



## Your chance to weigh in - online or in-person - on BRT routes in Oakdale and Woodbury

*New routes for east end of Gold Line BRT now being reviewed by Gateway Corridor Commission*

At the Gateway Corridor Commission and Policy Advisory meetings in August, new possible routes for Gateway Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (Gold Line BRT) in Oakdale and Woodbury were the topic of conversation.

Public input is continuing to be sought regarding the alternatives and you're invited to weigh in either online or in-person.

A variety of new routes were presented including one that 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. Other routes being considered provide access to the Guardian Angels park and ride.

These routes are 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.

### **Feedback Being Taken Online and In-Person**

Please take a look at five route options on this [Gold Line BRT East End Routes Fact Sheet](#) .

Once you've had a chance to examine those options, please visit this [Comment Form](#) and share your feedback with the Policy Advisory Committee.

You can also learn more about the routes and provide feedback in-person at an open house on October 5.

**WHAT:** Gold Line BRT Open House  
**WHEN:** Wednesday, October 5, 5:00-7:00 pm  
**WHERE:** Envision Event Center (formerly The Prom Center),  
484 Inwood Ave N., Oakdale

The open house will include information about possible routes for Gold Line BRT in Oakdale and Woodbury and staff will be available to answer questions and take feedback that will be shared with the Gateway Corridor Commission.

All comments received via e-mail, mail and at in-person events will be used to help inform what the preferred route should be. The Policy Advisory Committee will be meeting on October 13 to make a draft recommendation on the preferred route.

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# Updated ridership and cost estimates released for potential east end route

*New Gold Line BRT route could be \$25 to \$75 million less expensive than earlier route*

Earlier this week the Gateway Corridor Community Advisory Committee, comprised of residents and business representatives from communities along the route, reviewed initial ridership and cost estimates for the Gold Line BRT project.

There are currently five routes being considered, which are summarized on an [online fact sheet](#). The new routes for Gold Line BRT could cost between \$25 and 75 million less than the earlier route that went through Lake Elmo to the eastern portion of Woodbury.

Ridership estimates show that in the first year of operation, expected to be 2023, ridership would be the same or higher for the new alternative route than the previous LPA, although in 2040, ridership would be lower due to the fact that the new routes being considered would have two to three fewer stations than the earlier route.



The lower price tag comes even with a new proposed BRT/general auto/bike/pedestrian bridge over I-94 and parking facilities at some of the stations.

No decisions will be made on the final preferred alternative until detailed ridership and cost estimates are done. This information, coupled with community feedback, will be used by the Policy Advisory Committee to make their decision.

The presentation from the [Community Advisory Committee](#) can be viewed on the project website.

**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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