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Greetings!

A large public works project is like a puzzle. Public involvement is an important piece.

A hearing on the Gateway project is scheduled for Wednesday. Your participation is welcomed.



Gateway Hearing Wednesday in the Minnesota House of Representatives

The House
Government
Operations and
Elections Policy
Committee meets on
Wednesday, March
25, 2015 at 10:15 a.m.



The Committee's agenda includes two bills related to Gateway Corridor bus rapid transit (BRT). The bill author, Rep. Kelly Fenton (District 53B, Woodbury) will share with the Committee

her reasons for supporting legislation to provide \$3 million in state funding to complete the environmental review process for the Gateway Corridor BRT project and prepare for the next phase of work.

Gateway Corridor Commission Chair Lisa Weik also will testify in order to share information about how Gateway will serve the east metro. Her information will include:

- Gateway Bus rapid transit is a cost effective transit alternative that is right for the east metro.
- After extensive discussion with community members and businesses, the cities and counties within the Gateway Corridor came to a consensus last year to support building a bus rapid transit line in a dedicated guideway.
- It is flexible, it can go in traffic when it has to, though we will make every effort to keep it in its own lane to avoid traffic congestion.
- Gateway provides access to job opportunities all along the corridor. It is frequent, all-day service in both directions.
- Gateway would operate in its own lane mainly on Hudson Road along I-94; transit investments in dedicated guideways spur economic growth.
- Gateway will help the east metro compete regionally and nationally.
- Transit can help companies recruit and retain employees.
- Frequent, fast, dependable, convenient transit can increase worker productivity.

Legislative hearings are open to the public. If you are interested in attending, or in learning more about the legislative process, you can find additional details about the Government Operations and Elections Policy Committee hearing [here](#).

If you go:

The hearing will be in the Basement Hearing Room, State Office Building, 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. St. Paul.

Meter parking is available in Lot AA, located off Rice Street and Aurora Avenue, or in Ramp F, located off Rice

Street and Fuller Avenue. Public disability parking is located at either locations. Parking information is available [here](#).

Come early and leave plenty of time for parking and walking. Visit your legislators afterward!

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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. 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.