



Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis Update

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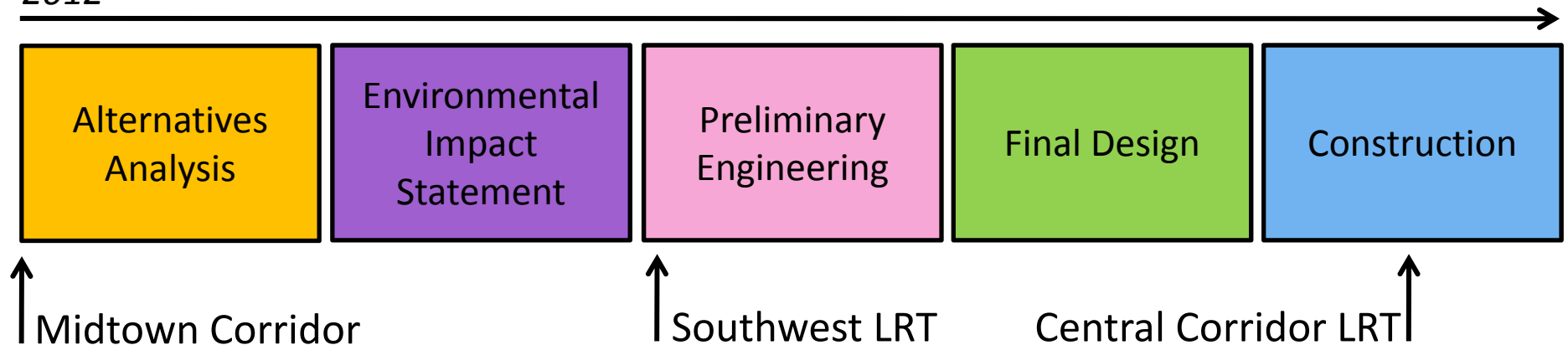
Transit Planner

May 14, 2012

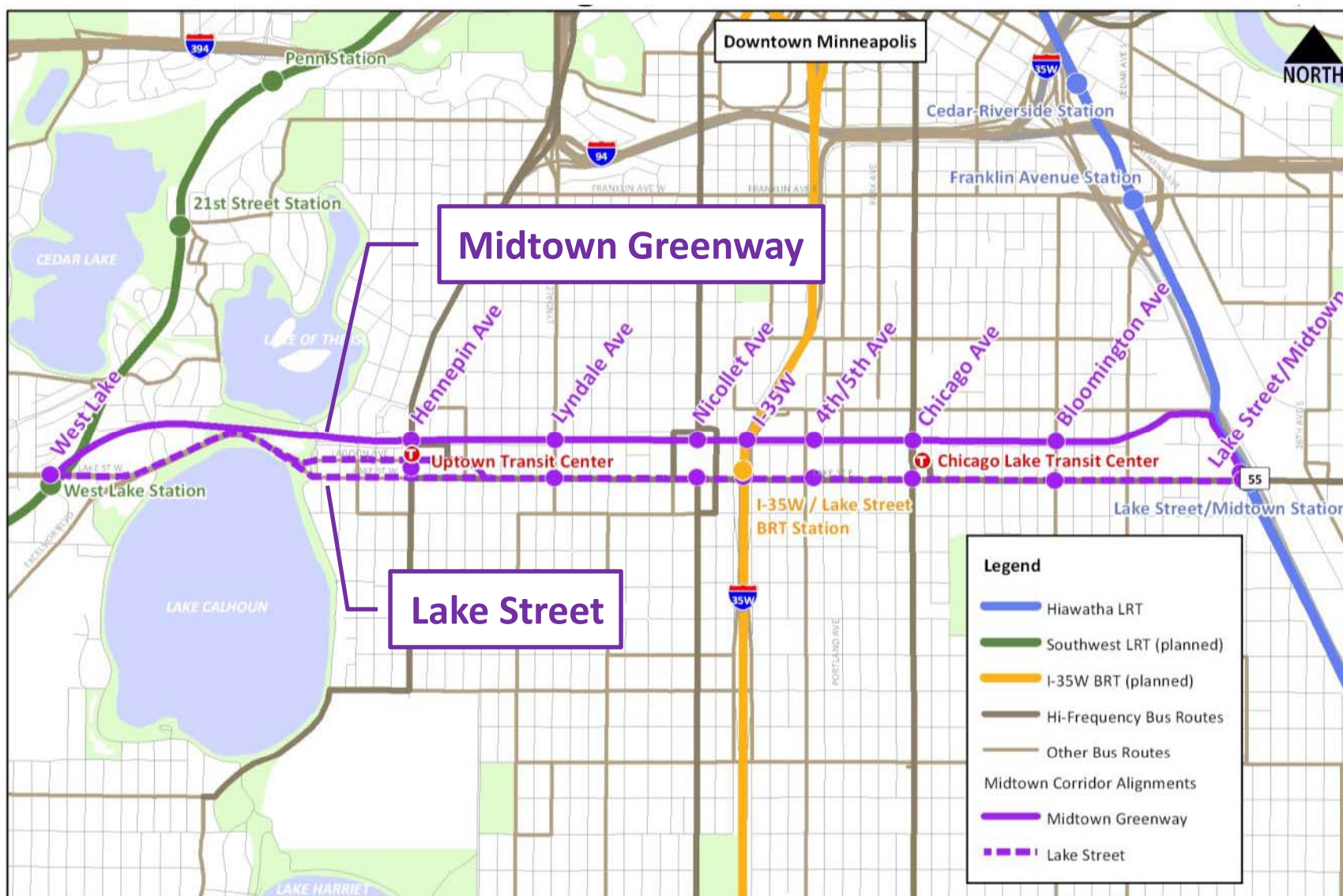
What is an alternatives analysis (AA)?

