



Gateway Corridor Commission News Release

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Legislature includes Gateway Corridor transit in bonding bill

Rapid transit in the Gateway Corridor, between Union Depot in Saint Paul and Woodbury, is one step closer to reality after the Minnesota Legislature last week included it on the list of transit projects eligible for bonding dollars.

A total of \$15 million was allocated to the Met Council to advance development of transitways. The [bonding bill](#) directed the Met Council to consult with the Counties Transit Improvement Board and to distribute the resources with the goal of achieving regional balance, to the extent possible.

Washington County Commissioner Lisa Weik, chair of the Gateway Corridor Commission, is pleased with the session's results.

"The east side of the metro is looking forward to joining the growing network of 21st century transit services in the rest of the region," Weik said. "Gateway is gaining momentum thanks to the collaborative efforts of our businesses, educational institutions, residents, and officials at the city, township, county, Met Council, state, and federal levels."

Ramsey County Commissioner Rafael Ortega, vice chair of the Gateway Corridor Commission, agrees.

"We want to thank our legislative delegation, and the many constituents who contacted legislators during the session, for advocating for Gateway Corridor," Ortega said. "It's a long, data-driven process to study and develop a transitway. We'll need continued support to get Gateway to the finish line by 2022."

About the Gateway Corridor transit project

Gateway Corridor 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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