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Community Streetcar Coalition

RAMSEY COUNTY

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Modern Streetcar project RiverviewCorridor.com

Topics Covered Today

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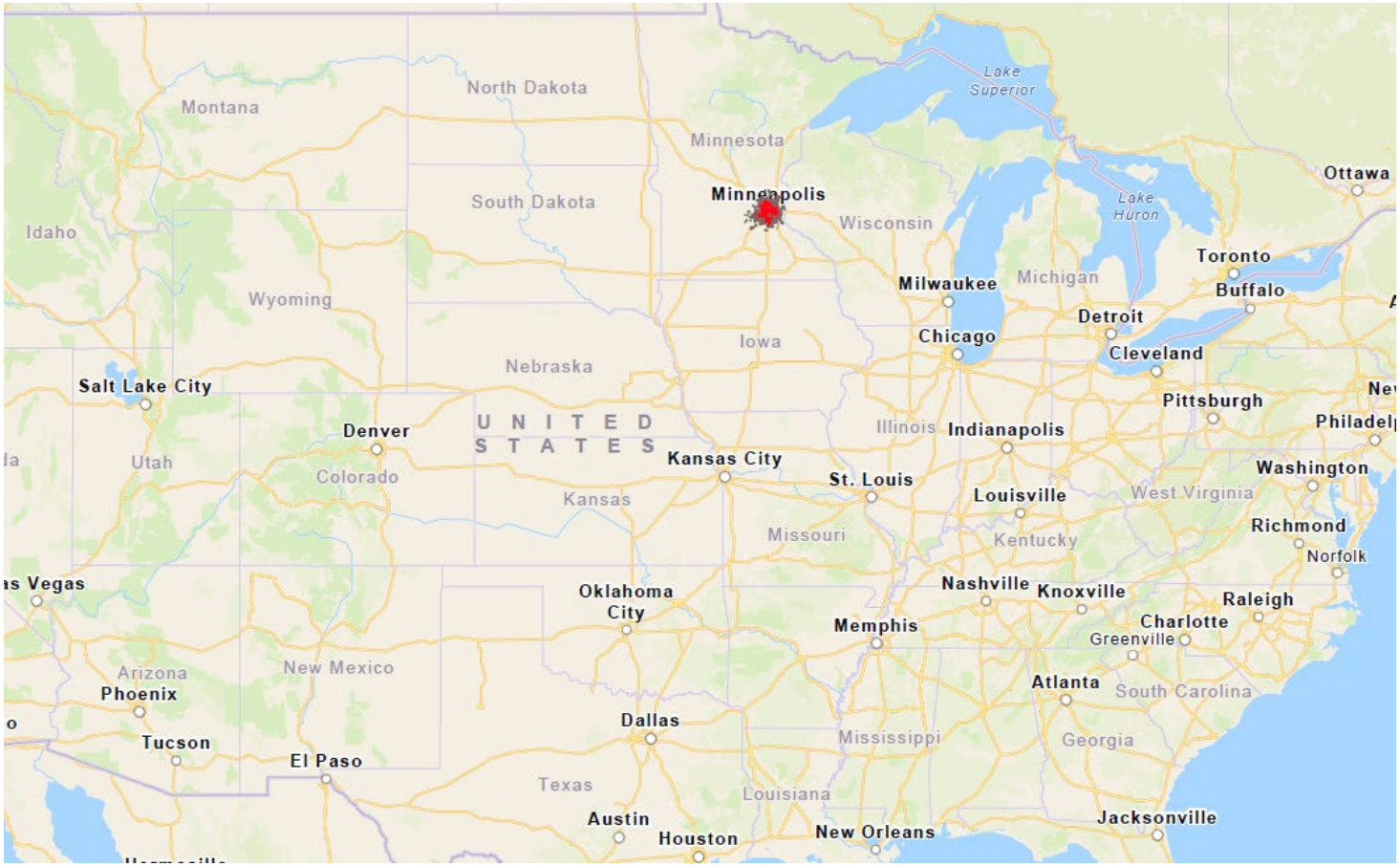
- Location Context.
- Status of Current Project Phase.
- Alignments – Streetcar.
- Travel Times and Ridership.
- Costs and Funding.
- Next Steps.