- A process for evaluating the costs, benefits, and impacts of transportation improvements in a corridor
- Examine a range of routes and modes
- First step towards federal funding
- Recommend locally preferred alternative (LPA)

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Midtown Corridor AA - Possible Alignments

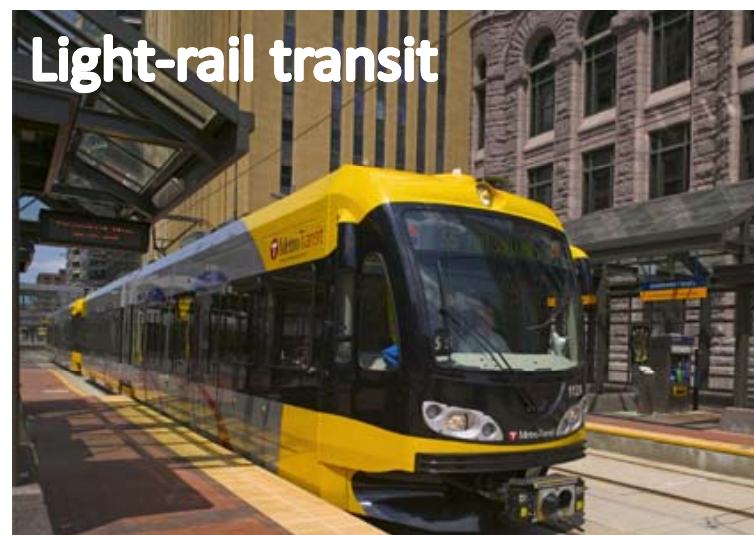
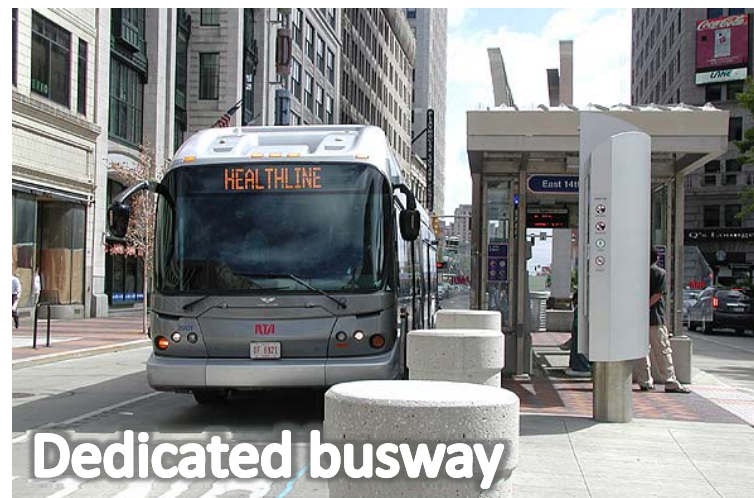


