



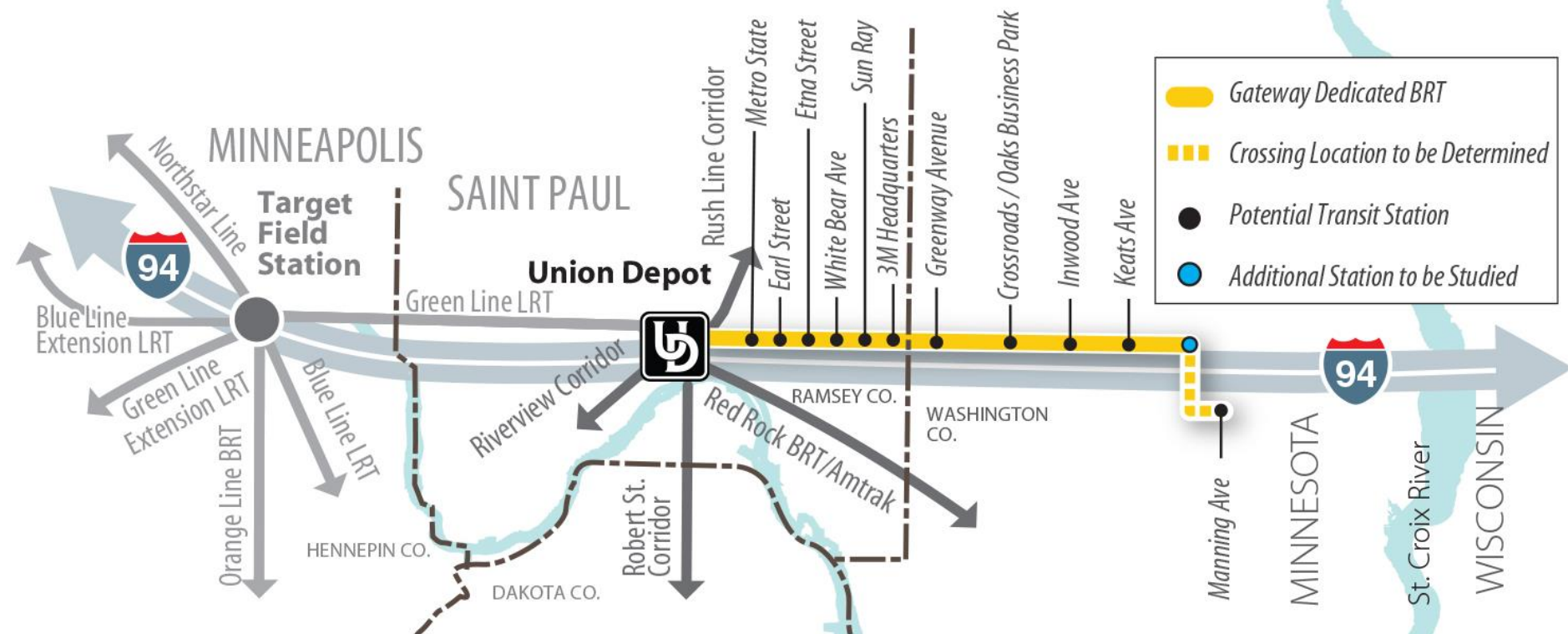
GATEWAY CORRIDOR

St. Paul City Council
Transitway Policy Discussion

June 10, 2015

Project Purpose and Need

Provide transit service to meet the existing and long-term regional mobility and local accessibility needs for businesses and the traveling public in the project area



Gateway Corridor Commission

- Elected officials and Business Representatives from St. Paul to the St. Croix
- Came together to find a transit solution for all corridor communities
- City of Saint Paul and Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce are Members



The Gateway Corridor Project will provide:



All day bi-directional service every 15 minutes or better



Reliable travel time between stations



Connections at Union Depot to Green Line LRT and local and express buses



Comfortable transit stations with weather protection, seating, lights, and ticket vending machines



