

Phase 1 Mounds Boulevard Station

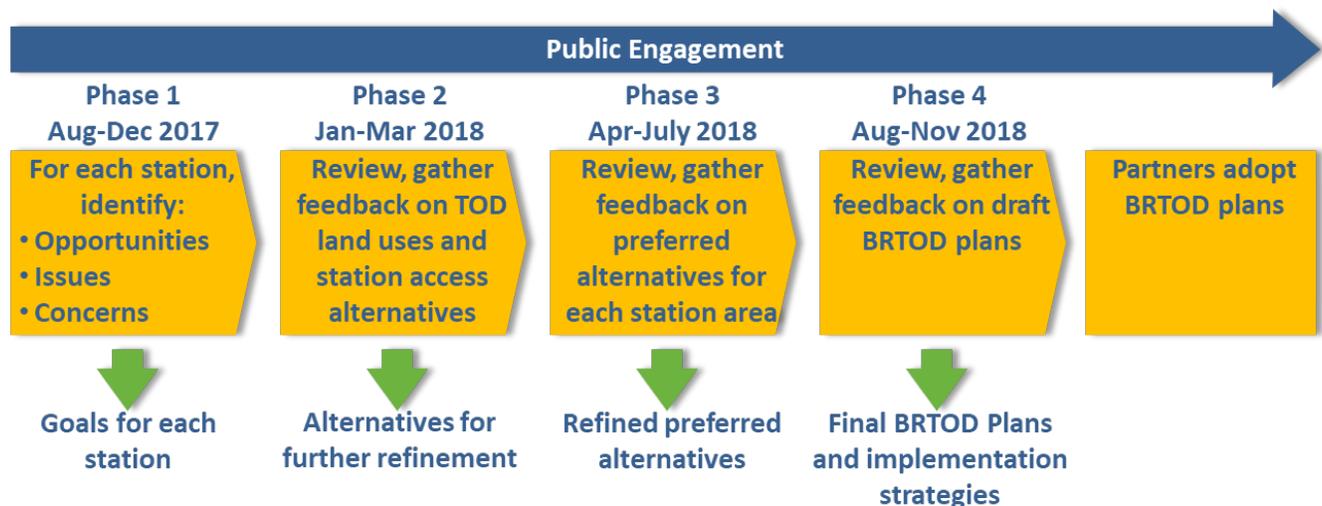
Constraints and Opportunities Summary

The following is a summary of Phase 1 community engagement activities for the Mounds Boulevard Station planning area. The purpose of Phase 1 is to gather stakeholder feedback on draft station area-specific constraints and opportunities to guide the Phase 2 alternatives to address them.

Process

Gold Line BRTOD Phases and Timeline

See the phases and timeline below for this station area.



Engagement

The consultant team conducted an in-person community session hosted by the District 4 Dayton’s Bluff Community Council within the station area, and online engagement via the Gateway Corridor Gold Line BRT website (<http://thegatewaycorridor.com/station-development/>).

In-Person

The purpose of these meetings was to:

- Inform key stakeholders about the planning process, project objectives, and consultant-identified constraints and opportunities for the station area (1/2 mile radius of the station)
- Gather feedback on station area constraints and opportunities, and key issues or opportunities that need to be addressed
- Review next steps and how the information gathered will be used to inform station area alternatives and BRTOD concepts in Phase 2

Each meeting began with the consultant’s [presentation](#) of the BRTOD Plans overview, project phases, and a draft analysis of the constraints and opportunities for the station area, along with a [handout](#).

Participants then provided feedback on constraints and opportunities on a Response Sheet that included a graphic description and the following questions:

Questions related to station area **constraints**:

- What other constraints do you think are missing?
- What prevents you or your family from getting to transit or neighborhood destinations by walking or biking?
- Within walking or biking distance of your home, what types of uses are missing that would benefit you or your family?

Questions related to station area **opportunities**:

- What other opportunities do you think are missing?
- What kinds of improvements would encourage or support you to walk or bike to the BRT station and places in your neighborhood?
- At this station area or within walking or biking distance of your home, what types of uses would be most useful and convenient for you and your family?

In-person sessions included the following:

- Community feedback session hosted by the District 4 Dayton’s Bluff Community Council for St Paul station areas at Mounds Boulevard, Earl, and Etna; October 11, 2017, 6:30-8:00 pm at Dayton’s Bluff Recreation Center 800 Conway St, St Paul

Online

Online feedback was gathered in October through early November 2017 via a link on the Gateway Corridor Gold Line BRT website. Participants were provided with basic project information followed by exactly the same graphics and questions described above for in-person engagement

Station Area Objectives

In-person and on-line engagement provided feedback on draft station area constraints and opportunities to help shape specific station area objectives to guide Phase 2 station area land use and access alternatives. Key objectives identified for this station area include the following:

