



GATEWAY CORRIDOR



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Greetings!

Get the latest news here as things ramp up for the 2014 Legislature and Scoping. Bet you're also looking forward to spring. We are, too.



Business, Policy Leaders Support State Bonding Request

Approximately 50 east metro business and legislative leaders gathered Feb. 20 to hear a pitch for a \$5 million request in state bonding for the Gateway Rapid Transit project.

Participants of the Gateway Legislative Breakfast heard that strong support for Gateway exists in the business community, as well as from local and federal elected officials.



The speakers were U.S. Rep. Betty McCollum; Washington County Commissioner Lisa Weik, chair of the Gateway Corridor Commission; Ramsey County Commissioner

Congresswoman Betty McCollum, Ramsey County Commissioner Rafael Ortega and Washington County Commissioner Lisa Weik met with business people to discuss bonding for Gateway.

Rafael Ortega, vice-chair of the Gateway Corridor Commission; Matt Kramer, president of the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce; and Nicole Robbins, board chair of the Woodbury Chamber of Commerce.



Scoping Begins for Draft EIS

The Gateway Corridor project is beginning preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which will provide decision-makers and the public with a full discussion of the environmental impacts associated with constructing and operating each of the transit alternatives under consideration in the Corridor.

Preparing a Draft EIS begins with Scoping, a process of determining which transit alternatives and issues will be evaluated and assessed.

You are encouraged to take part in the Scoping process. Project planners are especially interested in your input on:

- The purpose and need for the project
- The alternatives proposed for study
- Project impacts or benefits that should be

evaluated

There are several ways to participate. Three public meetings will occur March 24, 25 and April 10 where comments will be collected. Or, comments may be submitted by email, fax, or mail. All comments must be received by April 16, 2014.

Comments should be submitted in writing to:

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Comments also may be submitted directly via the Gateway Corridor project [website](#).



February Open House Reviews Route Alternatives, Gathers Input



Nearly 75 people attended the Feb. 6 Gateway Corridor open house held at Globe University in Woodbury. Attendees discussed and mapped possible station locations and routes for the Gateway Corridor in Oakdale, Lake Elmo and Woodbury, and learned about the features of Bus Rapid Transit and Light Rail Transit service.

Project staff explained the goals of the Gateway Corridor, planning issues currently under consideration, and

upcoming phases of the project.

Public comments were collected at the meeting and can be viewed [here under Study Materials](#).

Meeting Schedule

All meetings are open to the public.



[Gateway Corridor Commission -- March 13](#)

3:30 p.m., Woodbury City Hall

Scoping Meetings

[March 24](#), 4:30-6:30 p.m., Guardian Angels Catholic Church, 8260 4th St. N., Oakdale, MN 55128

[March 25](#), 4:30-6:30 p.m., Conway Recreation Center, 2090 Conway Ave., St. Paul, MN 55119

[Policy Advisory Committee - April 10](#)

2 p.m., Woodbury City Hall. Scoping comments will be collected.

The PAC meetings are every other month. GCC meetings are every month. The monthly meeting calendar can be found on the Gateway Corridor [home page](#).

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 in early 2013 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.