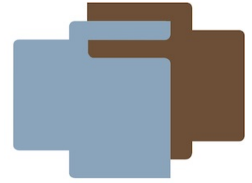


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# DCC UPDATE

February 16, 2011

Next Governing Council Meeting: March 9, 2011, 6:30 PM

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## February 17 Business Impacts Open House Forum

**Thursday, February 17, 2011**  
**8 a.m. - 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. - 8p.m.**  
**Model Cities Brownstone Conference Room**  
**849 University Avenue W, Saint Paul**

The Metropolitan Council will be hosting a Business Impacts Forum to provide an opportunity for business owners and community members to express concerns regarding the impact of light rail construction on local businesses. The information that is gathered during these meetings will be used in preparation for the Supplemental Business Impacts Environmental Assessment. Business and community members who attend will meet with Central Corridor Project Office and FTA staff on a one-to-one basis at stations that are divided by the following topics:

- Parking mitigation program and Business loan program
- Business support resources
- Communication, Construction Communication Committees and the Contractor Incentive Program
- Pedestrian and vehicle access and the contractor parking program

Community members concerned about small business survival in Central Corridor are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting and raise concerns. Written comments may be emailed to [centralcorridor@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:centralcorridor@metc.state.mn.us) or left on the project comment line at 651-602-1645.

### Central Corridor LRT Project

#### LRT Construction

Major construction on University Avenue is just two weeks away. Construction will start on the south side of University at Emerald and progress east in one mile sections to Hamline. Work on the north side of University will begin only after the new road and sidewalks have been built and reopened on the south side.

The Central Corridor Project Office has released a four-page 2011 construction schedule about what to expect when construction begins. To view the PDF visit <http://www.metrocouncil.org/transportation/ccorridor/newsAlerts/segment1.pdf>.

Questions and concerns about 2011 construction can be directed toward outreach coordinators **Rita Rodriguez**, [rita.rodriguez@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:rita.rodriguez@metc.state.mn.us), 651-602-1805 or **Joey Browner**, [joey.browner@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:joey.browner@metc.state.mn.us), 651-602-1953. Community members are also strongly encouraged to use the construction hotline at 651-602-1404.

### Public Art for Missing Stations

The Central Corridor Project Office will be holding a Western Station Art Public Meeting on Tuesday, March 1 at 6:30pm at the Hmong Professional Building, Suite 121B at 225 University Avenue in St. Paul.

The Project Office is circulating questionnaires for the Hamline, Western and Victoria Stations that offer an opportunity for community members to submit their ideas and make suggestions. PDFs of the questionnaire can be found at the [DCC website](#) by clicking the link in the blue Community Forum block.

If you cannot attend the meeting, you can also fax your completed questionnaire to 651-602-1920 or scan and email it to [shoua.lee@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:shoua.lee@metc.state.mn.us) or drop it off at 540 Fairview Ave. No. #200 in St. Paul. The deadline for the Western Station Art questionnaire is March 2. **For more information, contact Shoua Lee at 651-602-1014.**

## Corridor News and Activities

### Public Hearing on Station Area Plans

On February 18, 2011 8:30 a.m., the Saint Paul Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing on draft station area plans for Hamline, Victoria, and Western Stations. The meeting will be at the City Hall Conference Center, Lower Level, Room 40. Written comments regarding these plans must be submitted by Monday, February 21, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. Comments should be addressed to: *Saint Paul Planning Commission, 25 West Fourth Street, Suite 1400, Saint Paul, MN 55102.* or email [jessica.rosenfeld@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:jessica.rosenfeld@ci.stpaul.mn.us).

The draft station area plans for the three stations, as well as all other station area plans can be found at [www.stpaul.gov/centralcorridor](http://www.stpaul.gov/centralcorridor) under station area plans.

### Lowertown Master Plan Community Workshop

The Greater Lowertown Master Plan (GLMP) Task Force will be holding a community workshop on Wednesday, February 23, 2011 from 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Jerome Hill Theater. The purpose of the workshop is to provide an opportunity for community members to review and provide input on the 15-year plan to improve and strengthen Lowertown.

The GLMP Task Force is comprised of 16 members representing the Lowertown community. Membership includes residents, business owners, artists, a real estate development specialist, urban planners, a local architect, and the City's Artist-in-Residence. There are also members from CapitolRiver Council.

For more information about this meeting or the Greater Lowertown Master Plan visit [www.lowertownlanding.com](http://www.lowertownlanding.com).

### Pedestrian Realm Improvement Study

The DCC has hired **Hayley Bonsteel** through the CURA Neighborhood Planning for Community Revitalization Program to assist with a pedestrian realm study. The work will build on previous work done by the Central Corridor Investment Strategy Study. The CACC Neighborhood Livability work group is the community supervisor for the study. Technical advisors are being sought from the cities, counties and nonprofit organizations. The Neighborhood Livability work group meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 5pm at the Central Corridor Resource Center in Saint Paul.

### St. Anthony Park LRT Construction Updates Meeting

The Saint Anthony Park Community Council will be hosting a light rail construction update meeting for St. Anthony Park businesses at 8 a.m. on Friday, February 18 at Rock Tenn, 2250 Wabash St, Saint Paul. The meeting will offer updates and information on LRT Construction and how it might affect business. For more information visit [www.sapcc.org](http://www.sapcc.org).

## Central Corridor Public Art Plan

Public Art Saint Paul has announced **Cliff Garten Studio** out of Venice, California as the chosen consultant to lead the Central Corridor Public Art Plan. The team consists of four principal consultants from four different firms: **Cliff Garten**, **Todd Bressi**, **Blaine Merker** of Rebar, and **Meredith McKinley** of Via Partnership. The Garten Studio team was chosen out of 27 consultant teams from all over the nation that submitted proposals.

On February 1, representatives from several district councils and neighborhood organizations, as well as DCC staff were able to meet with the consultants to discuss methods of community engagement and share their perspectives on the nature of the neighborhoods along the corridor. The consultants expressed their interests in continuing conversations with the neighborhoods to find various ways to gather input. They also explained the complexity of the Central Corridor art planning project because of municipalities and diverse range of neighborhoods.

## DCC News

### Brochure

The DCC has a new brochure, designed by **Linda Strommer** of Strommer Group. The brochure features photographs from Gordon Parks High School students and is intended to inform community members, organizations and others about District Councils Collaborative, as well as share opportunities to get involved in Central Corridor issues. If you would like a copy please contact **Carol** or **Karyssa** at 651-528-8165, or email [karyssa@dcc-stpaul-mpls.org](mailto:karyssa@dcc-stpaul-mpls.org)

### Smart Growth Conference

In the first week of February, DCC staff attended the 2011 New Partners for Smart Growth Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina. A cohort of over 20 individuals from Minnesota was sponsored to attend the conference by the McKnight Foundation and coordinated by 1000 Friends of Minnesota. The group gathered after the conference to discuss what was learned and brainstorm on how to turn the experience into meaningful action.

### Sightings

**Lauren Fulner**, alternate and interim representative for Saint Anthony Park, was featured in a video called "Why We're Here: Twin Cities" by Seven and Sixty Productions. The six-minute film explores the reasons why people live and stay in the Twin Cities. Visit <http://www.vimeo.com/19115634> to view the film on Vimeo.

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