- Preserve and promote neighborhood historic character
- Preserve and enhance environment for existing business
- Preserve parking and auto access for Hudson Road businesses
- Create a safe station environment
- Ensure safe walking and biking
- Promote compatible development

Results: Constraints and Opportunities

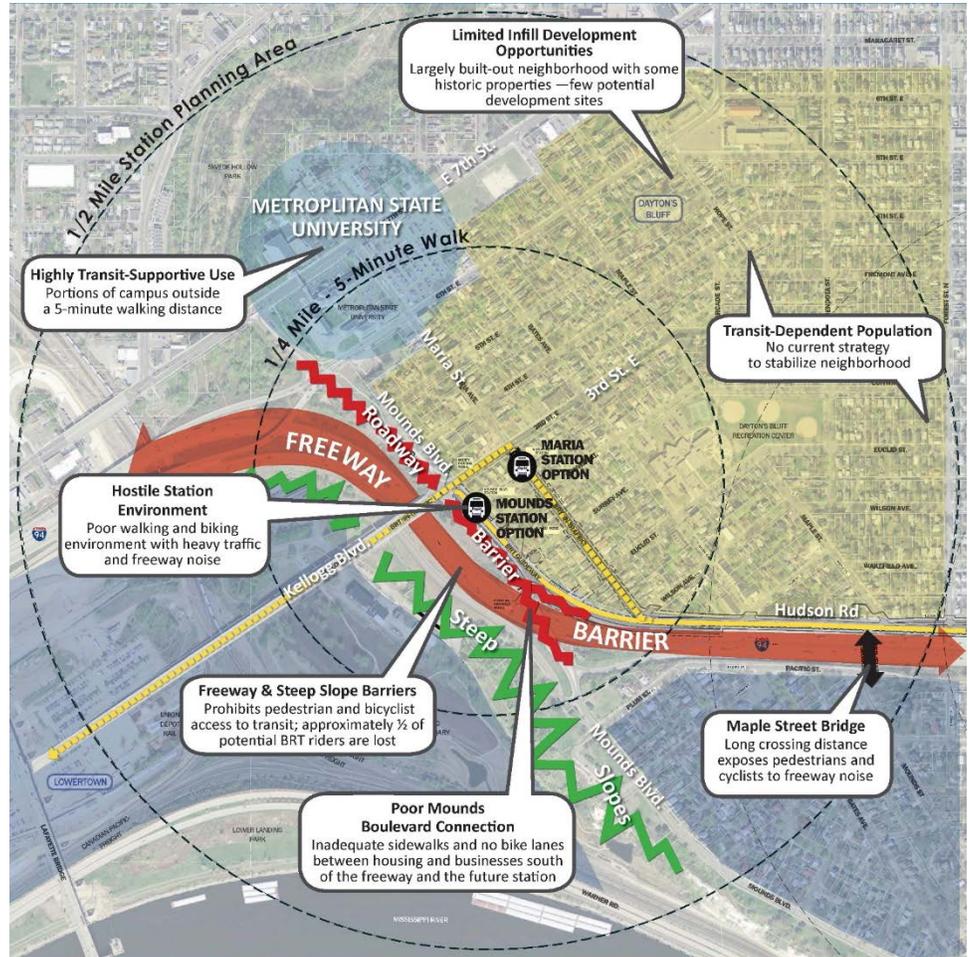
The results compilations below are from in-person and online feedback, along with the graphics and explanations that were provided to participants.

Constraints

Content

Participants provided feedback via a written Response Sheet that contained the graphic, description, and questions shown below.

Today, Mounds Boulevard is a barrier to those who choose to walk or bicycle from the south and west of the future Mounds station, and freeway noise and air quality will impact transit riders at the platform. I-94, along with steep slopes, is a major barrier to residents and businesses on the south side of the freeway. Future new development around the Mounds Boulevard station is limited as the neighborhood is largely built out.



- What other constraints do you think are missing?
- What prevents you or your family from getting to transit or neighborhood destinations by walking or biking?
- Within walking or biking distance of your home, what types of uses are missing that would benefit you or your family?
- Additional comments, questions, or concerns about constraints in this station area?

Feedback

1. What other constraints do you think are missing?

- Maria much busier and with historic properties
- Maria poses potential conflicts with buses in mixed traffic
- Maria: concern about taking sidewalks, properties
- Maria option puts buses in middle of designated historic district Limited parking at either Mounds or Maria; weight is issue on 3rd St bridge
- Many children use Maria to get to and from Dayton's Bluff School; topography is icy in winter

2. What prevents you or your family from getting to transit or neighborhood destinations by walking or biking?

- Busy traffic
- 3. Within walking or biking distance of your home, what types of uses are missing that would benefit you or your family?**
- Maple pedestrian bridge us used a lot by kids to and from Dayton's Bluff School and Rec Center
 - More family restaurants, coffee shops
- 4. Additional comments, questions, or concerns about constraints in this station area?**
- Concerned about taking sidewalks and properties along Hudson; this is a tight neighborhood
 - Dedicated bus lanes on new Kellogg/3rd Street bridge
 - Don't forget cars, trucks in the multi-modal corridor
 - Snow management