Stations become focal points for housing, jobs, and commercial activity

Station Areas as Employment / Job Centers



3M Corporate Campus



Station Areas as Infill Development



Sun Ray Shopping Center, St Paul

Station Areas as Mixed Use Developments

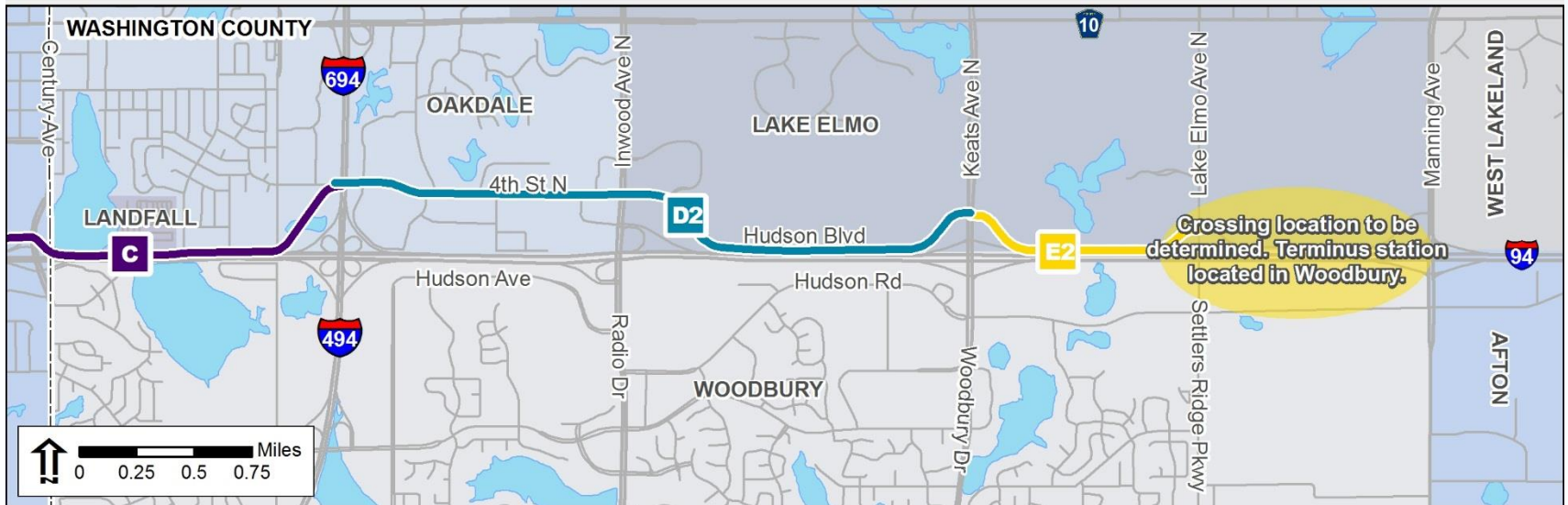
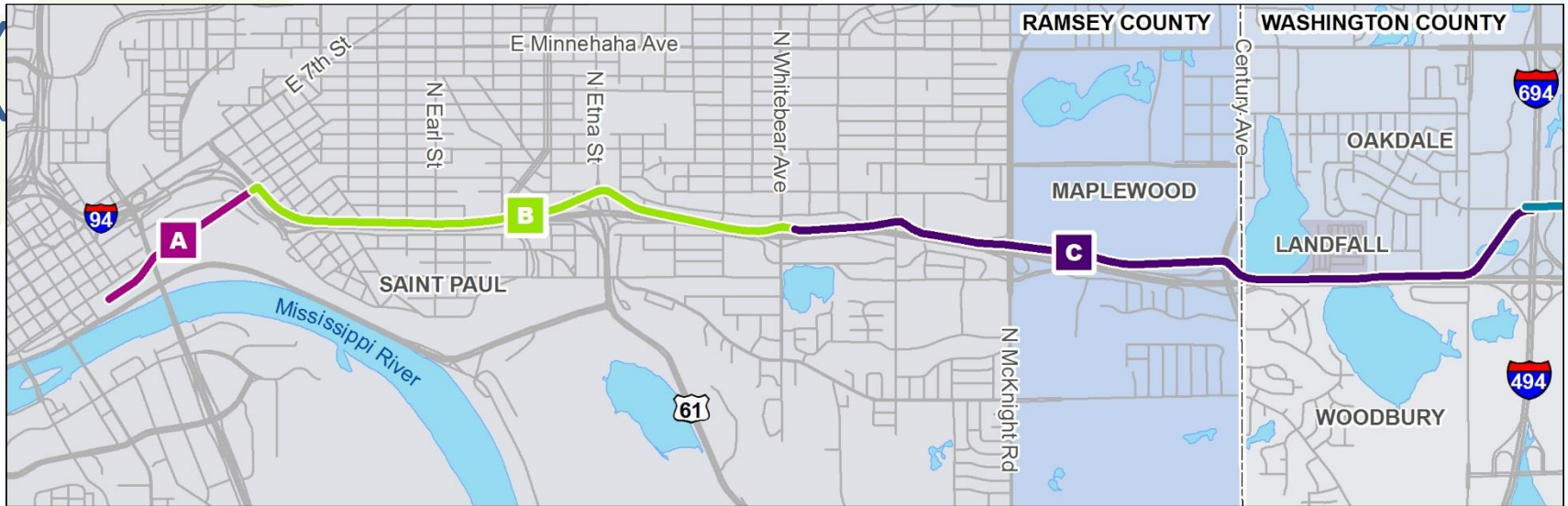


