



# Agenda

## Gateway Corridor Commission

### September 14 – 3:30 PM

Woodbury City Hall, Birch Room  
8301 Valley Creek Road  
Woodbury, MN 55125

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Requested Action</u>
1. Introductions	Information
2. Consent Items	Approval
a. Summary of April 13, 2017, Meeting*	
b. Checks and Claims*	
3. Strategic Planning and Joint Powers Agreement*	Discussion
4. Washington DC Commission Fly-In*	Information
5. State Environmental Process Comment Period*	Information
6. Project Updates*	
a. Pre-Project Development Activities	Information
b. BRTOD Project Update	Information
c. Communications Update	Information
7. Other	Information
a. Meeting Dates Summary*	
b. Social Media and Website Update*	
c. Media Articles (none this month)	
8. Adjourn	Approval

\*Attachments



**Gateway Corridor Commission  
Draft July 13, 2017 Meeting Summary  
Woodbury City Hall, Birch Room**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Present</b>
Rafael Ortega	Ramsey County	X
Lisa Weik	Washington County	X
Mary Giuliani Stephens	Woodbury	X
Dan Kylo	West Lakeland Township	X
Jane Prince	St Paul	X
Randy Nelson	Afton	
Mike Pearson	Lake Elmo	
Paul Reinke	Oakdale	X
Bryan Smith	Maplewood	
Tami Fahey	Lakeland	
<b>ALTERNATE MEMBERS</b>		
Victoria Reinhardt, Alternate	Ramsey County	
Stan Karwoski	Washington County	X
Richard Bend, Alternate	Afton	
Kristen Cici, Alternate	Oakdale	
Amy Scoggins, Alternate	Woodbury	
Dave Schultz, Alternate	West Lakeland	
Richard Glasgow, Alternate	Lakeland	

<b>Ex-Officio Members</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Present</b>
Mike Amundson	Baytown Township	
Paris Dunning	East Side Area Business Association	
Marie Ellis	Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce	X
Ed Shukle	Landfall Village	
Randy Kopesky	Lakeland Shores	
Bill Burns	Oakdale Area Chamber of Commerce	
Tim Ramberg	WI Gateway Coalition	
Doug Stang	3M	
Jason Lott	Woodbury Chamber of Commerce	

<b>Others</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Jan Lucke	Washington County
Lyssa Leitner	Washington County
Sara Allen	Washington County



Andy Gitzlaff	Ramsey County
Lee Nichols	WSB
Tom Cook	Metropolitan State University
Brian McClung	MZA+Co
Lindsey Wollschlager	Richardson Richter & Associates
Christine Beckwith	MnDOT
Ryan Wilson	MnDOT
Linda Stanton	Woodbury Resident
Doug Nelson	Oakdale Resident
Janelle Schmitz	City of Woodbury
JoAnn Ward	MN House of Representatives
Susan Kent	MN Senate
Josh Straka	U.S. Representative McCollum
Steve Kotke	SEH

The Gateway Corridor Commission convened at 3:33 p.m. by Chair Weik.

**Agenda Item #1. Introductions**

Introductions were made by those present. The Commission moved ahead to Item #8 until a quorum was met.

**Agenda Item #8. Other**

**Item 8a. Meeting Dates Summary:**

Ms. Leitner noted there was no new information at this time. The next Commission meeting scheduled for August 10.

**Item 8b. Social Media and Website Update:**

Ms. Leitner provided a brief overview of information provided in the packet.

**Item 8c. Media Articles:**

Ms. Leitner summarized articles included in the packet, noting articles included about the dissolution of the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB). Due to a clerical error, printed packets were not delivered in advance, but were provided at the meeting. Quorum was still not met, so the Commission moved to agenda Item #5.

**Agenda Item #5. Eugene, OR Trip Lessons Learned**

Ms. Allen summarized the purpose of the recent Commission peer region visit to Eugene, OR, May 31 - June 2, 2017, and provided an overview of the trip attendees, stipends provided, and key takeaways.

