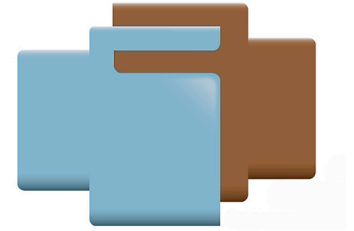


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# DCC UPDATE

January 2012

Next Governing Council Meeting: February 8, 2012 6:30 PM

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## Central Corridor LRT Project

### Getting Prepared: 2012 Central Corridor Construction

The Central Corridor Project Office will be extending letters of invitation for nominations of individuals for the University Ave East Construction Communication Committee (CCC). Organizations interested in having representation on the committee should contact Shoua Lee, [shoua.lee@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:shoua.lee@metc.state.mn.us).

There will also be three active CCCs in Minneapolis: Prospect Park, Stadium Village/East Bank and West Bank. For more information about the CCCs or other information related to Central Corridor LRT construction visit [www.centralcorridor.org](http://www.centralcorridor.org) or call 651-602-1404.

The DCC is working with members in the construction zone to ensure that community voices are well represented. The DCC will be hosting a community meeting to discuss the ways in which community organizations can coordinate and use existing communication networks more effectively to spread information about construction. As well as to address pedestrian safety and other concerns related to construction. Details regarding this meeting will be communicated soon.

### Central Corridor Project Workforce / DBE Goal Update

The DBE/AA Oversight Committee meeting was cancelled for January 2012. The percentage of

workforce participation by minority and women workers can be found in the table. The project goal for workforce participation for minority and female workers are 18% and 6%, respectively. Numbers represent progress as of 12/31/2011.

	Minority	Women
A/C*	7.5	2.2
AMJV*	17.03	7.55
PCL	19.05	5.98
Walsh	17.87	6.1

A/C stands for Aldridge/Collisys Joint Venture  
AMJV stands for Ames/McCrossan Joint Venture

*Note: Aldridge/Collisys has done very little work thus far, with only 1489 total hours on the project.*

## Corridor News and Activities

### Transit, More than a Ride – Trusted Advocate Project

The DCC has selected a group of individuals to contract with as Trusted Advocates. A formal announcement of this group will be coming soon.

The purpose of Trusted Advocate project is to provide intensive community engagement to enrich public input to the Central Corridor transit study being conducted by Metro Transit. The project is supported by the Central Corridor Funders Collaborative.

For more information about the Trusted Advocate Project please visit <http://dcc-stpaul-mpls.org/content/transit-more-ride-trusted-advocate-project> or Karyssa, [karyssa@dcc-stpaul-mpls.org](mailto:karyssa@dcc-stpaul-mpls.org).

For more information about Metro Transit's Central Corridor Transit Study visit <http://metrotransit.org/central-transit-study.aspx> or contact Jill Hentges, [Jill.Hentges@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:Jill.Hentges@metc.state.mn.us)

### Central Corridor Walkability Survey

The DCC will be convening a roundtable discussion on Monday, February 6 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm at the Central Corridor Resource Center, 1080 University Avenue W. The roundtable will focus on the survey project and is meant to reach out to organizations and individuals working on walkability issues. For more information contact Anne White, [anne@dcc-stpaul-mpls.org](mailto:anne@dcc-stpaul-mpls.org) or call 651-528-8165.

### Big Picture Project – Roundtable Discussion

On Monday, January 30 the DCC will be hosting a Big Picture Project roundtable from 5:00 to 6:30 pm at the Central Corridor Resource Center, 1080 University Avenue W. The roundtable will be an opportunity to discuss the affordable housing recommendations and any next steps. Gretchen Nicholls of LISC will be present at the meeting. Refreshments will be served at 4:45, so participants are encouraged to come early.

### Central Corridor Grassroots Small Business Campaign

The U7 collaborative, Midway Chamber of Commerce and Business Resource Collaborative are stepping up the grassroots campaign to support Central Corridor business before and during construction.

Ted Davis of the Discover Central Corridor campaign presented to the DCC governing council on January 11 to share what neighborhoods can do to help small businesses survive and thrive during LRT construction. Davis shared two campaigns in particular, with which organizations and neighborhoods can promote small business.

**Lunch on the Avenue** is an initiative in which an organization or neighborhood would invite their constituents or neighbors to all meet up at the same restaurant for a meal. This exposes the business to new customers and gives them extra revenue for that day.

The second campaign, the **Business Backer program** would allow a neighborhood or organization to choose a business to promote and encourage their community toward.

For more information on how to implement these programs or to find out about other initiatives by Discover Central Corridor contact Ted Davis, [teddavis@comcast.net](mailto:teddavis@comcast.net). You may also visit the DCC website to view 5 tips for promoting small business and also to access the Central Corridor business directory.

## DCC News

**Central Corridor Station-Naming** – The DCC governing council sent a letter to the Metropolitan Council to request that the station-naming process be continued through February 2012 to allow community groups time to submit recommendations for station names. The Metropolitan Council has not yet responded.

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