Presentation on Station Area Planning

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What is Station Area Planning?

Station Area Planning is the development of a vision for future land use within a half mile of the LRT station. Station area plans usually cultivate opportunities for Transit Oriented Development:

- A wide spectrum of uses
- Housing
- Live/work units
- Employment sites
- Shops and restaurants
- Green spaces
- A dynamic pedestrian and bicycle friendly environment
Why is Station Area Planning important?

- **To take full advantage of the LRT investment by maximizing ridership**
  Promote transit compatible land uses and intensification around stations

- **Assure access to stations**
  Create a pedestrian, bicycle, and bus-transfer friendly station environment and street activity

- **Allow the community to realize their vision for the stations**
Objective:

To define each station area according to its existing character, and realize unique opportunities for development and infrastructure changes over the next 25-30 years with the introduction of LRT.
Station Area Planning 2008-2009
Eden Prairie • Minnetonka • Hopkins • St. Louis Park

Process:
• Visioning Session #1
  Potential uses, vision for station areas identified
• Visioning Session #2
  Initial concepts reviewed
• Public Open House #1
  Introduce concept plans
• Public Open House #2
  Refined concept plans presented
Conceptual Site Development Plan

LAND USE KEY
- Residential Redevelopment
- Commercial
- Mixed Use
- Civic / Institutional / Office
- Industrial
- Parks, Open Space

LRT Line

Station

W 76th St Extension

Hwy 70

Shady Oak Rd

Flying Cloud Dr

W 70th St

River View Rd

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How will Station Area Plans be used?

- Southwest Transitway will compete for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) New Starts Funds. Station area plans are an increasingly important part of the funding application.

- Station area plans will also be used by the cities to inform changes to their comprehensive plans and zoning codes.

- Station area planning engages the public in thinking more concretely about how LRT will fit into their communities.

- Caveat: Station area plans are only conceptual and are not construction blueprints or implementation plans.
For more information and to view station area concept plans please visit:

www.southwesttransitway.org