A video, created by MZA + Company, summarized lessons learned on the trip. The video was presented to the Commission, and members were asked for feedback. The finalized video would be shared on social media.

Commissioner Karwoski suggested animation be included from stations in Ramsey and Washington Counties.



Mayor Reinke urged center and side running BRT lanes be shown in Woodbury, since this has not yet been determined by the project.

Chair Weik acknowledged Senator Kent and Josh Straka joined the meeting – and asked for trip attendees to share their observations of Eugene’s EmX BRT.

Commissioner Karwoski shared that the trip solidified belief BRT can be done, but Gold Line will have its own unique opportunities and challenges. Noted a strong sense of place at station end points, enhanced roadway and amenities throughout the corridor, making it visually obvious where the route operated.

Mayor Reinke observed dedicated guideway BRT appeared to be a preferable way to operate, side running mixed traffic lanes made it feel and operate like a regular bus service.

Mr. Cook stated interest in observing how Lane Transit managed pinch points, and the insights into community relations and values.

Chair Weik appreciated the rain gardens and plantings, and unique metalwork designs on the railings at each station, and an absence of advertising on the bus infrastructure. Real time signage made the service reassuring. Station stops were designed to draw the eye, but not distract from surrounding retail. The public library was located near the main downtown station hub. The additional BRT routes in recent years shows the success of BRT in Eugene. Helpful for technical staff to see contra-flow lanes, pinch points, angled bike racks, and dwell areas to wait for signals to change.

Meeting officially called to order at 3:57 PM, proceeded to Agenda Item #2.

### **Agenda Item #2. Consent Items**

**Item 2a. Summary of April 13, 2017, Meeting:** Motion made by Mayor Reinke to approve the meeting summary. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ortega. All were in favor. **Approved.** Motion carried.

**Item 2b. Checks and Claims:** Motion made by Commissioner Ortega to approve the checks and claims. The motion was seconded by Mayor Stephens. All in favor. **Approved.** Motion carried.

### **Agenda Item #3. Project Funding**

Ms. Lucke provided an update on funding assumptions for Gateway Gold Line, given the dissolution of the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB). Washington County to administer funding commitments, grant agreements from CTIB still in place, to Gold Line. Funding from the state legislature did not come through in the recent session. Ramsey and Washington, as individual counties, acted to re-impose sales tax previously for CTIB, and equally split the cost needed for Gold Line Project Development. Washington County approved a 0.25 cent sales tax, and Ramsey County a 0.5 cent sales tax. Federal contribution assumptions remain unchanged.

Mayor Reinke reemphasized – cities are not responsible for offsetting transit project costs; cities may contribute to improvements around station areas. Ms. Lucke reconfirmed this as correct.



Ms. Leitner noted the current overall funding shares could change if other opportunities appear – state funds, federal programs or grants. Chair Weik stated the current funding share breakdown needed to be shown for the Federal Transit Administration, in order to obtain permission to enter Project Development.

**Agenda Item #4. Strategic Planning and Joint Powers Agreement**

Ms. Leitner introduced Ms. Wollschlager from Richard Richter & Associates (RRA) to continue the April Commission meeting discussion, and additionally discuss how the Commission's role is impacted by the CTIB dissolution. Ms. Wollschlager provided a recap of previous discussion, major points include: the Commission's achievements to date, future goals, and membership considerations.

As the Commission's role evolves from that of advocacy, engagement, technical, and financial sponsors – now transitions to the project development phase, where the Metropolitan Council will be the project sponsor, there will be an increase in the number of partners.

CTIB roles involving funding and financial oversight, were explained – counties are stepping into this role as CTIB disbands. Ms. Wollschlager requested Commission members weigh in on the Commission's role now that CTIB has disbanded and asked: how should project partners work together moving into the future? Ms. Leitner reiterated Washington and Ramsey Counties were a part of CTIB, and part of decision-making and financial oversight. Counties relied on CTIB financial oversight structure, now must decide how to take over these responsibilities.