Location Context
Minneapolis Saint Paul



Future Rapid Transit Network

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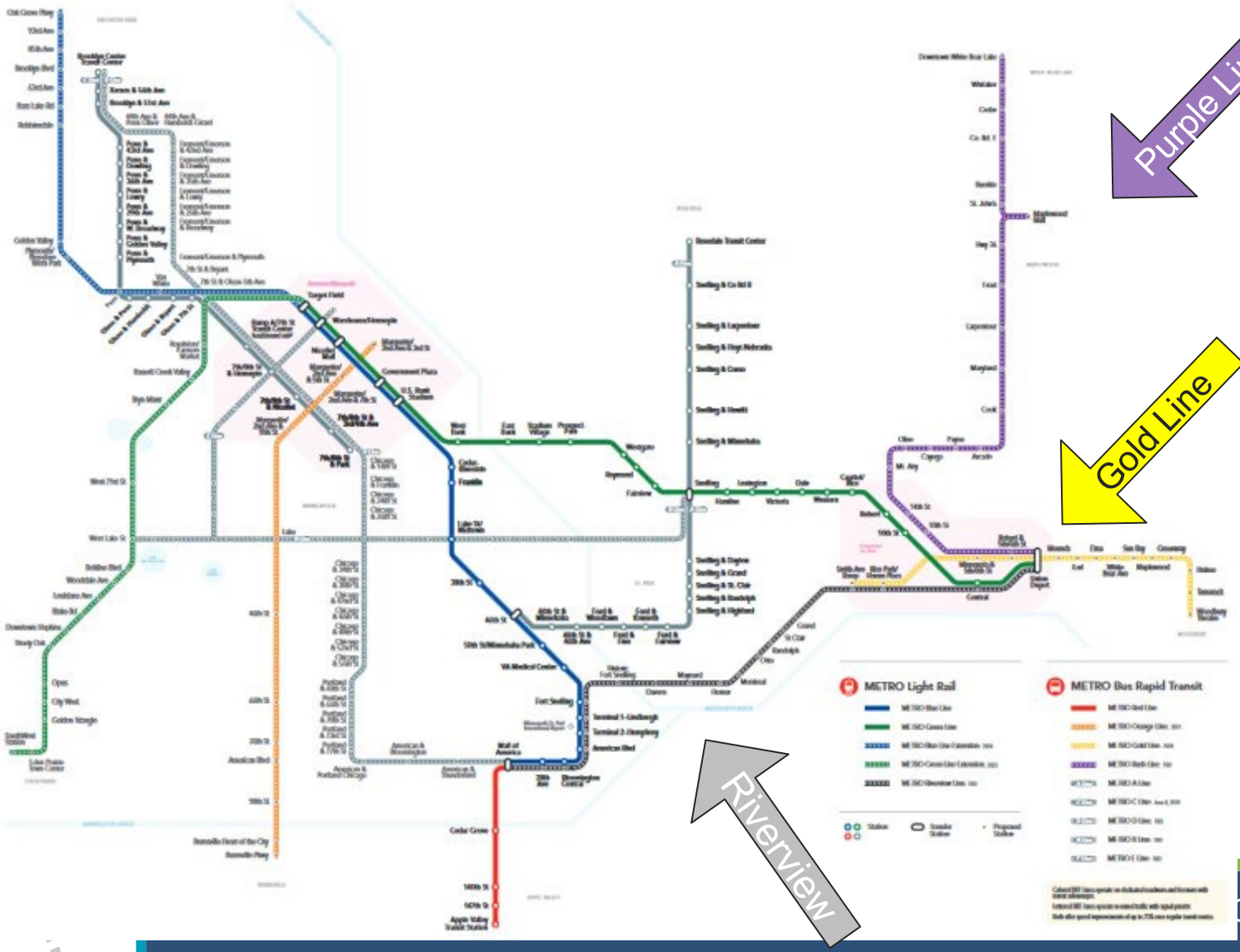