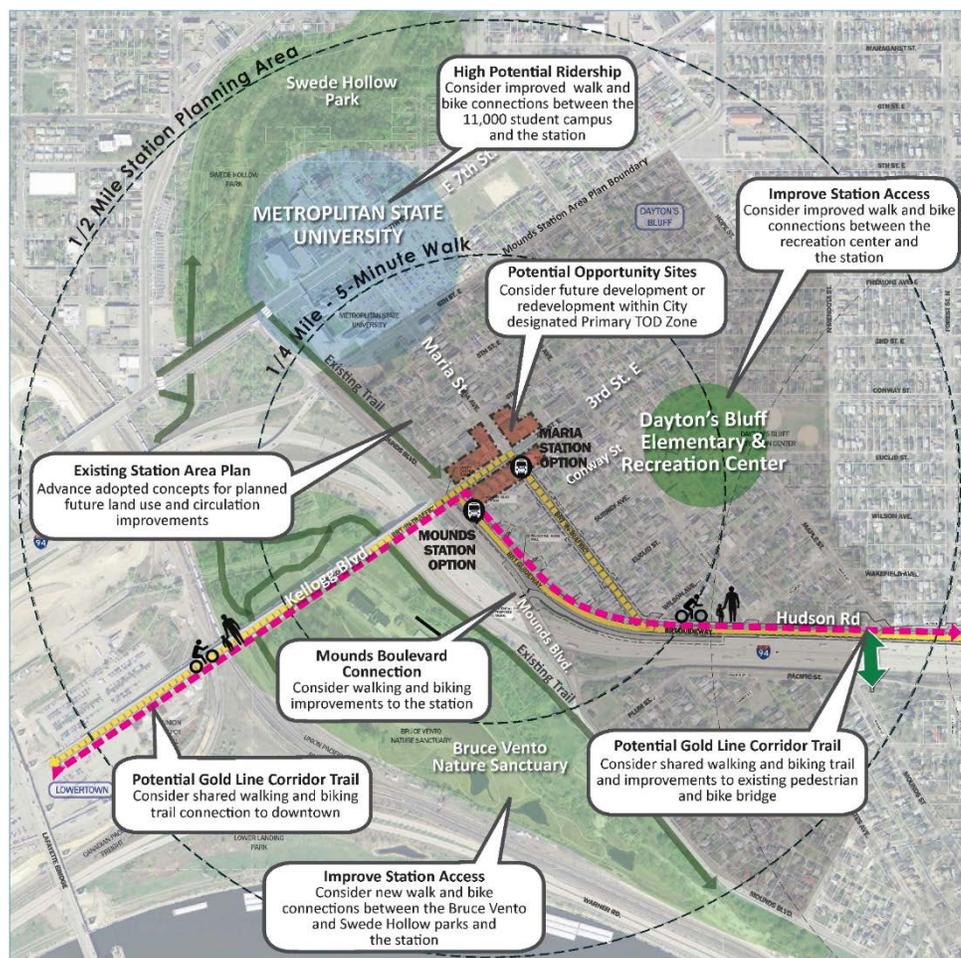
Opportunities

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For the future Mounds station area, there are many ways to improve walking and bicycling to transit, neighborhood destinations, and downtown St Paul. Future development or redevelopment at the intersection of Maria Street and 3rd Street E could provide a more pedestrian-friendly environment with the potential for additional goods and services uses to meet the daily needs of current and future residents.

- What other opportunities do you think are missing?
- What kinds of improvements would encourage or support you to walk or bike to the BRT station and places in your neighborhood?



- At this station area or within walking or biking distance of your home, what types of uses would be most useful and convenient for you and your family?
- Additional comments, questions, or concerns about opportunities in this station area?

Feedback

1. What other opportunities do you think are missing?

- Additional bus/transit connections at station
- Honor historic district with design; great view of downtown from Mounds Park
- Public art
- Metro State science building is incredible
- Dayton's Bluff historic district has attracted people who want to live in unique urban setting in this area -- urban pioneers who like transit
- Much better opportunities at Mounds with full view of city
- Metro State's new science building will draw region-wide

2. What kinds of improvements would encourage or support you to walk or bike to the BRT station and places in your neighborhood?

- If there will be new sidewalks to access station and neighborhood amenities, they need to be maintained -- there aren't private properties there now and City is supposed to maintain but they don't!
- Two-way traffic on Hudson

3. At the station area or within walking or biking distance of your home, what types of uses would be most useful and convenient for you and your family?

- Small businesses, parking

4. Additional comments, questions, or concerns about opportunities in this station area?

- Don't consider Maria station -- excess mixed traffic on Maria, no space for station construction, disruptive to historic district, tight right turn from 3rd to Maria
- Put art at stations