
Snelling Selby Area Business Association - David Johnson
Sparc - Chris Worthington
St. Anthony Park Community Council - Ferdinand Peters
St. Paul Area Council of Churches - Art Sidner
St. Paul Area Trades and Labor Assembly - Bree Halverson
St. Paul College - Readus Fletcher
Stadium Village - Julie Wild
Summit University Planning Council - Richard Kleinbaum
Transit for Livable Communities - Dave VanHattum
University of Minnesota Graduate and Professional Student Assembly - Kristen Denzer
University of St. Thomas - Doug Hennes
West Bank Community Coalition - James Ruiz
West Bank Community Development Corporation - Brian Hanninen
YWCA of St. Paul - Vanessa Levingston