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Central Corridor Light Rail Transit

Site-specific, corridor-wide solutions for lost parking

Corridor-wide and site-specific solutions will offset the loss of 975 parking spaces on University Avenue that will occur when two Central Corridor LRT tracks are constructed, according to a report by the city of St. Paul and the Central Corridor Project Office. University Avenue will retain 175 on-street parking spaces.

Read the report at:

www.metrocouncil.org/transportation/ccorridor/ReportsPresentations/ParkingSolutionsApr09.pdf

View the videotaped "Update on Central Corridor Parking" under Featured Videos at:

metrocouncil.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2

Parking by the numbers

- 560 parking spaces exist on north-south cross streets within a block of the corridor
- 25,000 spaces exist in underutilized private lots within a quarter mile of LRT stations

These spaces could compensate for much of the lost on-street parking spaces on University Avenue.



Some corridor-wide solutions and the entities responsible for implementing them:



- Installing parking meters – St. Paul Department of Public Works
- Implementing permit parking zones – City of St. Paul
- Using parking enforcement technology – St. Paul Police Department, business/property owners and residents
- Implementing parking signage – City of St. Paul, Central Corridor Project Office
- Encouraging use of mass transit – Metro Transit, St. Paul Smart Trips, City of St. Paul, Central Corridor Project Office's community outreach coordinators
- Establishing grant program to improve private parking resources – St. Paul Planning and Economic Development Department
- Seeking funding for capital and operating costs – St. Paul Planning and Economic Development Department

Some site-specific solutions include:

- Using cross-streets for parking and loading
- Maximizing existing investment in parking
- Centralizing refuse and recycling
- Scheduling non-peak deliveries and loading
- Sharing the use and cost of parking
- Utilizing vacated streets or alleys
- Facilitating parking workshops



Next steps

In the Spring and Summer of 2009, the city of St. Paul and the Central Corridor Project Office will meet with businesses and property owners in each of 11 critical areas identified along University to develop a parking mitigation plan. The plan may include shared parking, meters, better design of existing parking and improved access. ***This WILL work if we all work together.***

Where are the 11 critical areas?

The following 11 areas were identified as being especially affected by the loss of parking on University Avenue and where potential solutions have been identified:



- North side – Galtier to Western
- North side – Western to Arundel
- South side – Arundel to Mackubin
- North side – Kent to St. Albans
- South side – Grotto to Victoria
- North side – Lexington to Dunlap
- North side – Albert to Pascal
- North side – Simpson to Fry
- North side – Fry to Aldine
- North side – Transfer to Vandalia
- North and south sides – Raymond to 280

QUESTIONS?

Central Corridor Project Office

Contact these community outreach coordinators:

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For Snelling and Lexington station areas:

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About the project

The Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project will link downtown St. Paul and downtown Minneapolis along Washington and University avenues via the State Capitol and the University of Minnesota. Construction would begin in 2010 on the planned 11-mile Central Corridor line, with service beginning in 2014. The line would connect with the Hiawatha LRT line at the Metrodome station in Minneapolis and the Northstar commuter rail line, which will begin operation in late 2009, at the new Minneapolis Multimodal Station. The Metropolitan Council will be the grantee of federal funds. The regional government agency is charged with building the line in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Transportation. The Central Corridor Management Committee, which includes the mayors of St. Paul and Minneapolis, the University of Minnesota and commissioners from Ramsey and Hennepin counties, provides advice and oversight. The Central Corridor LRT Project Website is www.centralcorridor.org