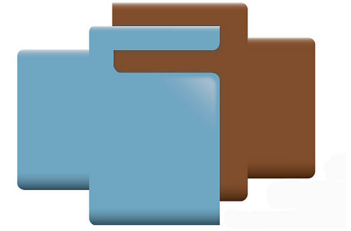


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## DCC UPDATE

## February 2012

Next Governing Council Meeting: March 14, 2012 6:30 PM

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### DCC Trusted Advocate Project

#### Transit, More than a Ride

#### Trusted Advocate Project

The DCC is excited to announce that Trusted Advocates for the **Transit, More than a Ride – Trusted Advocate Project** have been selected and have begun working throughout the corridor to help community members connect to Central Corridor Transit Study. The transit study is being conducted by Metro Transit as a part of the implementation of the Central Corridor Light Construction project.

The DCC has partnered with Metro Transit to support community engagement for the transit study by adapting the trusted advocate model. The DCC has contracted with nine individuals with experience advocating, organizing and engaging their respective communities to do intensive outreach work and collect comments and viewpoints on the community's vision for transit in the Central Corridor neighborhoods. The project is being supported by the Central Corridor Funders Collaborative.

#### The Trusted Advocate team includes:

**Suado Abdi**, working with Saint Paul and Somali community and small business

**Hadi Abdidubul**, working with specifically on Skyline Tower residents

**Mee Cheng**, working with primarily on Saint Paul Southeast Asian community

**Sulekha Diriye**, working with specifically on West Bank – Cedar-Riverside Towers, Somali community

**Anne Gomez**, working with West Bank

**Henry Keshi**, working with Prospect Park/Glendale residents and low-income families

**Sheronda Orridge**, working with Frogtown neighborhood, low-income families, African-Americans

**Tim Page**, working with Saint Paul specifically with African-Americans, youth and low-income families

**Kjensmo Walker**, working with persons with disabilities and heavily transit-dependent individuals

For more information about the Trusted Advocate Project please contact **Karyssa**, [karyssa@dcc-stpaul-mpls.org](mailto:karyssa@dcc-stpaul-mpls.org) or call 651-528-8165. **Share your thoughts with the DCC and connect to the Trusted Advocate Project via Twitter by including the hashtag #DCCTrustedAdvocate.**

### Metro Transit – Central Corridor Transit Study Open Houses

<b>Tuesday, March 6, 2012</b> 11:30 am to 2:30 pm Coffman Memorial Union – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor	<b>Thursday, March 8, 2012</b> 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Rondo Library – Multipurpose Room.	<b>Tuesday, March 20</b> 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm J.J. Hill Magnet School.
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For more information about the Metro Transit's Central Corridor Transit Study contact **Jill Hentges**, [Jill.Hentges@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:Jill.Hentges@metc.state.mn.us) or visit <http://www.metrotransit.org/central-transit-study.aspx>. You may also share comments for the transit study by calling Metro Transit at **612-373-3333**.

## Central Corridor LRT Project

### Getting Prepared: 2012 Central Corridor Construction

During the recent Central Corridor Management Committee (CCMC) meeting it was reported that 45% of the CCLRT project was complete at the end of December. Construction crews have been able to continue more work due to the mild weather. Major construction will begin on the eastern end of University and in Minneapolis in March.

In preparation for construction, crews will be removing bus stop shelters in the coming weeks. Bus riders are advised to check the Metro Transit website [www.metrotransit.org](http://www.metrotransit.org) regularly or call the information line at 612-373-3333 for up-to-date information on bus routes and stops.

Walsh Construction has a new Public Outreach Coordinator, Kimberly Sannes who will be focused on construction on the eastern end of University Avenue.

### Victoria Street Station Art

10 individuals have been chosen as Faces of Rondo for the Victoria Street station art installation. For a full list of those chosen visit <http://www.metrocouncil.org/transportation/ccorridor/newsAlerts/MakingTracksJanFeb12.pdf>.

## Corridor News and Activities

### Central Corridor Walkability Survey

Nearly 20 people participated in the February 6 roundtable discussion about a walkability/accessibility survey of the area within a half-mile of the Central Corridor LRT line. Community members from Minneapolis and St. Paul and staff from Transit for Livable Communities, Smart Trips, City of St. Paul, and the Saint Paul Design Center all offered valuable insight into conducting the survey and how the survey might be improved to make it

even easier for people to complete. Several participants agreed to sit on a technical advisory committee that will help finalize the survey. The DCC is aiming to launch the survey in late April or early May and is looking forward to working with other organizations who can help encourage broad community participation.

### DCC Report – Big Picture Project

The DCC Report on Community Engagement for the Big Picture Project is now available on the DCC website. To view the report visit: <http://dcc-stpaul-mpls.org/content/big-picture-project-community-engagement-report>. The report provides details and documentation about the listening sessions and community roundtables conducted by the DCC.

### City of Saint Paul – Streetcar Study

The City of Saint Paul has announced a \$250,000 yearlong streetcar study, which will explore the viability of adding streetcars to the existing Central Corridor multi-modal system. The study will explore economic and social benefits, as well as ridership and cost.

### Central Corridor Grassroots Small Business Campaign

A second version of the Discover Central Corridor coupon book will be available in the coming week. For now the book should be available at several locations, including Midway Cub Foods, the American Bank, and the Midway and Saint Paul Chamber offices. The DCC has made requests to have the book available at the CCRC.

The Met Council accepted the bid of Mod and Co, a local Saint Paul advertising and marketing firm, for the \$1.2 million contract to do marketing for Central Corridor businesses. The exact details of this work will not be released until the Met Council finalizes the contract. This contract will run independently from the current Discover Central Corridor campaigns.

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