Modern Streetcar Identified as Locally Preferred Alternative 2017

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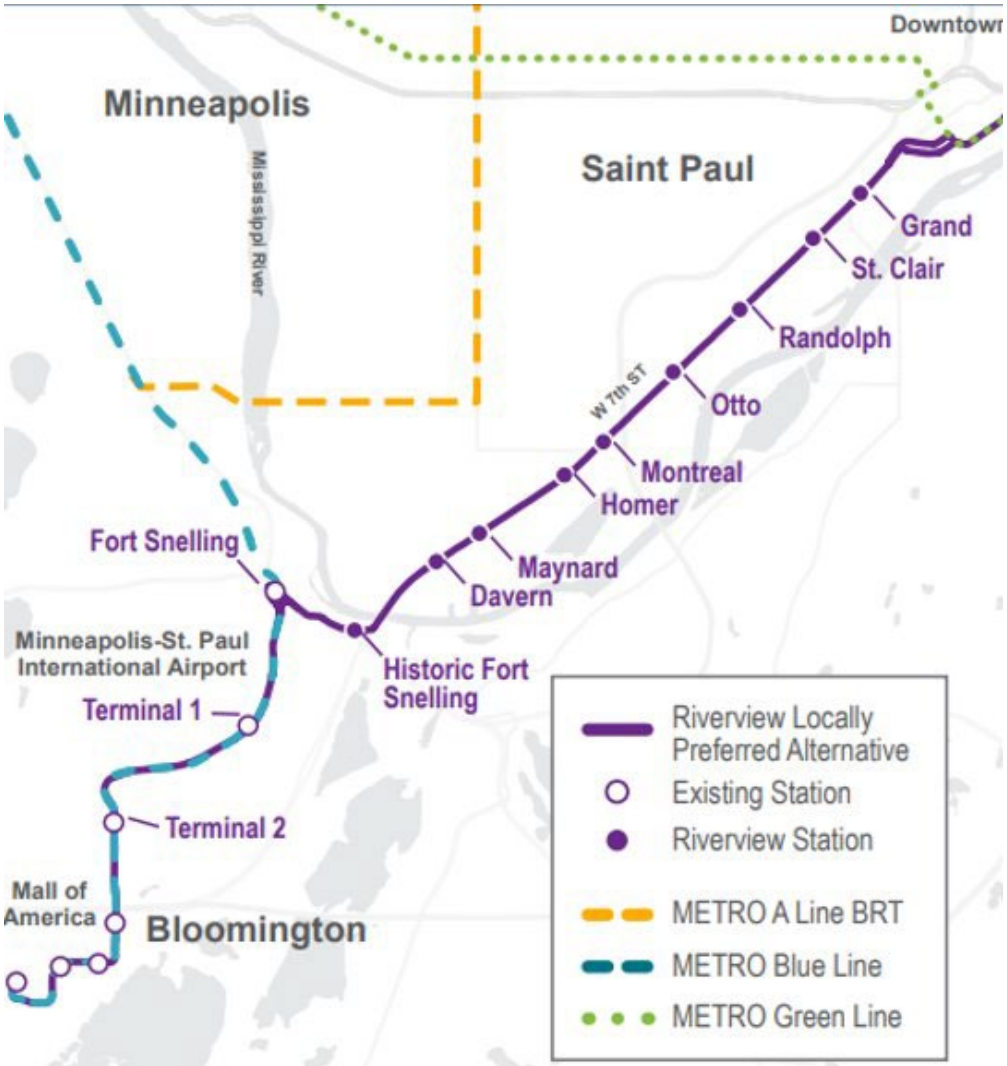

Where are we now?

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- Wrapping up current pre-environmental phase – 2020-2024.
  - Refine streetcar alignment and station locations.
  - Preliminary engineering.
  - Initial environmental screening.
  - Public engagement.
  - Evaluate bus-based alternative for comparison.

Streetcar Alignments

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Streetcar Alignment

- Option 1:
  - Dedicated lanes to Grand Avenue. Center-running.
- Option 2:
  - Dedicated lanes to Victoria.
  - Shared lanes from Victoria Street to Grand Avenue. Center and side-running.

Streetcar Option 1: Randolph Avenue Station Looking east towards West 7th Street & Toronto Street

Streetcar Option 2: Jefferson Avenue Station
Looking west toward station

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Travel Times and Ridership

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Travel Times Comparison

	Streetcar Option 1	Streetcar Option 2	ABRT	Route 54
Travel Time (westbound)	44:02 min	45:33 min	40:05 min	43:00 min
Travel Time (eastbound)	43:22 min	44:49 min	39:57 min	42:00 min

What Is The Estimated Ridership*?

Streetcar (2040)	ABRT (2040)
11,200-11,600 daily rides**	8,000 daily rides**

Costs and Funding

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Streetcar and ABRT Capital and O&M Costs

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	Streetcar Options	ABRT
Capital Cost	$2.10-2.12 billion	$121 million
Operations and Maintenance Cost	$34-34.5 million	Existing facilities

- Half of the project cost results in benefits outside of Streetcar infrastructure.
  - West 7th street reconstruction ($325 million).
  - Kellogg Boulevard improvements ($210 million).
  - Highway 5 Bridge replacement ($415 million).
  - New Mall of America™ Station ($285 million).

Streetcar and ABRT Funding

- Streetcar would be funded through multiple sources including:
  - Federal Transit Administration.
  - Ramsey County (existing sales taxes and RRA levy).
  - Hennepin County (existing sales taxes and RRA levy).
- An ABRT option would be funded through Metro Transit's existing funding sources.

Project Timeline

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Streetcar:

- Federal project development - 2025-2026.
- Engineering phase – 2027-2030.
- Construction - 2030-2033.
- Estimated opening - 2033.

Arterial Bus Rapid Transit (ABRT):

- TBD by Metro Transit.
- 2030 opening year is used as a placeholder to estimate costs.

Next Steps

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Next Steps

- Policy advisory committee direction on next steps – October 2024.
  - Move streetcar forward to next phase.
  - Stop work on streetcar.
  - Do nothing.

Questions and Discussion

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