

Apply now to serve on the Community and Business Advisory Committee



## Community Members Sought to Help with Gold Line BRT

Community members and business owners have an important opportunity to help guide the development of the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (Gold Line) project. When it's complete, the Gold Line will provide fast, frequent bus service to neighborhoods and businesses in the east metro between Woodbury and downtown Saint Paul.

There is no previous experience or educational background required to participate; the Met Council is looking for any and all individuals that care about the neighborhood they live or work in.

The project is taking applications for the Community and Business Advisory Committee (CBAC) until **March 2, 2018**.

People who live, work, or own businesses/property within one-half mile of stations will be given priority, and three people who represent at-large interests will be selected. Meetings are anticipated to occur monthly and will be about two hours in length. The first meeting will likely be in April 2018.

"Good input and feedback from the community are the most important building blocks of any project," said Alene Tchourumoff, Chair of the Metropolitan Council. "The Gold Line has to serve the neighborhoods and businesses along the line, and we need local input to do that as effectively as possible. I encourage residents, business owners, workers, renters and more along the corridor to apply."

Committee members will have the opportunity to provide input on design choices, including station design, parking, and access to the line by biking and walking. They will also help identify potential issues related to construction and offer advice on how to mitigate the impacts of building and operating the Gold Line.

"Their most important function will be to serve as an information resource about the community and to act as liaisons to the neighborhoods and businesses the line will serve. We want people who are engaged in their communities - they don't need to have expertise in engineering or development. They're experts about their own communities," said Tchourumoff.

[Apply for the CBAC](#)

## Sign up for Metro Transit E-News on METRO Gold Line

*Receive project updates and submit input*

Now that METRO Gold Line is in the Project Development phase, and management of the project has transitioned to the Metropolitan Council, there will be additional opportunities for members of the public to weigh-in on project plans. Be sure to sign up for updates from the Metropolitan

Council to learn the latest project updates and upcoming opportunities to submit input.

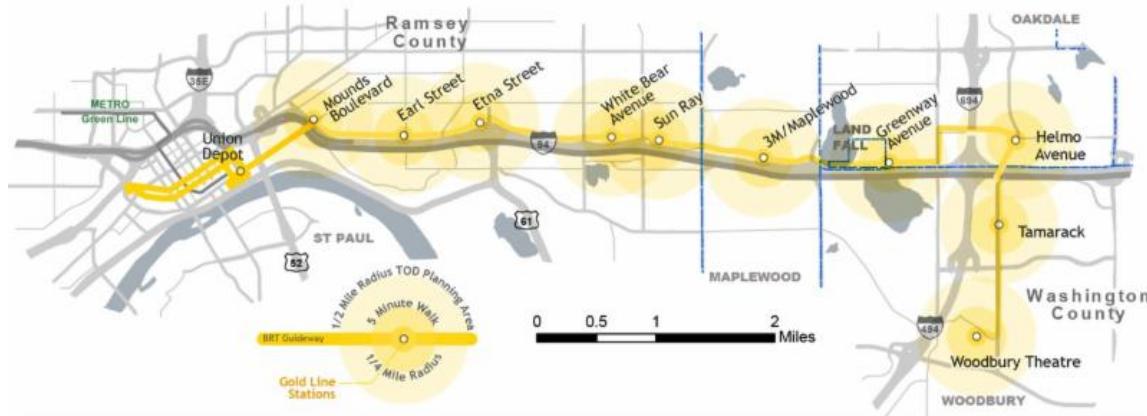
The Metropolitan Council will send out updates via email as this project progresses. We encourage you to click below to sign up to stay in the know!

**Sign up for updates!**

## METRO Gold Line BRT + Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)

**Station area plans progress, public feedback sought on draft concepts this spring**

Transit-oriented development (TOD) prepares for transit-supportive land uses and improved pedestrian, bike, and auto access within a half-mile of each of the 10 station areas along METRO Gold Line BRT. Station area plans help communities create better access to jobs, housing, and opportunities for people of all ages and incomes. Cities along the route each have their own station area vision, and this larger effort is needed to tie community visions together to form a cohesive plan for the entire corridor.



The first phase identified unique opportunities, issues, and constraints for each of the station areas. The next phase of station area planning, through Spring 2018, will present land use and access concepts for public feedback.

View the results of Phase 1 engagement, stay up-to-date on upcoming community meetings for Phase 2 and submit comment on specific concepts through the [Station Area Planning](#) page on the [Gateway Corridor Commission website](#).

Stay tuned for upcoming e-newsletters that will share specific community meeting dates for your station area.



Station area planning meeting in Oakdale.



White Bear Ave. station area planning meeting.

## In The News

Here are some recent news articles and letters to the editor about Gold Line BRT.

- River Towns: [Gold Line secures federal approval](#)
- Pioneer Press: [Woodbury-to-St. Paul Gold Line surges ahead with federal designation, new projects](#)
- Star Tribune: [Gold Line bus rapid transit wins critical federal approval](#)
- MPR NewsCut Blog: [East Metro's transit time is coming](#)
- Woodbury Bulletin: [Lisa Weik Viewpoint: Key phase begins for Gold Line BRT project](#)
- Star Tribune: [With rapid bus line on drawing board, developer shifts plans for site in Oakdale](#)

### About METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit

The METRO Gold Line will be Minnesota's first Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line to operate primarily in a dedicated busway. This cost-effective transportation solution is critical to the future development of our region. The Gold Line will connect St. Paul, Maplewood, Landfall, Oakdale and Woodbury and will provide frequent, all-day, everyday service for people traveling in the East Metro. It will also connect the eastern suburbs with the growing regional transit system. More information is available at [www.theGatewayCorridor.com](http://www.theGatewayCorridor.com). Updates and information can also be found on Facebook at [facebook.com/GoldLineBRT](http://facebook.com/GoldLineBRT) and on Twitter at [@GoldLineBRT](http://@GoldLineBRT).



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