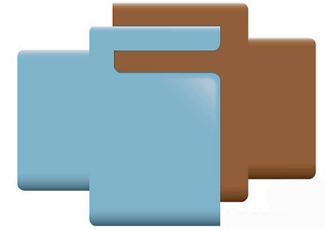


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DCC UPDATE

November 2011

Next Governing Council Meeting: January 11, 2012 6:30 PM

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SAVE THE DATE December 11 Stops for Us – EPA Award Celebration

The Stops for Us Coalition will be celebrating earning the EPA 2010 National Achievement in Environmental Justice Award on December 11 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Associate Assistant Administrator for Environmental Justice, Lisa Garcia will be formally presenting the award to organizations and groups who worked to ensure the build out of the three missing stations. The event will be held at Gordon Parks High School, 1212 University Avenue West. For more information please contact, 651-528-8165 or email Carol at carol@dcc-stpaul-mpls.org.

Central Corridor LRT Project

Station Naming – Update from CCMC

Modified station names were presented at the Central Corridor Management Committee meeting November 9. There are four changes that have been made. The 29th St Station will now be called Prospect Park, Rice Street will now be called Capital/Rice St, Capitol East will now be called Robert St, and 4th St will now be called Central. When asked whether or not there was an opportunity for consideration of further changes, Mr. Fuhrmann stated that there was not.

The DCC has sent a letter to the Metropolitan Council Chair Sue Haigh asking that the final decision be postponed to give an opportunity for communities to submit alternative names for consideration.

Construction

The Central Corridor 2011 construction season will be rounding up soon. Contracts detail current work on the project must be completed by November 30. University Avenue between Emerald and Hamline reopens to two lanes in each direction on the 30th. Bus stops and routes will be restored to final locations and shelters will be added over the next few weeks;

The Washington Avenue Bridge has opened to two lanes of traffic. Oak Street will be closed on

November 30th For more specific updates on construction please visit:

<http://www.metrocouncil.org/transportation/ccorridor/centralcorridor.asp>

If you have concerns or questions regarding construction call the **Construction Hotline at 651-602-1404**

Central Corridor Project Workforce / DBE Goal Update

During the November 17 DBE/AA Joint Oversight Committee meeting, project office staff shared a new format for reporting. The project will provide a simplified summary of the goals progress to date, including graphs showing minority and female participation throughout the project. The project has responded to complaints in the meeting made by the community that workforce participation numbers going out to the press in August were inaccurate and did not reflect that the contractors were falling behind the goal. Project staff also admitted that figures presented in the project newsletter and subsequently were released by the press were not completely accurate.

Workforce minority and female participation percentages to date 10/31/2011:

	Minority	Female
Walsh	17.87	6.23
Ames/McCrossan	15.99	7.47
PCL	17.73	5.58

Corridor News and Activities

Routes to Rail — Trusted Advocate Project and Walkability / Accessibility Survey

The DCC will launch Routes to Rail, a program that will focus on two essential issues, reliable, and well-connected bus routes and safe, accessible and well-lit street connections. Both of these issues are vital to making LRT useful and beneficial to the surrounding communities.

Trusted Advocate Pilot Project — As a part of the implementation of Central Corridor LRT in 2012, Metro Transit will be conducting a transit service study to investigate the best ways to integrate bus and LRT transit service in the corridor. The DCC and Metro Transit have formed a partnership to implement a pilot trusted advocate community engagement model to ensure all communities have a voice in the study. Trusted Advocates are members of communities who have established themselves as leaders or advocates and have built confidence amongst their community. Our project is designed specifically to reach communities of color, New Americans, people with disabilities and low-income families and individuals. The DCC will be circulating application/nomination forms for the Trusted Advocate positions very soon. This project is being made possible with the support of the Central Corridor Funders Collaborative. For more information about

this project please contact: Karyssa, karyssa@dcc-stpaul-mpls or call 651-528-8165

Central Corridor Walkability/Accessibility Survey— This project is designed to assess current walking conditions within a half-mile of light rail stations, and to determine what actions should be taken to make these routes safe and pleasant for all ages and levels of mobility. A draft survey has been distributed for comment. For more information about this project contact: Anne White, anne@dcc-stpaul-mpls.org.

Big Picture Project Update

On November 15, Twin Cities LISC hosted a fourth community forum to share draft recommendations for the Central Corridor unified affordable housing plan. Final recommendations will be circulated in December.

The DCC will be submitting two summary reports from the listening sessions and two sub-area roundtable discussions. These documents will be included in the final report.

Individuals who attended the sub-area roundtable discussions are invited to fill out an online survey at <http://dcc-stpaul-mpls.org/content/affordable-housing-roundtable-discussion-survey>.

DCC News

The DCC bids farewell to Erin Scott and Alysa Friedrich who completed have completed their HECUA internships with the DCC. Erin and Alysa provided significant community engagement support to the Big Picture Project initiative, by facilitating listening sessions along the corridor. The DCC wishes them the best of luck as they move forward toward graduation and new opportunities.

Railvolution — DCC Executive Director, Carol Swenson was part of a Transportation Equity panel; this was the first year that Rail~Volution offered sessions on Equity in Transit-Oriented Development and Transportation. Notably, about 50 people attended this 8:00 am session on the last day of the conference. Carol presented about the “Stops for Us” campaign to build 3 missing stations.

Colloque Sur L’Innovation, Quebec City, Canada; October 25 — The DCC went international when Carol presented on community perspectives on planning and community engagement in the Central Corridor as part of a Minneapolis-St Paul panel that included Mike Christianson and David Frank representing the City of Minneapolis. Over 500 people attended this one-day event that culminated with the Mayor of Quebec unveiling their plan for building a light rail system in the Quebec City region, which includes the City of Levy.

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