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Statement regarding Gold Line BRT in Governor Dayton's bonding recommendations

Today Governor Mark Dayton unveiled his recommendations for a \$1.5 billion capital investment – or bonding – bill that includes \$3 million for Gateway Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (Gold Line BRT).

The \$3 million in state funds would complete the \$5 million state share of project development funding. Project development includes completing the environmental review and municipal approval processes, and beginning preliminary design and engineering.

Washington County Commissioner Lisa Weik, Chair of the Gateway Corridor Commission, said:

“Governor Dayton’s support for Gold Line BRT is an important step forward for this much needed transportation option. Gold Line BRT is about keeping and growing jobs in the East Metro. Regular, all-day service that connects Woodbury, Oakdale, and Maplewood with St. Paul and the entire Twin Cities will boost economic activity and access to jobs. We look forward to continuing to work with Republican and DFL supporters in the legislature to make this project a reality.”

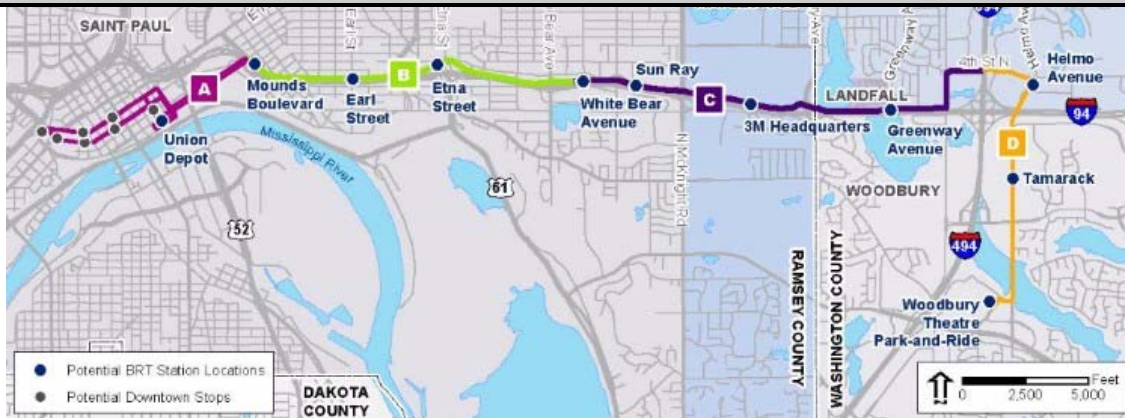
In December, the Gateway Corridor Commission selected a new locally preferred route for Gold Line BRT in Oakdale and Woodbury. That route was also approved by the impacted city councils and County Boards. The new route is estimated to cost \$420 million, a reduction from a previous route that ran through Lake Elmo and was estimated at \$485 million.

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Gateway Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (Gold Line BRT) will connect St. Paul with East Metro suburban communities.

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. Updates and information can also be found on Facebook at facebook.com/gatewaycorridor and on Twitter at [@GoldLineBRT](https://twitter.com/GoldLineBRT).

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