

# Central Corridor

## Light Rail Transit



# Construction Update

July 17, 2009

## Soil borings to begin in late July along Central Corridor

### General project update

From late July through November, crews will take borings generally in the parking lanes on the entire length of the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit route to collect soil and water samples so they can be analyzed for the presence of possible contamination. Drilling also will be done on some private property with owners' written permission. The information will be used to develop plans to properly handle any contaminated soil and ground water affected by LRT construction, which will begin in late summer 2010.

### How will parking lanes be affected?

Parking lanes will be closed on one side of the street at a time. Work will be performed in one- to two-block sections, and crews should advance the work by a block or two every couple of days. Parking lanes in any given two-block stretch should be closed for only a couple of days. ***Remember, though, that work schedules are subject to changes due to weather and other unforeseen circumstances.***

### How will bus stops be affected?

Crews will work with Metro Transit to temporarily relocate bus stops as needed, and signs will be posted at bus stops to notify passengers of any changes.

### When will the work occur?

The drilling will be done between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on weekdays under permits issued by both cities.

### Got questions? Contact the project office, not the work crews!

Please don't talk to crews or go around barriers into work zones. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Central Corridor LRT Project office at [centralcorridor@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:centralcorridor@metc.state.mn.us) or call 651-602-1645.



An example of the type of drilling rig that will be used

**About the project:** The Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project will link downtown St. Paul and downtown Minneapolis along Washington and University avenues via the state Capitol and the University of Minnesota. Construction would begin in 2010 on the planned 11-mile Central Corridor line, with service beginning in 2014. The line would connect with the Hiawatha LRT line at the Metrodome station in Minneapolis and the Northstar commuter rail line, which will begin operation in late 2009, at the new Minneapolis Multimodal Station. The Metropolitan Council will be the grantee of federal funds. The regional government agency is charged with building the line in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Transportation. The Central Corridor Management Committee, which includes commissioners from Ramsey and Hennepin counties, the mayors of St. Paul and Minneapolis and the University of Minnesota, provides advice and oversight. The Central Corridor LRT Project Website is [www.centralcorridor.org](http://www.centralcorridor.org). (6/19)