



GATEWAY CORRIDOR



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Greetings!

Three meetings are scheduled in the next couple weeks where input will be accepted from residents and business people on what should be studied in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Hope to see you or hear from you. Thank you.



Public Input Requested in Scoping

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

*Check out a new video on
the project and Scoping
process.*

of the environmental impacts associated with constructing and operating transit in the proposed transitway near Interstate 94 from Union Depot in downtown St. 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.



Ways to Participate in Scoping



There are several ways to participate in the Scoping process. Three public meetings will occur [March 24, 25](#) and [April 10](#) where comments will be accepted. 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](#).

→ Places to View Scoping Documents

The Scoping Booklet provides 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. Documents are available for public review beginning March 3, 2014 at the following locations:

- Project [website](#)
- Dayton's Bluff Library, 645 7th Street E, St. Paul
- Sun Ray Library, 2105 Wilson Avenue, St. 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 the [website](#)



Visit the Gateway Corridor [website](#) to access the Scoping Booklet, learn more about the project and how to

participate.

Meeting Schedule

All meetings are open to the public.



3 Scoping Meetings

March 24, 4:30-6:30 p.m.,

Guardian Angels Catholic

Church, 8260 4th St. N., Oakdale, MN 55128. Park in the lot behind the church and enter through door 6.

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.