



## Minnnetonka 2012 Transit Study



## Project Background

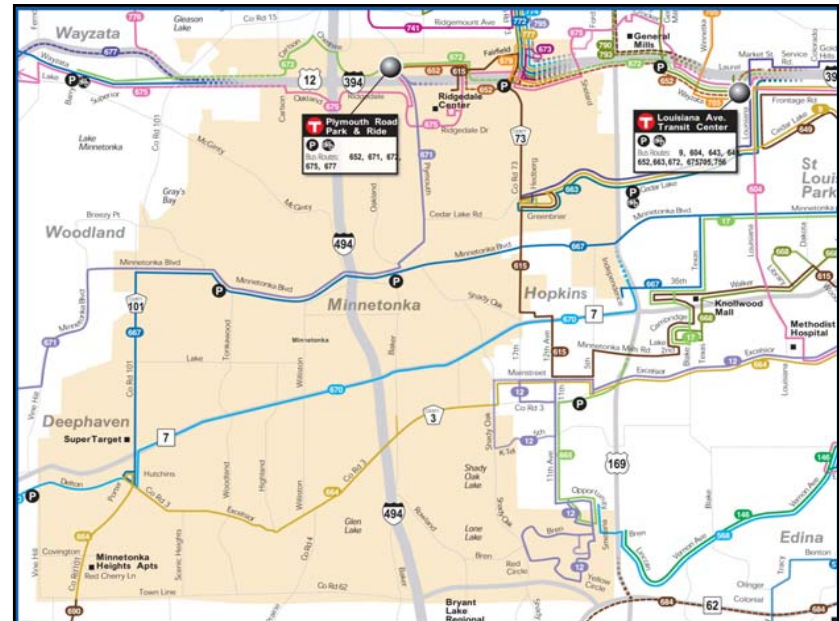
- 2000 – Minnetonka given option to opt-out
- 2001 – Metro Transit ‘Three Cities Transit Plan’
  - Sector study in Minnetonka, Hopkins, St. Louis Park
  - Focus on improving suburb to suburb travel via circulators
  - 1 of 3 Minnetonka circulators still operating
- 2002 – Minnetonka opts-out
  - Elects to have Metropolitan Council/Metro Transit continue to provide service for the City under Transit Cooperative Agreement
  - Annual report to City Council

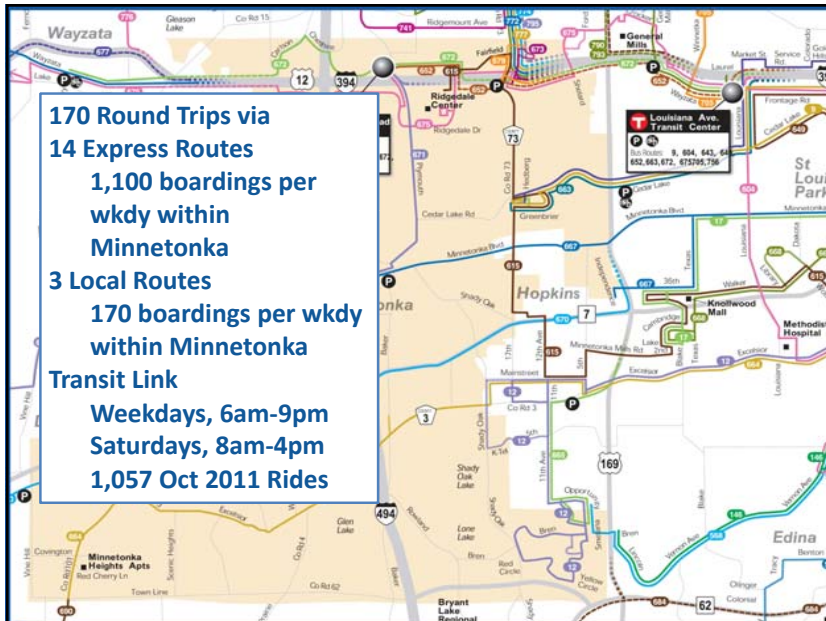




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- 2010 – Minnetonka asks LSA to conduct study
  - Assess current transit service in Minnetonka
  - Provide recommendations
- City currently reviewing options
  - Extend Transit Cooperative Agreement
  - Renegotiate a new contract, with enhanced local service
  - Terminate current agreement and join current STP or administer own transit system
- 2012 Transit Study part of review process





## 2012 Transit Study

- Builds on 2010 Study goals
  - Maintain integrity of regional system
  - Improve local access circulation
  - Ensure transit access to affordable housing, seniors and people with disabilities
- Review current service and ridership
- Gather information on existing and future demographics and development
- Study similar markets in other cities
- Develop options for local access circulation
- Explore potential changes to express service



## 2012 Transit Study

- Traditional Sector Study, with assistance from Nelson/Nygaard and LSA
- Stakeholder Outreach to Date
  - City Farmer’s Market, City Wide Open House, Minnetonka Memo, Metro Transit Web page, survey
- Open House planned for May 2012
- Concept plan completed June 2012
- Concept plan review and revision, Public Hearings Summer 2012
- Final report completed by Fall 2012
- 2013 implementation



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