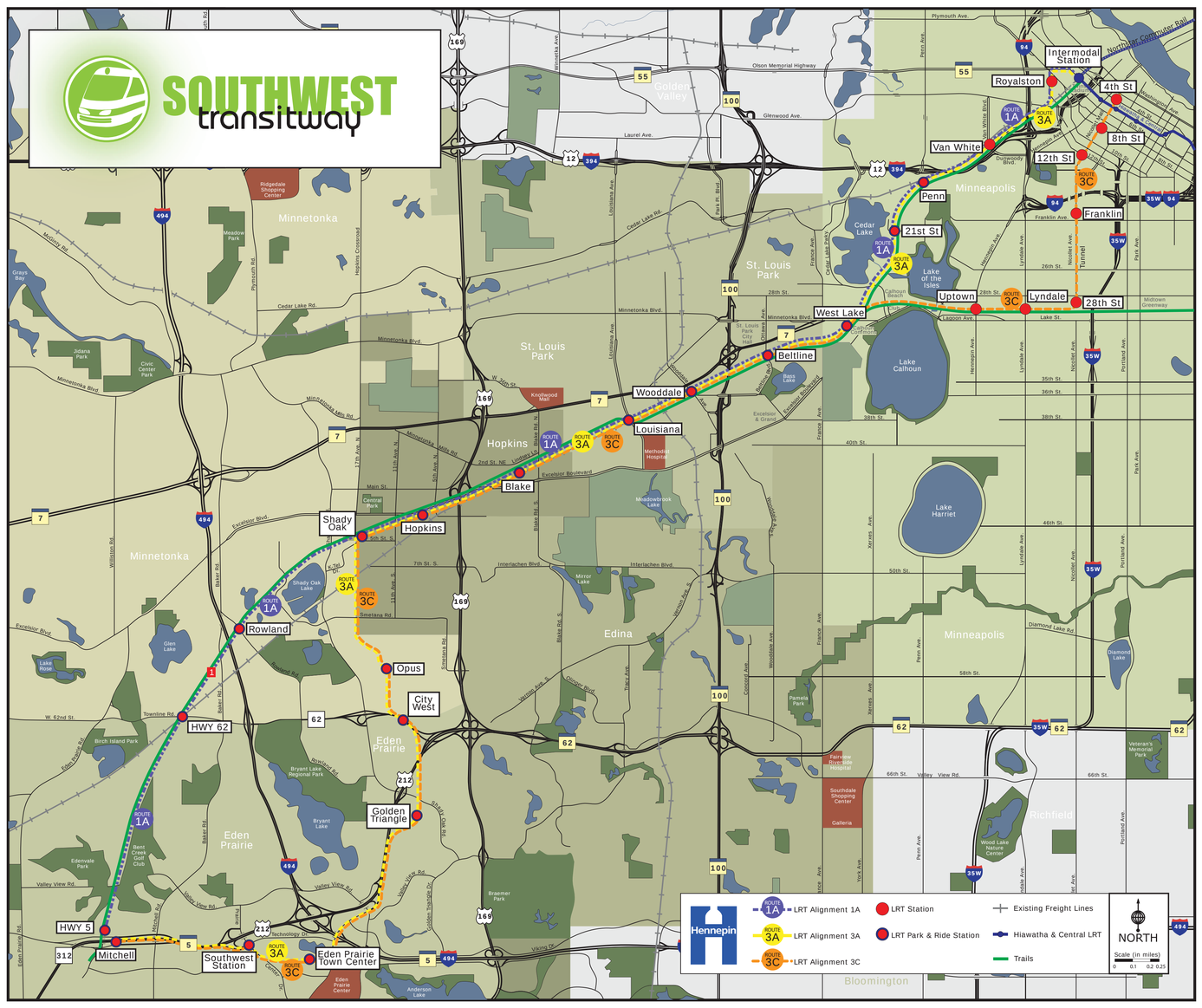
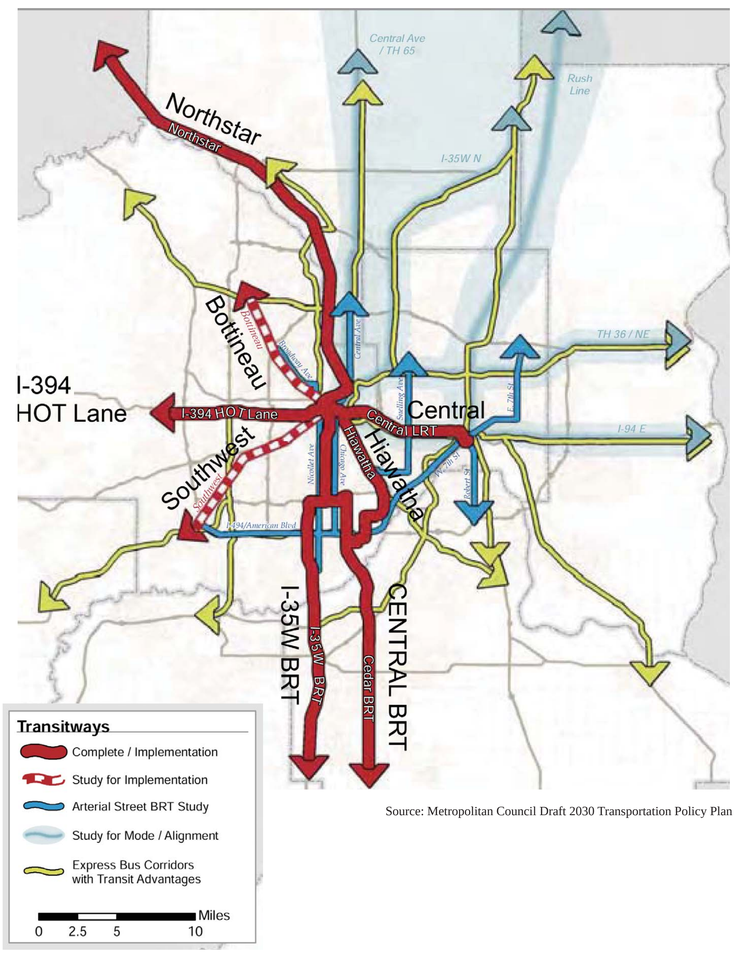
WHAT IS THE SOUTHWEST TRANSITWAY?

