





Gateway Corridor A Vital Link

Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee
April 9, 2012

Regional Connectivity

Transitway Development Process

- Early step in the federally-mandated process
- Led by the Gateway Corridor Commission
- Competitive process at the national level
- Determine best transit solution for the corridor

Alternatives Analysis <small>(Select Locally Preferred Alternative)</small>
Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Preliminary Engineering
Final Environmental Impact Statement
Record of Decision
Final Design/Right-of-Way
Construction
Operations
Project Expansion

Project Goals

Tier One

- Improve Mobility
- Provide a Cost-Effective, Economically Viable Transit Option

Tier Two

- Support Economic Development
- Protect the Natural Environment
- Preserve and Protect Community Quality of Life
- Improve Safety

What Does the AA Accomplish

Initial Screening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mode/Technology • Alignment 	<div style="font-size: 2em; color: #4a7ebb;">↑</div> <div style="font-size: 2em; color: #4a7ebb;">↓</div> <div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Public Involvement</div>
Detailed Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ridership • Costs – Capital and Operating • Environmental and Community Impacts 	
Preferred Alternative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation of results 	



Transit Options Considered

Type of Transit

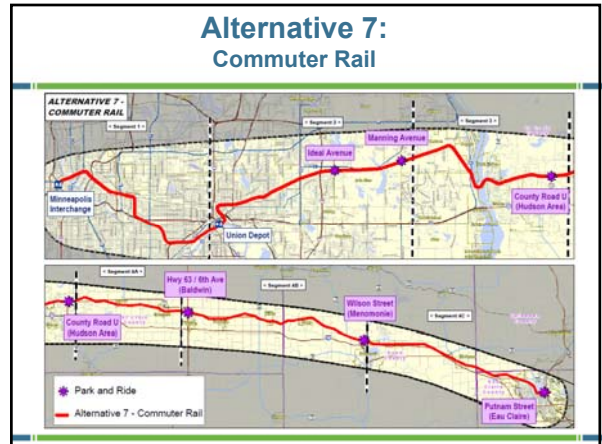
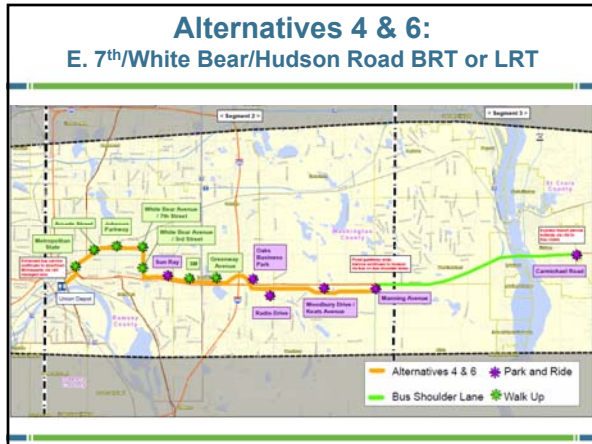
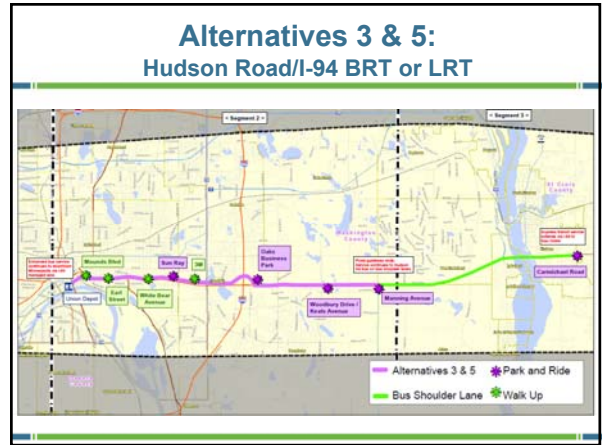
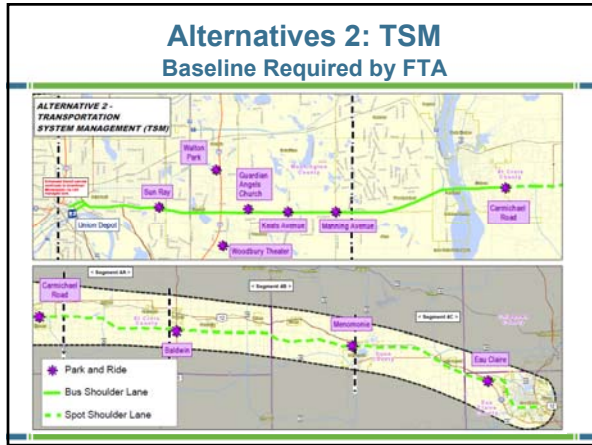
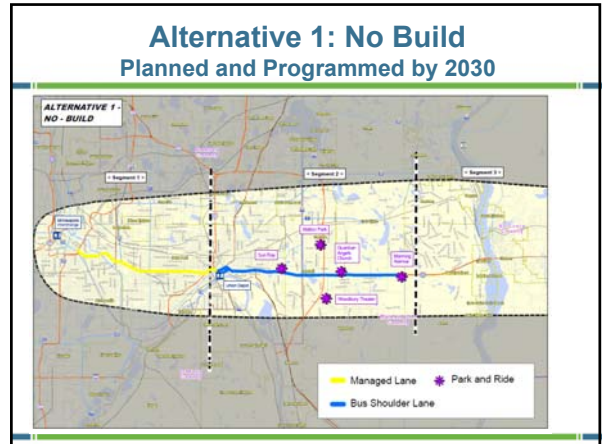
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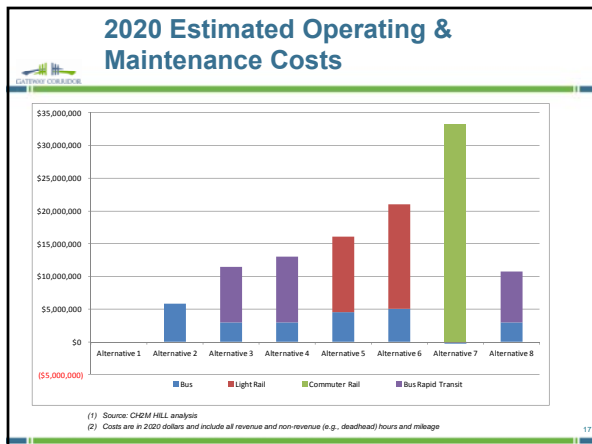
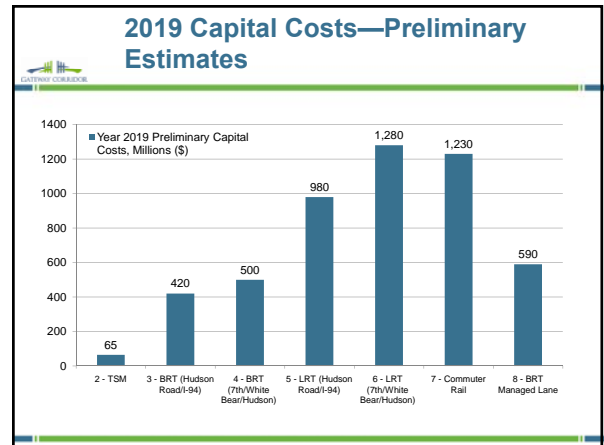
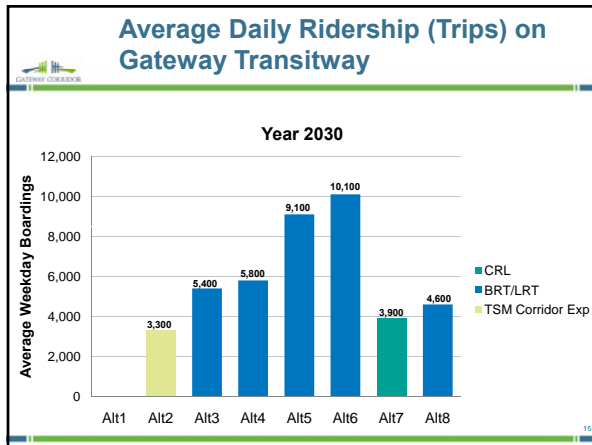
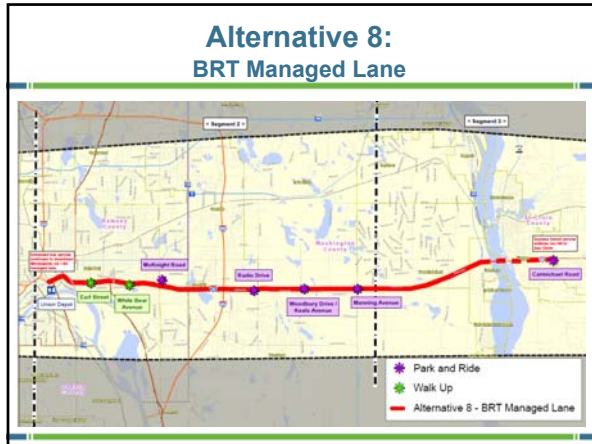
Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Guideway