Runningway Options

- Midtown Greenway
- Lake Street



Possible Modes



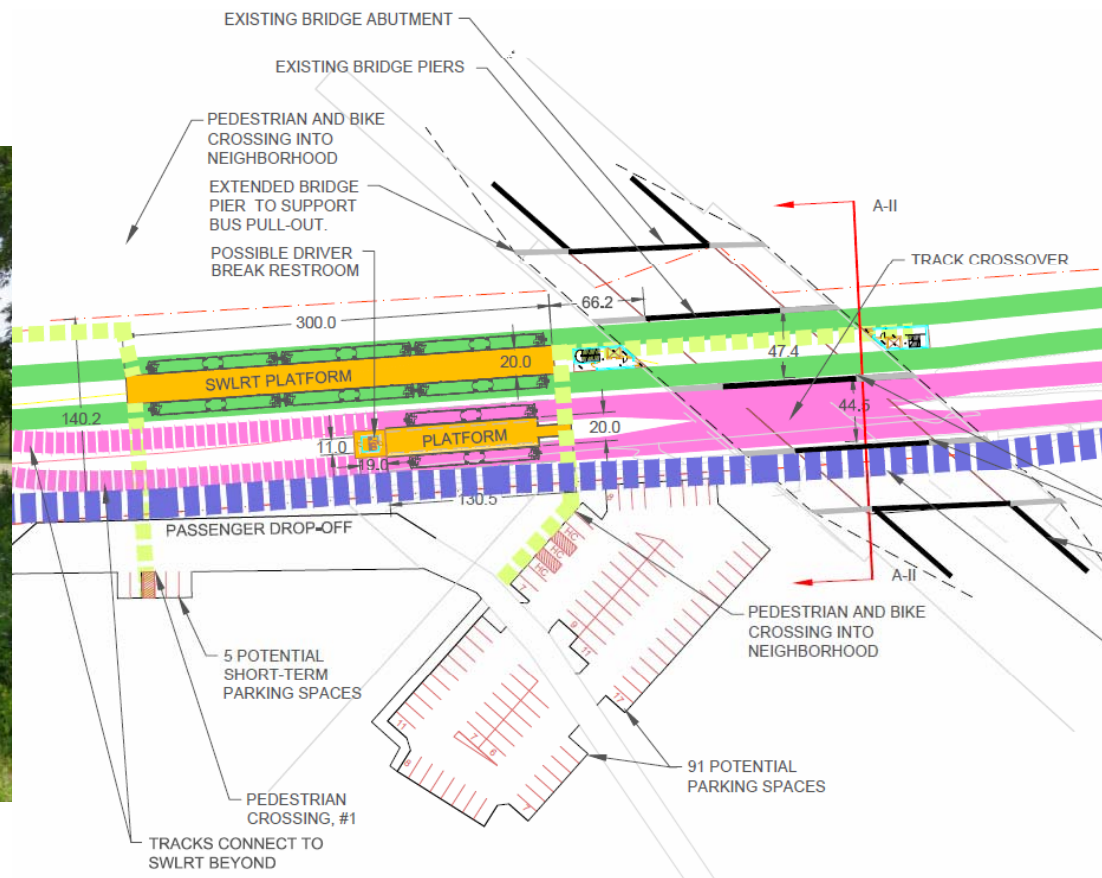
Pre-AA Planning – Lake Street-Midtown Station

- 2004 excess property adjacent to light rail sold to developer – 40' transit easement retained.
- Study reviewed options for rail station track, platform, access
- Reaffirmed need for full easement, providing room for two track station.





Pre-AA Planning – West Lake Station

- Where Southwest LRT and the Midtown transitway meet
- Room for both sets of tracks, bike path and other site demands?
- Only room for single track station for Midtown Corridor if freight rail continues operation.



Alternative Analysis Timeline

- FTA approval of scope April 9 
- RFP release April 18 
- Proposals due May 18
- Selection and award May 21-July 20
- Project kick-off July 27
- Anticipated completion October 2013

Project Stakeholders

- Metropolitan Council
- City of Minneapolis
- Hennepin County
- Midtown Community Works Partnership
- Midtown Greenway Coalition
- Lake Street Council



Questions?

Thank you!

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