Mayor Stephens asked what CTIB's financial role originally was when Gold Line moved into Project Development. Ms. Wollschlager explained some funding oversight had already begun on the money CTIB approved for Gold Line's entry into Project Development. The CTIB board previously set the terms and conditions for how funding could be made available to the project. Grant agreement contains certain terms and conditions for expenditures – they must be expenditures which are eligible for Federal funding match.

Ms. Lucke stated that with CTIB disbanding, there would be a series of Washington County board workshops to make decisions about how to move forward with management of sales tax revenue, Washington County to work closely with Ramsey County. Conversation and recommendation from the Commission to be provided to Counties.

Commissioner Ortega stated Ramsey County wants as much oversight possible. Look at CTIB model and see how much can be replicated by the County. Mayor Stephens agreed and added CTIB oversaw multiple projects, so certain functions would not need to be done. Commissioner Karwoski agreed with Commissioner Ortega, would like Washington County to have a lot of financial oversight. Liked the make-up of the existing Commission, and would like cities to be a part of the Commission. Would like to see counties lead, with cities in partnership, resulting in a more powerful, effective model moving forward.

Ms. Leitner explained the conversation was to continue at the next Commission meeting in August or September, will have a proposal for how partners will work together in decision making.

Mayor Stephens asked about MnDOT's role. Ms. Leitner responded that MnDOT is a part of the Technical,



Policy, and Management Committees in Project Development.

**Agenda Item #6. Washington D.C. Commission Fly-In**

Ms. Leitner provided an overview of information in the packet. The Commission's 2017 Work Plan and Budget identified a delegation visit as a priority, timed with the request to enter Project Development. Discussion on trip dates, budget, who should attend, and stipend amounts.

Mayor Stephens stated satisfaction with Lockridge Grindal Nauen's organization of prior trips, and defers to their recommendations.

Commissioner Ortega asked if the timing of Rail~Volution was taken into consideration. Ms. Leitner responded that it was, and requested members of the Commission who planned to attend submit availability for the preferred date.

The Commission provided guidance on who was to attend, and receive stipends. The amount was kept at \$750, and the invitation would be to the same diversity of attendees as in the previous visit.

**Agenda Item #7. Project Updates**

**Item 7a. Pre-Project Development Activities:**

Ms. Beckwith introduced herself and her previous experience with Central Corridor, Southwest and Bottineau LRT projects, and provided an update on project development activities detailed in the Commission packet.

Currently working out of an interim project office, and narrowing down downtown St. Paul locations for a Gold Line Project Development Office.

Ms. Leitner explained the Project Development organizational structure shows the counties and MnDOT having a larger role than previous transit projects. Staffing still under development.

County and Metropolitan Council funding agreements in the process of being worked out – funding commitments needed in order to apply for Project Development. Once approved, Project Development enters a two year timeframe to complete work. Two procurement processes underway to begin Project Development, Engineering Services Contract and Project Management and Environmental Services Contract, to be posted soon. Ms. Beckwith described the items included in each of the procurement contracts.

In response to a question from a member of the public, the presentation for this agenda item will be included in the meeting packet and made available to the public.

A procurement process and proposal evaluation schedule was provided.

Mayor Stephens requested contact information be sent out to members of the Commission for Charles Carlson and Chris Beckwith.



**Item 7b. BRTOD Project Update:**

Ms. Allen summarized key work activities of the METRO Gold Line BRTOD Plans, including: meetings to refine the project work plan, scope of activities, station area and corridor assessment, overarching project and community engagement goals, next steps, and an updated schedule.

Mayor Reinke stated the City of Oakdale placed a moratorium on the area surrounding the Helmo Station, and had met with property owners to discuss the reasoning, and address any of their concerns about discussions with potential buyers. Property owners were supportive of the moratorium.

**Item 7c. Communications Update**

Mr. McClung provided highlights of the memo included in the packet. Gold Line did not receive request \$2 M dollar ask during the last session. A paid advertising campaign was utilized on social media.

