

New Gold Line BRT route could include bridge over I-94 with dedicated BRT lanes, new general auto traffic lanes, and a pedestrian/bike trail

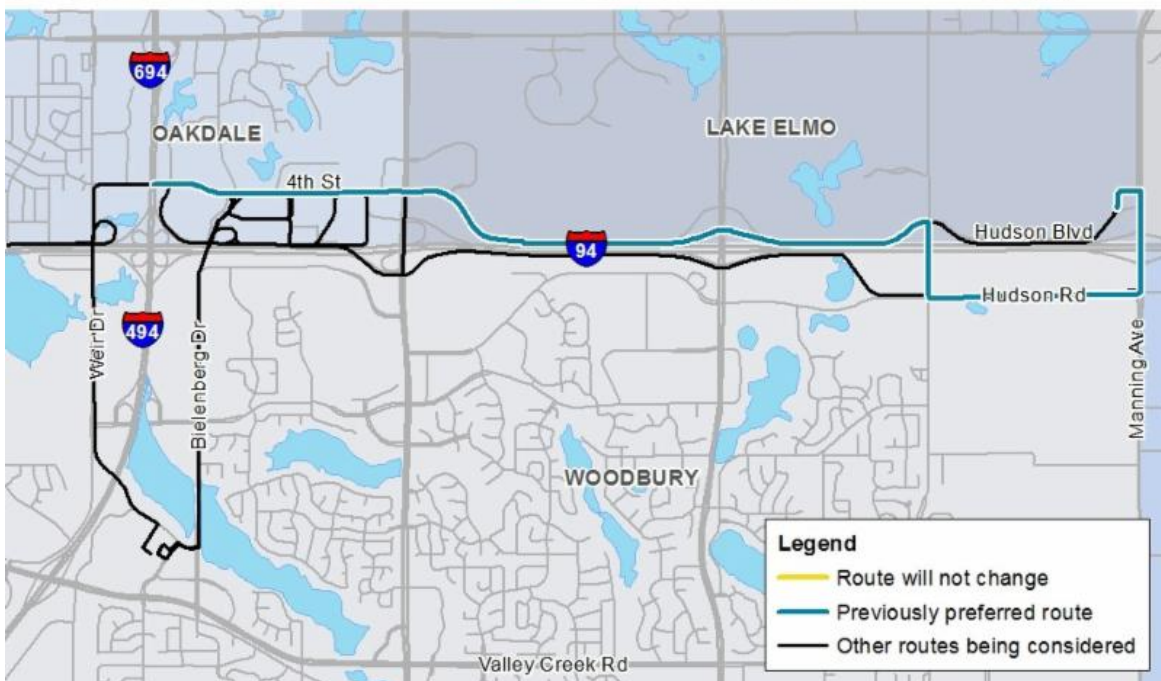
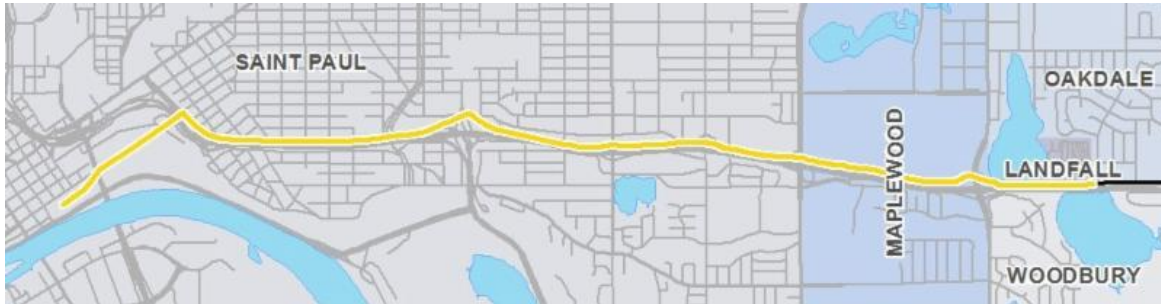


## Gateway Gold Line considers new BRT route in Oakdale and Woodbury

*Updated route to be analyzed over coming months as part of process to determine preferred route*

The Gateway Corridor Commission and Policy Advisory Committee discussed new possible routes for Gateway Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (Gold Line BRT) in the Oakdale and Woodbury segments of the project at their meetings on Thursday, August 18 at Woodbury City Hall.

The new potential routes in Oakdale and Woodbury is a result of the Lake Elmo City Council voting 3-2 in January to withdraw from the project. As a result, planners need to consider alternative routes for the eastern portion of Gold Line BRT.



New routes that were presented would enter Oakdale and turn south on Hudson Boulevard or Helmo Avenue, crossing over I-94 on a new bridge that would include dedicated BRT lanes, new general auto traffic lanes, and a pedestrian/bike trail, and continue south along Bielenberg Drive, where buses already run today, to an existing express bus park and ride at the Woodbury Theater, near the Target Greatland store in Woodbury Village.

This route is being considered because there are both existing and future economic development and redevelopment opportunities, and other destinations including jobs, financial and real estate services, shopping, dining, hotels and healthcare services in this area. A new bridge connecting Helmo Avenue and Bielenberg Drive is also already in Oakdale and Woodbury's long term plans.

For more information about public engagement opportunities or to provide feedback, please visit [thegatewaycorridor.com](http://thegatewaycorridor.com).

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## **More than 120 comments received regarding Gold Line BRT east end needs**

*Approximately 75 percent of comments received have been positive*

Over the past several weeks, the Gateway Corridor Commission solicited feedback on the eastern end of Gold Line BRT from citizens, businesses and community organizations.

More than 120 individuals responded to the request. Replies included information about where people would like to travel and what types of events and activities they travel to. The vast majority of the responses - roughly 75% - were positive and expressed support for Gold Line BRT.

A full summary of all of the responses can be viewed online [here](#).

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## **Recommendations promote health through innovative design around Gold Line BRT stations**

A health impact assessment identified opportunities to promote and improve health through innovative land use changes around the Gateway Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (Gold Line BRT) stations.

The health impact assessment brought together diverse partners including residents, businesses, public health advocates, and staff from Ramsey and Washington Counties in discussions about how community design impacts health.

Four health elements-connectivity, housing, jobs, and safety-selected by community participants were evaluated through the analysis process. The full study can be found online [here](#).

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### About Gateway Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit

Gateway Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit will be Minnesota's first BRT line in a dedicated busway. This cost-effective transportation solution is critical to the future development of our region. All-day transit service would stop at multiple stations and include connections to the growing regional transit system. 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](http://www.theGatewayCorridor.com). Updates and information can also be found on Facebook at [facebook.com/gatewaycorridor](https://facebook.com/gatewaycorridor) and on Twitter at [@GoldLineBRT](https://twitter.com/GoldLineBRT).



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