



GATEWAY CORRIDOR



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Greetings!

Would you like to help shape the Gateway Corridor? Consider volunteering some time on the new Community Advisory Committee. We could use your input during the Draft Environmental Impact Study phase.

Wishing you safe travels over the July 4th holiday.



Gateway Corridor Seeks Applicants for Community Advisory Committee

The Gateway Corridor Commission is seeking community members to serve on a new Gateway Corridor Community Advisory Committee (CAC).

The CAC will advise the Commission throughout preparation of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS), which is a step in the federal process to study potential transit service. The CAC will be asked to advise the Commission on several aspects: how to best inform the public about the process, meaning, and conclusions of the Draft EIS; identifying potential issues in the Corridor that will need to be addressed in the Draft EIS; providing information related to potential

social, economic, or community issues as a result of the transitway; and finally, providing input to the Commission on key project decisions.

In order for the CAC to represent the diversity of interests in the corridor, the Commission encourages applications from the following groups:

- * Residents (homeowners, renters)
- * Businesses operating on the corridor (a range of size and business type)
- * Major employers
- * Institutions and schools
- * Travelers in the Gateway Corridor (existing transit users, bicyclists, pedestrians, and drivers)
- * Environmental interests

Applications are online and due by July 19, 2013.



Development Forum Sparks Ideas



Jay Cowles, Joe Calabrese, Commissioner Lisa Weik

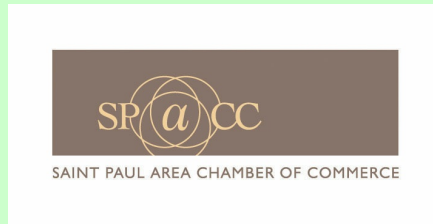
A visiting transit administrator offered his insights on developing a new service to a packed room of business and community leaders interested in the Gateway Corridor.

Joe Calabrese, the CEO of Cleveland's Regional Transit Agency, said their HealthLine bus rapid transit service is successful because it is fast, simple, safe, first-class, and promotes economic development--more than \$4 billion projected in new investments.

Calabrese spoke at the June 23 Gateway Corridor Development Forum held at Oak Marsh in Oakdale. The forum was intended to spark conversations about the role cities and the business community play

in shaping development along transit corridors. By 2030, the Gateway Corridor is expected to expand by 90,000 people (nearly a third more residents), and 30,000 jobs. See the full [article](#).

Thank you, St. Paul Area and Woodbury Chambers of Commerce, for being sponsors. A photo album from the event is available on [Facebook](#).



→ Twin Cities' First BRT Line Opens

The region's first bus rapid transit line, the METRO Red Line, opened June 22. It operates much like a light-rail train. The rapid-transit vehicles run in dedicated shoulder lanes and stop at only five stations on Cedar Avenue between Apple Valley and the Mall of America in Bloomington. From there, riders can transfer to the METRO Blue Line (Hiawatha LRT) and buses.

METRO Red Line buses run every 15 or 30 minutes, seven days each week, from about 5 a.m. to midnight.

METRO Red Line offers:

- Wider doors and easy boarding
- Two bike racks inside each bus
- Onboard security cameras
- "Next Stop" display and audio announcements so you'll always know where you are
- Faster boarding--use your Go-To Card to board at the front or back door

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About the Gateway Corridor Commission: The Commission was created in 2009 to study and plan alternative transportation options for the area along Interstate 94 in the eastern metro of the Minneapolis-St. Paul region. The Commission is comprised of local elected officials and business leaders. The Commission recently identified a preferred route for a fixed-guideway alternative in the Gateway Corridor. The project seeks to improve transit service from the Union Depot in St. Paul to the eastern metro, while providing a focal point for more concentrated development as the region grows.