Ms. Leitner clarified that 'likes' on Facebook do not translate to support for the project, instead meaning people are engaging and committed to following the project for future updates.

Chair Weik expressed disappointment in results of the recent legislative session. Message from the Capitol was there was not enough funding to cover all the asks. Chair Weik also noted this was the second year 3M made Gold Line a top priority at the Capitol – the project is critical in attracting future work force and economic development. A staff member from 3M attended the peer region visit to Eugene, OR with the delegation. Mr. McClung noted there was strong bi-partisan support, as well as business support representing the project during the session.

**Agenda Item #9. Adjourn**

**The meeting adjourned at 5:12 PM**



Agenda Item #2b

**DATE:** September 6, 2017  
**TO:** Gateway Corridor Commission  
**FROM:** Staff  
**RE:** Checks and Claims

Facebook Advertising  
Spring, 2017 \$2,000.00

Communications Contract (MZA + Co)  
June, 2017 \$7,737.50  
July, 2017 \$4,937.50

*Contract Utilization = 38%*

FTA BRTOD Contract (Crandall Arambula)  
July, 2017 \$30,229.56  
August, 2017 \$9,631.53

*Contract Utilization = 6.7%*

**Total** **\$54,536.09**

*Detailed invoices can be made available upon request.*

**Action Requested:**

Approval





*Agenda Item #3*

**DATE:** September 6, 2017  
**TO:** Gateway Corridor Commission  
**FROM:** Staff  
**RE:** Strategic Planning and Joint Powers Agreement

At the April and July Gateway Corridor Commission meetings, Lindsey Wollschlager (Richardson, Richter, and Associates) facilitated discussions about the Commission's goals for existing and future activities and discussed the changing financial roles of the Counties due to the dissolution of the Counties Transit Improvement Board.

Based on the Commission's input to-date, staff will provide draft options for a revised Joint Powers Agreement for the Commission. The options will be based off the Commission's input:

- To revise the Commission membership to more accurately reflect the Gold Line route,
- That the cities and counties should maintain a strong role for communications and advocacy, and
- Since the dissolution of CTIB, the counties need to have a stronger role in financial oversight of the project.

The Commission will not be asked to vote on a final revision of the Joint Powers Agreement but to provide input on the draft options for revisions.

**Action Requested** Discussion of future role of the Gateway Corridor Commission and draft options for a revised Joint Powers Agreement.



*Agenda Item #4*

**DATE:** September 7, 2017  
**TO:** Gateway Corridor Commission  
**FROM:** Staff  
**RE:** Washington D.C. Trip Summary

The Commission’s 2017 Work Plan and Budget identified traveling to Washington D.C. to meet with the Minnesota congressional delegation as a priority for this year. The purpose of the trip was to increase awareness of the project, share recent milestones, and show local support for the project. Representatives of the Gateway Corridor Commission traveled to Washington D.C. on September 6 and 7. Below is a list of trip participants. At the Commission meeting, staff and trip attendees will provide further information about the meetings that were held and any follow-up actions needed.

Last Name	First Name	Title
Stephens	Mary	Woodbury Mayor
Slawik	Nora	Maplewood Mayor
Ortega	Rafael	Ramsey County Commissioner
McDonough	Jim	Ramsey County Commissioner
Weik	Lisa	Washington County Commissioner
Gitzlaff	Andy	Ramsey County Senior Transportation Planner
Kazmerski	Gina	Owner, Image360; Chair, Woodbury Economic Development Commission
Prince	Jane	St. Paul City Councilmember
Reinke	Paul	Oakdale Mayor
Cook	Tom	Metropolitan State University
Fenton	Kelly	MN House of Representatives
Stang	Doug	3M, Director of Government Affairs
McClung	Brian	Communications Consultant, MZA + Co.
Carlson	Charles	Metro Transit – BRT/Small Starts Senior Manager
Allen	Sara	Washington County Transportation Planner
Leitner	Lyssa	METRO Gold Line Deputy Project Manager

