



# GATEWAY CORRIDOR



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## Greetings!

There has been a lot of traffic in the Gateway Corridor recently from high level officials wanting to learn more about the reasons residents, businesses and elected officials are advocating for bus rapid transit here.



## Bus Tour Gives Officials First-hand Look at Gateway Corridor



*Gateway Corridor Chair Lisa Weik and Congresswoman Betty McCollum rode the bus to tour the corridor.*

The bus was filled with elected officials and staff Feb. 6. It followed the proposed route of a bus rapid transit (BRT) line that will run in a dedicated guideway for most, if not all, of its 12-mile length from the Union Depot in Saint Paul to Manning Avenue in Woodbury.

The event was part of Metropolitan Council Chair Adam Duininck's seven-county tour.

"The future Gold Line is an important piece of the regional transit network and one that I strongly support and the Council supports," said Duininck.

The tour included 3M's corporate headquarters. Douglas Stang, government relations for 3M, said the company embraces BRT for its ability to bring workers to the sprawling campus and help manage parking issues.

More tour information:

- Photos on our [Facebook](#) page
- Story about the tour on the Metropolitan Council's [website](#)
- [Video](#) highlights from tour



[Governor Gets Status Update from  
Corridor Leaders](#)

Gov. Mark Dayton heard Feb. 9 from community leaders who say \$3 million in state funding is essential this legislative session to keep the momentum going for cost effective, reliable bus rapid transit (BRT) in the Gateway Corridor.

Congresswoman Betty McCollum brought to the meeting several local elected and business officials, including Sen. Karin Housley, Sen. Susan Kent, Rep. Kelly Fenton, Washington County Commissioner Lisa Weik, Ramsey County Commissioner Rafael Ortega, Woodbury Mayor Mary Giuliani Stephens, Met Council Chair Adam Duininck, and Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce President Matt Kramer.

The group discussed the broad support for the proposed BRT service, according to Commissioner Weik, chair of the Gateway Corridor Commission.

Ramsey County Commissioner Rafael Ortega relayed the importance of transportation for students.

"We have a number of colleges and trade schools in the Gateway Corridor, but students need a way to access education and jobs," Commissioner Ortega told Gov. Dayton. "Gateway Gold Line BRT will serve students very well because it will run frequently, in both directions, at all times of the day."

View the complete article [here](#).

## Meeting Schedule

All meetings are open to the public.

### [Gateway Corridor Commission-- March 12](#)

3:30 p.m., Woodbury City Hall



### [Policy Advisory Committee--April 9](#)

1:30 p.m., Woodbury City Hall

### [Gateway Corridor Commission--April 9](#)

3:30 p.m., Woodbury City Hall

The PAC meetings are typically every other month. Gateway Corridor Commission 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-Saint 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. In 2014, a locally preferred alternative was approved including the selection of bus rapid transit as the mode. The project seeks to improve transit service from the Union Depot in Saint Paul to the eastern metro, while providing a focal point for more concentrated development as the region grows.