



Gateway Corridor Commission News Release

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Public Input Requested in Gateway Corridor Scoping Project

Project planners are looking for input on what to study in the Gateway Corridor during the Draft Environmental Impact Statement phase.

The Draft EIS will provide decision-makers and the public with a full discussion of the environmental impacts associated with constructing and operating transit in the proposed transitway near Interstate 94 from Union Depot in downtown Saint Paul to Manning Ave. in Woodbury. The proposed project connects the east metro suburbs of Maplewood, Landfall, Oakdale, Lake Elmo, and Woodbury with St. Paul and the regional transit system.

Preparing a Draft EIS begins with Scoping, a process of determining which transit alternatives and issues will be evaluated and assessed. Residents and business people are encouraged to take part in the Scoping process, according to Washington County Commissioner Lisa Weik, chair of the Gateway Corridor Commission.

“We’d like to hear from people who have an interest in the corridor to know what benefits or impacts they think should be evaluated,” Commissioner Weik said.

Planners are seeking comments addressing what alternatives (including mode – BRT and/or LRT, station locations and routes) should be studied in the DEIS as well as what topics the Draft EIS should cover.

There are several ways to participate. Three public meetings will occur in March and April 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 (<http://thegatewaycorridor.com/>).

Copies of the Scoping Booklet, which documents the project history, purpose and need, proposed alternatives under consideration for study in the Draft EIS, overall decision-making process/schedule, issues to be covered in the Draft EIS, public involvement process, and overall EIS project schedule, are available for public review beginning March 3, 2014 at the following locations:

- Project website: <http://thegatewaycorridor.com/>
- Dayton's Bluff Library, 645 7th Street E, Saint Paul
- Sun Ray Library, 2105 Wilson Avenue, Saint Paul
- Washington County Library – Stafford Branch, 8595 Central Park Place, Woodbury
- Oakdale Library, 1010 Heron Avenue North, Oakdale
- Hennepin County Library – Minneapolis Central, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis
- Other community and civic facilities – for a complete list, see <http://thegatewaycorridor.com/>

Visit the Gateway Corridor website to access the Scoping Booklet, learn more about the project and how to participate. Information is at www.TheGatewayCorridor.com.

Three meetings are scheduled and open to the public:

Scoping Meeting #1

Monday, March 24, 2014

4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Guardian Angels Catholic Church

8260 4th Street North

Oakdale, MN 55128

Scoping Meeting #2

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Conway Recreation Center

2090 Conway Avenue

Saint Paul, MN 55119

Policy Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 10, 2014

2 p.m.

Woodbury City Hall

8301 Valley Creek Road

Woodbury, MN 55125

The PAC will accept verbal and written comments at the meeting.

About the Gateway Corridor rapid transit project

Gateway Corridor rapid transit would run between Union Depot in Saint Paul and Woodbury next to Interstate 94 and Hudson Road in a dedicated guideway. All-day transit service would stop at 11 stations

and include connections to the growing regional transit system. Light rail transit or bus rapid transit is being considered. The system could open for service by 2022 and will provide a focal point for new economic development opportunities as the region grows. The work is led by the Gateway Corridor Commission, which is comprised of local elected officials, business and community leaders. More information is available at www.TheGatewayCorridor.com.

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Map Cutline:

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