**Action Requested** Information.



*Agenda Item #5*

**DATE:** September 7, 2017  
**TO:** Gateway Corridor Commission  
**FROM:** Staff  
**RE:** State Environmental Process Comment Period

In late 2016, the Federal Transit Administration provided guidance that the METRO Gold Line could complete an Environmental Assessment (EA) as opposed to an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This decision was made because there is only one viable BRT route and that route has a low potential for impacts because it is 80-90% within existing public right-of-way. This determination is consistent with other projects of its scope and scale. It is important to note that an EA is not a lesser amount of environmental analysis, it is a streamlined documentation approach that is right-sized for the scope of the Gold Line. This was discussed at the November, 2016 Gateway Corridor Commission meeting.

There were multiple administrative items that need to take place at the federal level (posting in the Federal Register which happened in March) and the state level. One of the key items at the state level was to switch responsibility for the project from the Counties to Metropolitan Council. That officially occurred in July.

Now that those items have taken place, Metropolitan Council had to have a 10-day public comment period for people to comment on the change from an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to an Environmental Assessment (EA). The public comment period was August 28-September 10.

The comment period was posted/distributed to the following people:

- All cooperating and participating agencies which includes the cities adjacent to the route,
- Legal posting in Finance and Commerce, Pioneer Press, and Lillie Suburban,
- Posted on the Metro Transit Gold Line website, and
- Emailed or mailed to all people who commented on the original comment period for the environmental work back in 2014.

Metropolitan Council is responsible for the comments received, not the Counties, Cities, and Gateway Corridor Commission. Since this is the first official comment period for the project after it was transitioned to Metropolitan Council, staff wanted to provide an update on the comment process to the Commission along with any necessary follow-up. Staff will provide a verbal comment summary at the Commission meeting.

**Action Requested** Information.



**DATE:** September 7, 2017  
**TO:** Gateway Corridor Commission  
**FROM:** Staff  
**RE:** Pre-Project Development Activities

**Update on Project Activities**

Over the past two months, staff from Metro Transit, MnDOT, and Ramsey and Washington Counties have been working on multiple items to prepare for Project Development. Staff from Metro Transit will be at the Commission meeting to provide further details but work has advanced in the following areas:

- Procurement process for the engineering services and project management consultant and environmental services work
- Drafting the letter to FTA to enter Project Development
- Funding and Cooperative Agreements
- Metro Transit project website and communications coordination
- Schedule refinement
- Project Office Location
- Staffing

**Near-Term Schedule Update**

One of the main focuses of the project team has been to refine a day-by-day schedule between now and when FTA accepts the Gold Line into Project Development (PD). PD can only be two years which means the schedule for releasing Request for Proposals (RFPs), submitting the PD letter, and approvals of funding agreements need to be orchestrated in order to take advantage of the full two years and to only spend funds during PD so funds can count as match to federal dollars. Staff continue to coordinate the near-term schedule to ensure the best use of resources for Project Development.

**Procurement Process**

There are two procurement processes underway to begin Project Development. Both of these procurements, and subsequent contracts, are envisioned to last through construction of the project. The first is the Engineering Services Contract (ESC) and the second is the Project Management and Environmental Services Contract (PMC). Both procurements were advertised in July. Proposals for the PMC were due on August 29 and proposals for the ESC are due on September 25.

Per Metropolitan Council policy, an evaluation panel (EP) of at least five members is required for contracts over \$10 million. Members must be officially named by the Council's Regional Administrator or a designee. For these two procurements, the EP will consist of agency staff from the Metropolitan Council and/or Metro Transit, MnDOT, Washington County, and Ramsey County, as well as a municipal staff designee representing the Gateway Corridor Commission. Staff will provide updates to the procurement process at the Commission meeting.