Light Rail Transit (LRT)

Commuter Rail

BRT Managed Lane





Key Differentiators

Legend: — Low, ○ Medium, + High

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BRT Managed Lane (Alt 8)	—	+	○	+	+	+			✓
LRT along Hudson Rd/94 (Alt 5)	+	—	○	+/○	○	+		✓	
TSM - FTA requirement (Alt 2)	—	+	—	+	○	+		✓	
LRT along St. Paul Streets/Hudson Road (Alt 6)	+	—	+	—	—	○	✓		
BRT along St. Paul Streets/Hudson Road (Alt 4)	○	+	+	—	—	—	✓		
Commuter Rail (Alt 7) (Dismissed)	—	—	—	+	○	+	✓		

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Portions of Alternatives 4 & 6 Perform Well

- Section along East 7th Street to Arcade is viable
 - Study as separate travel market from Gateway Corridor, good ridership, economic development/redevelopment opportunity
- East of I-494/694 should be considered as an optional route for Alternative 3 or 5
 - Better economic development opportunities along Hudson Road than in I-94 median
 - Similar travel times with minimal property impacts

Outreach / Schedule

Public Outreach

- Community / Stakeholder Meetings**
 - Community Groups / Educational Institutions
 - Business Associations/Chambers
 - Corporate meetings
 - Planning Commissions/District & City Councils
- Open Houses**
 - 3 Rounds of Open Houses
- Outreach**
 - www.thegatewaycorridor.com
 - Newsletters
 - New for 2012: Facebook and YouTube pages



Next Steps

- ◆ 3rd round of Open Houses
- Gather community input on ranked alternatives to help inform decision making process
- Refine and Optimize most promising alternatives
- Complete AA Study **Summer 2012**
- Next Phase: Prepare Environmental Impact Statement **2012-2014**

March 27, 6-8 pm, St Paul (Eastside Community Center)
March 29, 5-7 pm, Eau Claire Chippewa Valley Technical College)
April 4, 5-7 pm, Hudson (St Croix Government Center)
April 5, 5-7 pm, Woodbury (City Hall)



Thank You

Questions/Comments

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