



## Governor Dayton weighs in with support for Gold Line BRT

*At roundtable in Woodbury, Governor says he will include \$3 million in his budget*

Last Thursday, Sept. 1, Governor Mark Dayton held a roundtable discussion with local officials, business leaders and residents at Woodbury City Hall about Gateway Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (Gold Line BRT).

Governor Dayton said regarding transit that he believes "we have to have an expanded metro system if we're going to have a viable region economically and socially." He said he would include \$3 million for Gold Line BRT planning in his next budget.

Woodbury Mayor Mary Giuliani Stephens welcomed Governor Dayton to Woodbury and Gateway Corridor Commission Chair Lisa Weik provided an overview of the project. Local elected officials and business leaders shared their support for the project with the Governor.

The need for a balanced transit system that incorporates the east metro was among the topics of conversation. "A strong Minnesota needs a strong metro region. And a strong metro region needs a strong East Metro," said State Senator Susan Kent.

Gold Line BRT is being designed to connect residents with increased job opportunities in this growing corridor. "Businesses along this route recognize we need this for our employees," said Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce President Matt Kramer.

For more information about Gold Line BRT or to provide feedback, please visit [thegatewaycorridor.com](http://thegatewaycorridor.com).

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## Public input sought on new BRT routes 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 last month.

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.



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. A new bridge connecting Helmo Avenue and Bielenberg Drive is also already in Oakdale and Woodbury's long term plans.

The Policy Advisory Committee is seeking public input on all the alternatives being considered. An updated fact sheet on the Gateway Corridor website shows the new potential routes - you can view the fact sheet [here](#).

There are three questions the Policy Advisory Committee would like feedback on:

1. Using the maps from this fact sheet as a guide, please comment on route options through Oakdale and Woodbury.
2. Are there particular benefits or impacts that you want decision makers and technical staff to be aware of?
3. Do you have any other comments on the Gateway Gold Line BRT project?

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 make a draft recommendation on the preferred route at their October 13 meeting at 2:00 pm at Woodbury City Hall. Public Comment will be taken at this meeting.

## Gold Line BRT open house to be held in Oakdale on October 5

Residents, employers and employees are invited to attend a Gateway Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit open house on October 5 to learn more about the project and provide input.

**WHAT:** Gold Line BRT Open House  
**WHEN:** Wednesday, October 5, 5:00-7:00 pm  
**WHERE:** 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.



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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://@GoldLineBRT).



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