



Nicollet – Central Transit Alternatives



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What is this Project?

The City of Minneapolis, in partnership with Metropolitan Council and Metro Transit, will study a variety of alternatives to provide enhanced transit services within the Nicollet-Central Corridor. This nine-mile study area runs primarily along Nicollet and Central Avenues, between the 46th Street (near the I-35W Transit Station) and the Columbia Heights Transit Center at 41st Avenue NE.

The corridor includes major activity centers and destinations such as Nicollet Mall and downtown Minneapolis; the Minneapolis Convention Center; the Central Business District; “Eat Street”; the Northeast Arts District; the East Hennepin area; the Minneapolis Institute of Arts; and Central Library.

Why study the Nicollet-Central Corridor?

While bus service in the corridor is frequent, it does not connect the activity centers and destinations in the corridor with a legible, easy-to-use, reliable transit service that can serve the growing travel demand and support economic development objectives.

The purpose of the Project is to improve connectivity, enhance the attractiveness of transit service, and catalyze development within the Nicollet-Central Corridor.

What is the Project process?

The Project has just entered the first of a multi-step, federally-defined project development. This first phase is called an Alternatives Analysis. Prior to construction, the next steps include design and environmental review.

Project Development Process



Current Activities

The Project Team will work with stakeholders during the fall of 2012 to define the Project’s Purpose and Need and Goals and Objectives. These will inform the development and evaluation of Project alternatives, which will occur in the winter of 2012/13 and spring of 2013.

How can I get involved?

Public input will be solicited during all phases of the study. Opportunities for input are identified on the Project website:

<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/nicollet-central/>





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