**Action Requested**                      Information



**DATE:** September 1, 2017  
**TO:** Gateway Corridor Commission  
**FROM:** Staff  
**RE:** METRO Gold Line BRTOD Planning Update

## Key Work Activities/Progress for the month of July 2017

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### ▪ Meetings

- *Project Management Team (PMT)* – PMT meeting on July 11 to discuss progress on the Stakeholder Involvement Plan, review the draft project ‘Milestone’ schedule, and the agenda for the upcoming Technical Team Meeting (July 31, 2017)
- *Stakeholder Meeting* (Washington County Community Development Agency (CDA)) –a July 14 video conference with the project management team and the Washington County CDA to identify the potential for CDA involvement in assistance with BRTOD development projects at station areas within Washington County. The CDA provided an overview of existing tools, resources and incentives that are available for redevelopment efforts. CDA would be a willing partner to assist with redevelopment efforts if invited by the cities to do so. The PMT will inform the Cities of CDA’s willingness to partner at the July Technical Team meeting.
- *Project Management Team (PMT)* –PMT video conference on July 20, 2017, to review initial discussions with Metro Transit regarding potential station area concepts for White Bear, and Woodbury/Theater Stations and implications for the work plan. The meeting also included an update on the project work plan.
- *Helmo Station Schedule Review*- Individual meeting with City of Oakdale on July 27 to review the draft project ‘Milestone’ schedule provided on July 11, 2017, and to identify/clarify each ‘milestone’ meetings purpose and agenda. The City identified recommended refined dates for each milestone and suggestions for level of engagement for each milestone. The City requested additional project information including the draft schedule and ‘overall’ project goals to share with Council on August 8.
- *Technical Team Meeting (TT)* – video conference with PMT and the cities on July 31 to Review Draft Community Engagement Schedule and Project Phasing (Four Phases); Discuss Key Stakeholders and Review Anticipated Engagement Tools and Tactics for Phase 1 (Issues/Concerns/ Opportunities); Discuss Anticipated Cities Staff Roles in Organization and Logistics for Engagement

### ▪ Other Project Activities

- Finalized draft Stakeholder Involvement Plan with CFA



- Prepared draft Community Engagement Schedule and potential 'milestone' dates.

## Key Work Activities/Progress for the month of August 2017

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### ▪ Meetings

- *City Meeting Oakdale*— Meeting w/ Bob Streatar on August 1 to review draft PowerPoint materials for Oakdale City Council briefing scheduled for August 8.
- *Gap Assessment and Infrastructure Analysis (Internal Consultant Team Meeting)* August 1 meetings to outline analysis process, study area and timeline for data collection and draft deliverables. Draft deliverables are anticipated to be complete by mid-September
- *Project Management Team (PMT)* —PMT conference calls were held on *August 3* to discuss upcoming community engagement agendas for each of the partner cities and a timeline for developing draft project content and messaging; *August 16* to review the Helmo Station slideshow presentation in advance of the Oakdale City Council Helmo Station work session scheduled for August 22; *August 25* to discuss project and sub consultant management strategies; *August 31* to review the schedule and content for upcoming stakeholder meetings in Oakdale (October 3 and October 10), Maplewood (October 9), St Paul (October 11), and Joint Landfall/Oakdale (October 24), review of project content materials still in process, and status of gap assessment, circulation and infrastructure analysis.
- *Finalize Partner Cities Community Engagement Process and Schedule*— The consultant team and WCRRA met individually with each city (from August 7 to August 15) to review the community engagement process and timeline across the four phases of the project and defined the level of engagement, key stakeholders, tools/techniques for outreach and responsibilities and timelines. A summary for each city is available on Google drive and is accessible to the cities and WCRRA and will be updated throughout the entirety of the project.
- *Stakeholder Meetings (Oakdale Moratorium Properties- Helmo Station)*— On August 14 and 15, the consultant, WCRRA, City of Oakdale and Helmo Station property owners Dave Johnson, and Carlson properties met via video conference to review the Helmo Station process and schedule, review & discuss initial TOD development concepts and gather feedback on issues, concerns, and opportunities at the station. The property owners are committed to the planning process and working together with the city and project management team.
- *Stakeholder Meeting (Oakdale City Council-Helmo Station)* – On August 22 the consultants with WCRRA and Oakdale City staff facilitated a council work session to review the Helmo Station process and schedule, review & discuss initial TOD development concepts and gather feedback on issues, concerns, and opportunities at the station. The audience included representatives from the Washington County Commission and Carlson Properties (local developer and moratorium property owner representative)

