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Greetings!

It's getting down to the wire at the Capitol. Gateway's \$3 million request is still in play.

The Gateway Corridor Development Forum was a big hit. Thanks to all who attended. Story below.

Hope you're enjoying the spring blossoms in Minnesota.



Decision Time at the Capitol

The Minnesota Legislature is scheduled to wrap up its work on May 18, leaving just a couple of weeks to come to an agreement on funding government services for the next two years.



Despite not being included in the House omnibus transportation bill, Gateway Gold Line BRT is still in the mix. A transportation conference committee is meeting to determine if the \$3 million Gateway request should be included in its bill. Gateway's request

also could be funded through a bonding bill. The money would fund engineering and environmental analysis work in the Project Development phase of the Federal Transit Administration process.

Legislative leadership, as well as the Governor, will continue to take public input on Gateway and other issues. See the [Gateway Action Center](#) for tips on contacting legislators.

The Gateway Corridor Commission thanks bill authors Senators Susan Kent and Karin Housley, and Representatives Kelly Fenton and JoAnn Ward for their strong support in moving Gateway bills through the legislature this year.



East Metro Will 'Reinvent' BRT, Says National Expert at Development Forum

A room of nearly 100 policy makers and business leaders were encouraged by what they heard April 15 at the Gateway Corridor Development Forum, held at Globe University in Woodbury.

Two national experts shared ideas on how communities and developers can use the proposed Gold Line bus rapid transit project to create prosperous communities.

"The kind of transit for which you're planning is outstanding," said Dena Belzer, president of Strategic Economics, a national leader in urban economics techniques that guide local public policy decisions.

"When you do this bus rapid transit line, you're going to reinvent the meaning of BRT, not just in this region, but in this country," Belzer said. "You're taking a line and moving it out toward communities that don't have as much development. You're not retrofitting an urban area. So you're really going to lead the way nationally."

See the news release [here](#).

A special thank you goes to event sponsors, East Metro Strong, Oakdale Area Chamber of Commerce, Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce, and Woodbury Area Chamber of Commerce.



Presenter Roger Millar (third from left) discusses transit-oriented development April 14 with county and federal community leaders, Ramsey County Commissioner Mary Jo McGuire, Washington County Commissioner Lisa Weik, Ramsey County Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt, Jake Schwitzer from Sen. Franken's office, Josh Straka from Congresswoman McCollum's office, and Tim Cossalter from Sen. Klobuchar's office.



Meeting Schedule

All meetings are open to the public.

[Gateway Corridor Commission--May 14](#)

3:30 p.m., Woodbury City Hall

[Community Advisory Committee--June 2](#)

6 p.m., location to be determined

[Policy Advisory Committee--June 11](#)

1:30 p.m., Woodbury City Hall

[Gateway Corridor Commission--June 11](#)

3:30 p.m., Woodbury City Hall

[Community Advisory Committee--June 24](#)

6 p.m., location to be determined

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.