



FACT SHEET



What is the Central Corridor?

- The Central Corridor is an 11-mile transit line connecting Minneapolis to downtown St. Paul and the University of Minnesota, as well as several vibrant residential and commercial neighborhoods in between.

What kind of transit is planned in the Central Corridor?

- Light rail transit, like the trains that currently run on the Hiawatha Line in Minneapolis.

How will the Central Corridor benefit Minnesotans?

- Employees working in the vicinity of the Central and Hiawatha corridors — including at the airport, Mall of America, University of Minnesota and St. Paul's Midway — would have a reliable way to get to their jobs.
- LRT has a projected average weekday ridership of 43,000 people by 2030.
- Less traffic congestion for Twin Cities residents and visitors.
- Businesses in the Central Corridor will benefit from increased visibility and the additional development that will follow transit improvements.
- Mass transit will reduce dangerous emissions and improve air quality.

Why are changes needed in the Central Corridor?

- By 2020, traffic is expected to rise by 48 percent, creating major congestion.
- Because Interstate 94 is landlocked and expected to exceed capacity by 2020, increasing its capacity would cost well over \$1 billion, devastate nearby neighborhoods, and only delay inevitable congestion.
- The Midway business district is one of the fastest-growing commercial and residential areas in the Twin Cities, and one of the most congested. Improved transit will allow growth to be sustained.
- The University Avenue area has the potential to be one of the best urban redevelopment sites in the Twin Cities.

What role does the Central Corridor play in a regional transit system?

- Transit works best when it connects key destinations and features predictable service. Along with the Hiawatha Line, the improved Central Corridor will connect all of the largest economic and residential destinations in the Twin Cities and provide predictable transportation around neighborhoods.

What will the Central Corridor cost?

- Projected capital cost for LRT in the Central Corridor is \$930 million.

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