Station Areas Connecting to Educational Institutions



Metro State University, Saint Paul

Locally Preferred Alternative



Transit Options Considered

Bus Rapid Transit in a Dedicated Guideway



Bus Rapid Transit
in a managed lane



Light Rail Transit

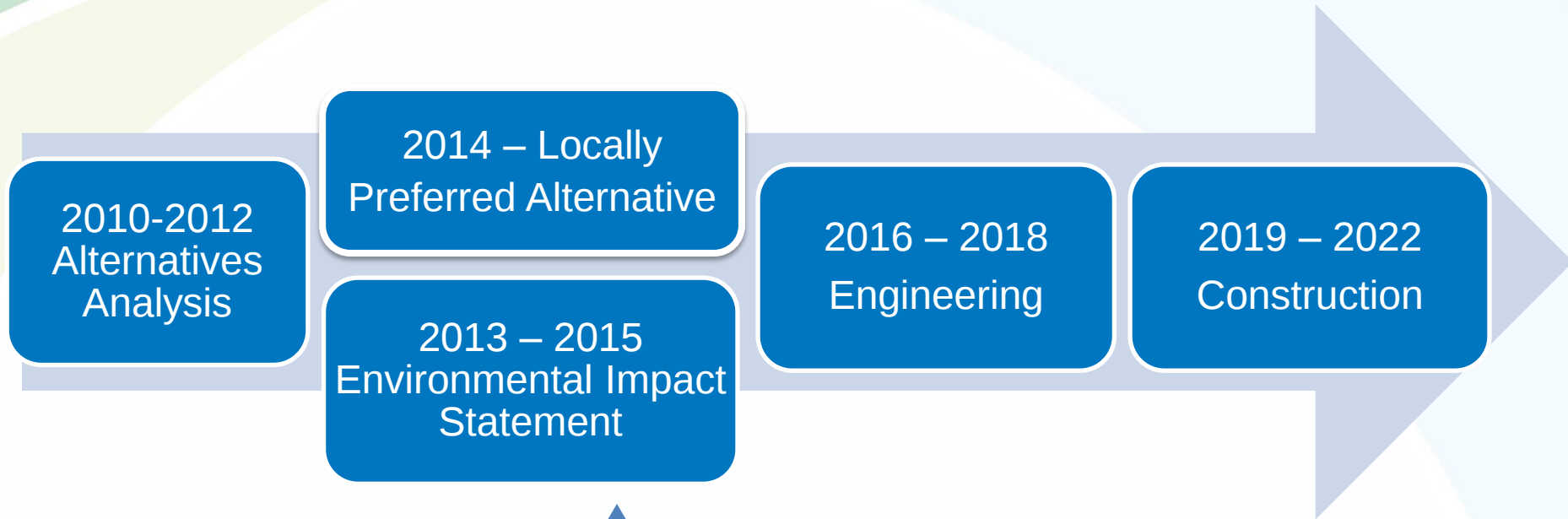
Fast, Premium, Permanent



LPA Characteristics

- BRT Within a Dedicated Guideway
- Length = 12 miles
- Number of Stations = 11-12
- Projected 2030 Daily Ridership
 - BRT Service = 8,500
 - Total Corridor = 13,300
- Estimated Travel Time = 29-30 minutes
- Estimated Capital Costs = \$485 million

Timeline:



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We are
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Issues Covered in an EIS

- **Land Use/Economics**
- Community Facilities
- Displacements/Relocations
- **Historic Resources**
- Visual/Aesthetics
- **Environmental Justice**
- Safety
- Farmlands
- Water Resources
- Vegetation and Wildlife
- Utilities
- Stormwater
- Air Quality
- Hazardous Waste
- **Noise and Vibration**
- Energy
- **Transportation (roads, transit, bike/ped, freight)**

Public Engagement informs Project

Decisions *The project has actively sought community input since planning began in 2009. Most recently, engagement efforts were focused on the Draft EIS Scoping Process, which included:*

- User Friendly Materials
 - Scoping Booklet and Project Fact Sheets
 - Informational Video – over 1000 views on YouTube
- Scoping Meetings and Scoping Comment Period – 97 comments received
- Additional Engagement Events – over 100 held since start of DEIS
 - “Pop-up” information sessions
 - Presentations to interested stakeholders, community and business groups, local government boards and commissions



Next Steps

- More detailed engineering of the alignment and station stops
- Conduct environmental analysis
- Work with communities to develop station area plans
- Ongoing community engagement

How the Community Can Provide Input

- Invite Gateway team members to meet with your organization or community group
- Contact project staff directly at GatewayCorridor@co.washington.mn.us or 651-430-4300
- Sign up for email newsletter
- Visit www.TheGatewayCorridor.com
 - Videos, project updates, analysis reports, meeting summaries
- Visit/Like www.facebook.com/GatewayCorridor
- Comment directly to policy makers at PAC meetings

Thank you

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