

Planning Commission Staff Report

June 29, 2012

Project Name	Comments on the draft Central Corridor Transit Service Concept Plan
Geographic Scope	In St. Paul, Larpentuer Ave on the north, 35E on east (includes downtown), Mississippi River on south and west. Plan also includes downtown Minneapolis south to Lake Street (east of Hiawatha LRT) and north to Hennepin Ave.
Ward(s)	1, 2, 4, 5
District Council(s)	6, 7, 8,9,10, 11,12,13,14,15,16,17
Project Description	In anticipation of CCLRT, Metro Transit is proposing to restructure and enhance bus service to LRT. See the full concept plan (66 pages) at http://metrotransit.org/central-concept-plan.aspx
Project Contact	Scott Thompson, Metro Transit
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Lead Agency/Department	Metro Transit
Purpose of Project/Plan	Make better bus connections to CCLRT. One third of all Metro Transit rides are taken in the study area. 40% of train riders are expected to transfer from buses, making timely connections vital.
Planning References	Comprehensive Plan: Policy T2.6, T2.9, T2.11
Project stage	Planning
General Timeline	June 2012 – Public meetings and public hearings July 9, 2012- Public comment period closes Summer/Fall 2012 – Revise Concept Plan Late 2012 – Final Plan approval 2014 – Implementation with the opening of the Green Line
Level of PC Involvement	Inform & involve committee
Previous Committee action	None; briefed by Metro Transit in April 2012
Level of Public Involvement	Inform & involve public
Public Hearing	5 opportunities: http://metrotransit.org/Central_meetings.aspx
Public Hearing Location	Various, see link above

Staff recommendation	Approval of City comments
Action item requested of the Committee	Review attached comments and approve
Committee rec.	Approve
Committee vote	6 - 0
Commission rec.	Approve
Commission vote	Unanimous