THE SOUTHWEST TRANSITWAY IS A PROPOSED LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT CORRIDOR THAT WILL RUN FROM DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS THROUGH THE CITIES OF ST. LOUIS PARK, HOPKINS, MINNETONKA, AND EDEN PRAIRIE.



HOW DOES IT CONNECT TO THE REGION?

THE SOUTHWEST TRANSITWAY WILL CONNECT TO THE EXISTING HIAWATHA LIGHT RAIL LINE AND THE PLANNED CENTRAL CORRIDOR LIGHT RAIL LINE. AS ADDITIONAL BUS RAPID TRANSIT AND OTHER RAIL CORRIDORS ARE IMPLEMENTED, THE SOUTHWEST CORRIDOR WILL CONNECT TO THE GREATER REGION AND BEYOND INCLUDING: COMMUNITIES IN THE NW METRO AREA, BIG LAKE, ST. CLOUD, HASTINGS, HINCKLEY, DULUTH, WINONA, AND CHICAGO.



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WHAT IS STATION AREA PLANNING?

IN ANTICIPATION OF PASSENGER STATIONS BEING CONSTRUCTED ALONG THE SOUTHWEST TRANSITWAY, THE HENNEPIN COUNTY REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY (HCRRA) IS FUNDING A SERIES OF STATION AREA PLANNING ACTIVITIES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITIES OF EDEN PRAIRIE, MINNETONKA, HOPKINS, AND ST. LOUIS PARK. PLANNING WILL ALSO OCCUR AROUND THE MINNEAPOLIS STATIONS AFTER A ROUTE INTO THE DOWNTOWN AREA HAS BEEN SELECTED.

STATION AREA PLANNING WILL BUILD UPON THE PAST WORK OF EACH COMMUNITY AND WILL LOOK AT HOW LRT RIDERS WILL GET TO THE TRANSIT STATIONS AND HOW DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS COULD CHANGE AROUND EACH STATION. STRATEGIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE STATION AREAS WILL BE DEVELOPED RESULTING IN LAND-USE PLANNING WITHIN A HALF-MILE RADIUS AROUND EACH OF THE 12 STATIONS. STAKEHOLDER AND PUBLIC MEETINGS ARE BEING HELD IN EACH OF THE FOUR COMMUNITIES IN 2008-09 TO OBTAIN FEEDBACK AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

THE STATION AREA PLANNING PROCESS BEGAN IN THE SUMMER OF 2008 WITH THE COLLECTION AND REVIEW OF BASE DATA FOR EACH STATION INCLUDING:

- EXISTING LAND USE
- CURRENT AND FORECASTED TRAFFIC
- ACCESS AND CIRCULATION
- MARKET ANALYSIS
- DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES
- BASE MAPS AND PLANS
- CITY COMPREHENSIVE PLANS

THE STATION AREA PLANNING PROCESS HAS ALSO INCLUDED ONGOING MEETINGS BETWEEN HENNEPIN COUNTY AND PLANNING STAFF FROM EACH OF THE INVOLVED COMMUNITIES. MANY OF THE IDENTIFIED STAKEHOLDERS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN TWO VISIONING SESSIONS HELD IN EACH COMMUNITY.

CONCEPTUAL SITE DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND PROPOSED LAND USE PLANS WERE DEVELOPED BASED ON EXISTING DATA AND INPUT FROM COUNTY STAFF, CITY STAFF, CONSULTANTS, AND STAKEHOLDERS.

PUBLIC MEETINGS ARE NOW BEING HELD IN EACH COMMUNITY TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INPUT.

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