



Initial Screening of Alignment Alternatives

The initial screen of alignment alternatives was based on the following evaluation criteria, which were approved by the [Policy Advisory Committee](#) (PAC):

Transportation Mobility:

- Does this alternative add transportation capacity in congested areas?
- Does the alternative serve the transit markets in the corridor?
- Would the alternative provide new service (not duplicate current or planned transit service)?
- Does the alternative connect to the major multi-modal hubs in St. Paul and Minneapolis, supporting the region's current transit investments?

Consistency with Transportation, Land Use and Economic Development Plans:

- Is the alternative generally consistent with current regional planning?
- Is the alternative generally consistent with current community plans?

Cost-Effectiveness:

- Is the alternative compatible with existing and planned infrastructure?
- Would the alternative result in feasible capital costs?
- Would the alternative result in feasible operating costs?

Natural Environment:

- Is implementation of this alternative possible without impacting environmentally sensitive areas?

Alignment alternatives recommended by the PAC to be carried forward for more detailed evaluation in the AA are shown in the following maps. These recommendations will be modified following receipt of public comment at public open houses in late February/early March.

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