

2030

TRANSPORTATION *Policy Plan*

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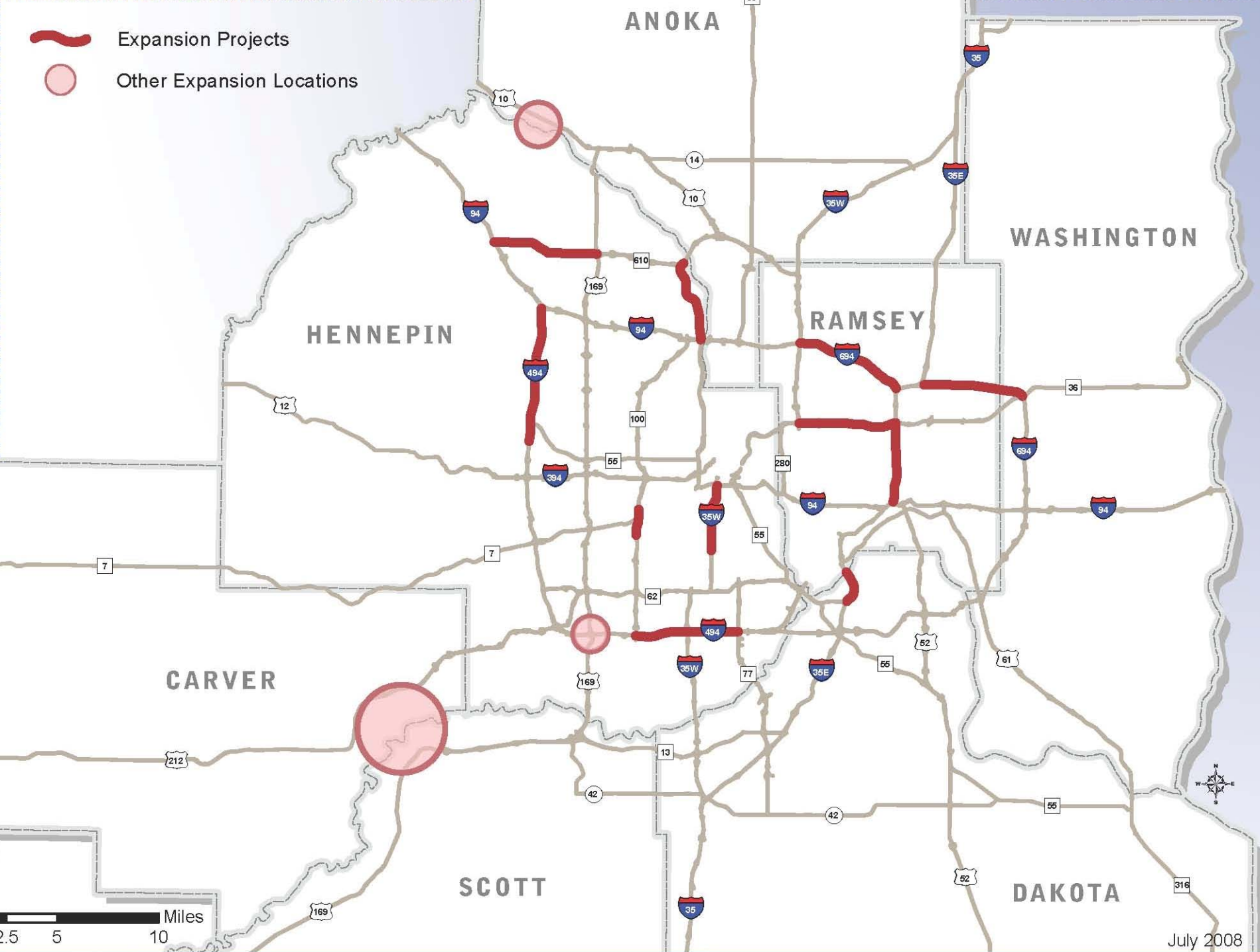
Major Comments on Draft

- Plan needs to be written more positive/optimistically
- Give hope for highway expansion
- Plan is not aggressive enough
- East side does not have adequate transitways
- Plan is not geographically balanced
- Recognize the Union Depot as a future intermodal hub
- Include potential for expansion projects funded with economic stimulus funding

Major Changes from Draft

- Highway Chapter
 - Vision for Metro Highway Investments
 - Recognizes expansion in TIP, bridge program and congestion management projects
 - Calls for reassessing 14 major expansion projects from 2004 plan
 - Adds 2004 expansion projects to the plan for potential to fund **one** using federal economic stimulus funding

-  Expansion Projects
-  Other Expansion Locations



Economic Stimulus Comments

- 24 written comments received; three testifiers at Transportation Committee
- Many misinterpreted proposed change, i.e. did not recognize only one expansion project can be funded
- Mn/DOT noted I-35E missing from expansion projects list (changes in Attachment A)
- Other comments favored spending stimulus money on transit rather than highways