### Other Project Activities

- Finalized Implementation Plan Working with CFA
- Prepared draft Phase 1 community engagement schedule and dates



## Upcoming Activities

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- Finalize project information to be included on WCRRA and individual cities websites week of September 8
- Provide update on WSB circulation audit, Sambatek existing infrastructure analysis and Maxfield Gap Assessment.
- Finalize draft TOD and BRT stations discussion concepts for Helmo Station, Tamarack Station, Woodbury/Theater Station, Sun Ray Station, White Bear Station for review with WCRRA during the third week of September
- Prepare outline of Transit Academy Manual

**Action Requested:** Information.



*Agenda Item #6c*

**DATE:** September 5, 2017  
**TO:** Gateway Corridor Commission  
**FROM:** Brian McClung, MZA+Co  
**RE:** Gateway Corridor Communications and Government Relations Update

**Strategic Communications** – At the July Gateway Corridor Commission meeting we provided a preview of the video produced by our team recapping lessons learned from the Commission’s visit to Eugene, Oregon. We made a couple of edits to the video based on the feedback received and posted it on the Gateway Corridor Commission’s YouTube page. The video can be viewed online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mmh4ExlvYlg>. We have shared the video via our Twitter and Facebook accounts.

We traveled with the Gateway Corridor Commission delegation to Washington, D.C. on September 6-7 to meet with members of the U.S. Senate, U.S. House and their staffs regarding Gold Line BRT. We provided feedback on key messages for these meetings, took photos, and shared information via social media. We will also be including information about the Washington, D.C. delegation trip in an upcoming e-newsletter.

In August, we met with staff at the Metropolitan Council regarding the role the Gateway Corridor Commission can continue to play in supporting Gold Line BRT, including media relations outreach, grassroots outreach and social media, as oversight of the project transfers to the Met Council and Metro Transit.

**Government Relations** – We have continued to stay in contact with key legislators and staff during the interim between the 2017 and 2018 legislative sessions, including the committee administrators for the House and Senate bonding committees. We have also spoken with government affairs staff at the Metropolitan Council regarding their bonding request for 2018.

The Met Council has submitted a general request for transitway funding to the Governor’s Office and Minnesota Management & Budget as part of the process for assembling the Governor’s 2018 bonding recommendations. The Governor’s bonding recommendations will be released in mid-January.

Legislators and staff tell us they expect a bonding bill in the range of \$900 million to \$1 billion will be passed during the 2018 legislative session. This would be similar in size to the bill passed earlier this year.



**Social Media** – We continue to use Twitter and Facebook to share information. The @GoldLineBRT twitter account started on March 25. We are now at 183 followers. Our Facebook page has 904 likes.

**Action:** Information.



*Agenda Item #7*

**DATE:** September 8, 2017  
**TO:** Gateway Corridor Commission  
**FROM:** Staff  
**RE:** Other Items

**Items 7a. Meeting Dates Summary**

Included below is a summary of the upcoming Commission meetings. During the Pre-Project Development phase, public engagement meetings will be limited because there is not new information to share or input needed. Any public meetings that are scheduled will be included in the packet.

Month	Meeting	Date	Planned Start Time
October	Commission	October 7	3:30pm

**Item 7b. Social Media and Website Update**

Facebook

The Gateway Corridor Facebook page was launched on Monday, February 20, 2012. The page currently has 903 'Likes'. There have no instances during the reporting period where comments have been removed in line with the Commission's social media policy.

YouTube

The "views" of the Gateway Corridor videos ranges from 12-5,100 views.

Twitter

The Gateway Corridor Twitter account (@GoldLineBRT) was launched in March 2016. The account currently has 182 followers.

**Item 7c. Media Articles**

There were no media articles about the Gateway Corridor since the last meeting in July.

**Action Requested:** Information.