Central Corridor Light Rail Transit

Southwest LRT
Business Advisory Committee
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Improving mobility
Easing congestion
Strengthening our communities
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Today’s Topics

• Project overview
• Business outreach
• Business concerns
• Mitigation
• Tour
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Regional Transit System

Important link in the regional transit network

(Adopted 2008)
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- Exceeding expectations
  - 30,500 ave. weekday riders
  - Half of riders new transit users
- 34 local bus route connections south of downtown
- Supporting development
  - 7,700 new housing units constructed since 2000
  - 7,150 forecasted new housing units by 2020
Route and Stations

- 18 new stations
- 9.8 miles of new double track
- 47 new Light Rail Vehicles
- 41,000 average weekday ridership in 2030
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Timeline

2007
Preliminary Engineering (PE)

2009
Environmental Documentation

2010
Final Design

2011
Heavy construction

2011
Full Funding Grant Agreement

2014
Start operation
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Total Budget
$957 Million

* Hennepin County
  $28 million, 3%

* Ramsey Co.
  $66 million, 7%

* St. Paul
  $5 million, <1%

* County Transit Improvement Board
  $284 million, 30%

* State
  $92 million, 9%

* Federal
  50%
  $479 million

* Met Council
  $3 million, <1%
Stakeholder Coordination

- Metropolitan Council
  - Central Corridor Management Committee (CCMC)
    - Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
    - Central Corridor Project Office (CCPO)
    - Business Advisory Council (BAC)
    - Project Advisory Committee (PAC)
    - Land Use Coordinating Committee (LUCC)
    - Communication Steering Committee (CSC)
Business Profile

- 1,400 businesses in the corridor
- Many Chambers and business groups
  - St. Paul Area Chamber
  - Midway Chamber
  - Minneapolis Chamber
  - Asian Economic Development Assoc.
  - University Avenue Business Assoc.
Business Outreach

- Business Advisory Council
- Business forums
- One-to-ones
- Parking workshops
- Business Resources Collaborative
  - City and Council
  - Chambers
  - Community Dev. Corps.
  - Business organizations
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Top Business Issues

- Negative impact to customers and sales revenue
- Access during construction
- Impacts to on-street parking
- Noise and vibration
- Property tax and rent increases
Mission: The purpose of the outreach team is to be an intermediary for the Metropolitan Council and the community on the Central Corridor LRT project. We will do this by building relationships with the public by informing, listening, and gathering feedback throughout engineering, construction and operation.

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**Minneapolis - Downtown to Emerald**

- **New Stations:** West Bank, East Bank, Stadium Village, Prospect Park

**St. Paul - Emerald to I94**

- **Stations:** Westgate, Raymond Ave, Fairview Ave, Snelling Ave, Hamline Ave, Lexington Pkwy, Victoria St, Dale St, Western Ave, Capitol/Rice, Robert St

**Downtown St. Paul - I94 to Lowertown**

- **Stations:** 10th St, Central, Union Depot

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Construction Impact Mitigation

- Construction information
- Access plans
- $4 million Small Business Loan Program
- $1.2 million Marketing Program
- Partnership with business training and support organizations
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Marketing Program

• $1.2 million to market businesses and brand business districts along the Green Line
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