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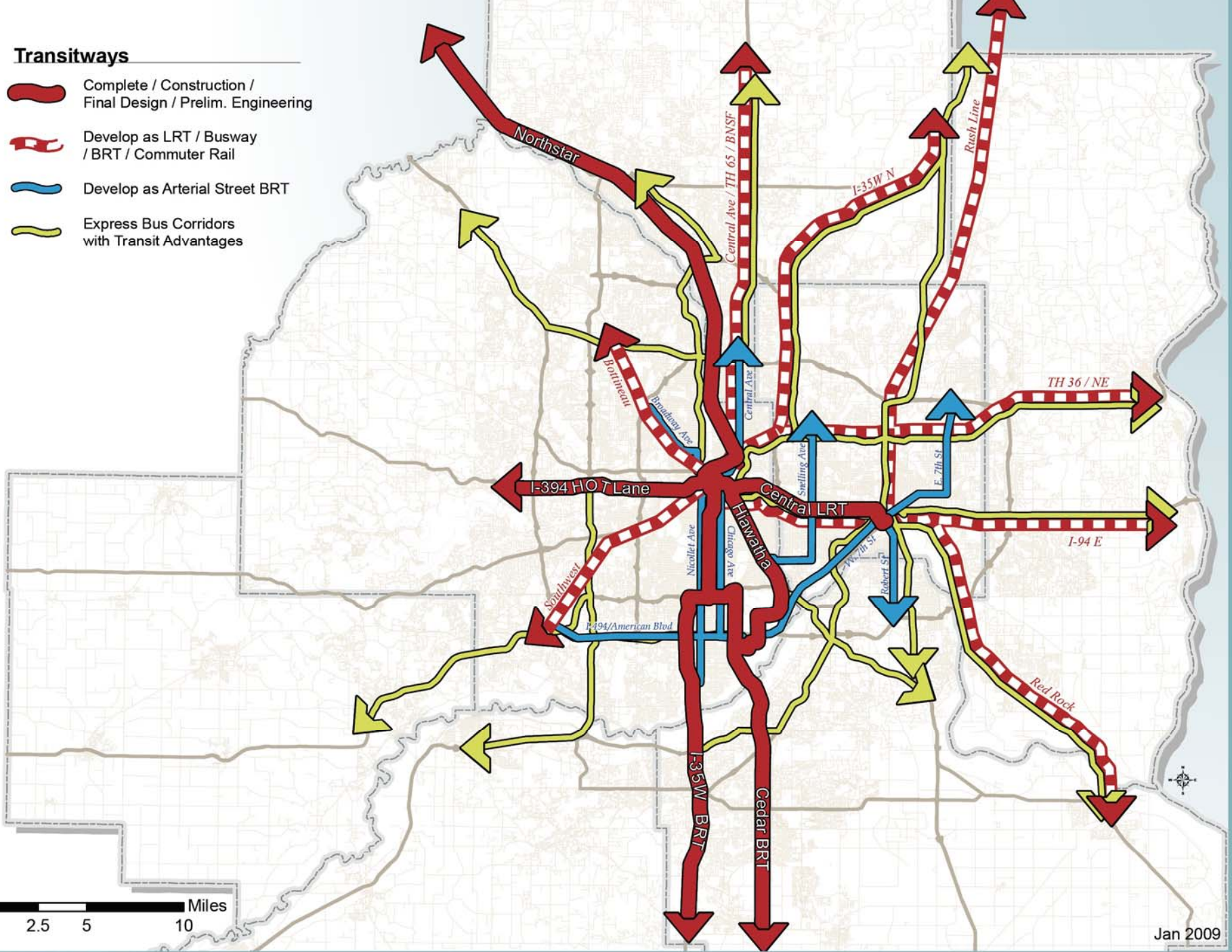
- Transit Chapter
 - Rewrite to Summary of Transitways to include eight corridors in new category “Develop as LRT/Busway/BRT/Commuter Rail”
 - Specify number of transitways that can be developed by 2030, i.e. three LRT/Busway, four highway BRT and one commuter rail corridor by 2030
 - Develop Minneapolis Intermodal station and Union Depot as intermodal hubs
 - Emphasize importance of development of intercity passenger rail

Transitway Recommendations

- **Complete/Construction/Final Design/PE:**
 - 394 HOT Lane
 - Cedar Ave BRT
 - Hiawatha
 - 35W BRT
 - Central Corridor LRT
 - Northstar Commuter Rail
- **Develop as LRT/Busway/BRT/Commuter Rail:**
 - Southwest Corridor
 - I-35W North Corridor
 - I-94 East Corridor
 - Central Avenue/TH65/BNSF
 - Bottineau Corridor
 - TH 36/NE Corridor
 - Rush Line
 - Red Rock
- **Develop as Arterial Street BRT:**
 - Central Ave
 - Snelling/Ford Pkwy
 - Broadway Ave
 - Nicollet Ave
 - Chicago Ave
 - East 7th Street
 - Robert Street
 - West 7th Street
 - I-494/American Blvd
- **Express bus corridors with transit advantages**
 - Enhance service and facilities on various express corridors
- **Intermodal Hubs:**
 - Implementation of transitways will require development of intermodal hubs at the Union Depot in St. Paul and the Intermodal Station in Minneapolis.

Transitways

-  Complete / Construction / Final Design / Prelim. Engineering
-  Develop as LRT / Busway / BRT / Commuter Rail
-  Develop as Arterial Street BRT
-  Express Bus Corridors with Transit Advantages



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