

Regional snapshot

Scott County

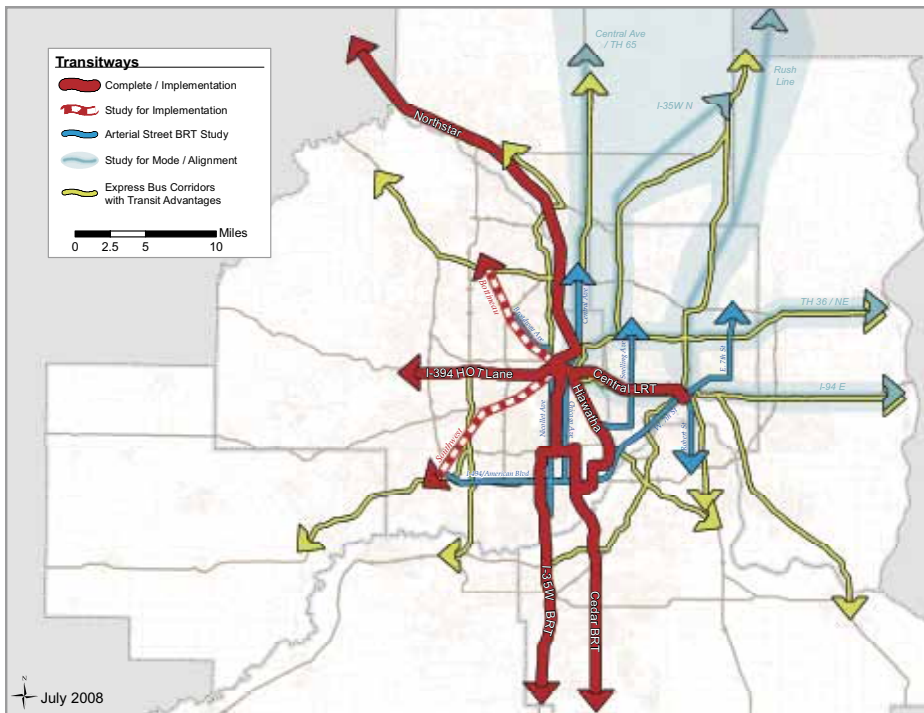
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Transit and Transportation

As progress continues on two of the region's key transit projects, that will meet in downtown Minneapolis, other key corridors throughout the region are in development.

The Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority is leading the way on choosing the Southwest Transitway route, which will bring riders from the southwestern suburban communities into downtown Minneapolis. The Southwest project will also receive \$5 million in state bonds for transit capital improvements to fund the preparation of the environmental impact statement.

Other transitways identified in the area include I-494 and American Boulevard, I-35W south, Highway 212 and Highway 169.



In addition, the Minnesota Department of Transportation is applying for discretionary stimulus funds to support upgrading the intersection at Highway 169 and I-494.

At a Glance

Total population	122,721
Median age	32.7
Population under age 5	10,912
Adult population	85,773
Population age 65 and older	7,663
Total housing units	43,966
Owner-occupied homes	36,692
Average household size	2.9
Average family size	3.33
Population in the labor force	69,909
Mean travel time to work, in minutes	26.3
Median annual household income	\$80,968

Source: American Community Survey 3-year estimates, 2005-2007, U.S. Census Bureau

Northstar Line

The region's first commuter rail service, the Northstar Line, will begin service Nov. 16. The 40-mile line extends from Big Lake to downtown Minneapolis and will operate on existing Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad tracks.

Fares for the Northstar Line will be based on the distance traveled, ranging from \$7 between Big Lake and downtown Minneapolis to \$3.25 between Fridley and downtown Minneapolis.

Central Corridor

The Central Corridor project is moving ahead toward construction in late 2010. The project has been given its Record of Decision from the Federal Transit Administration, so the Council can move ahead with the final design. The project can begin construction following the achievement of the Full Funding Grant Agreement.

The Central Corridor will extend from downtown St. Paul to downtown Minneapolis, and connect with the Hiawatha light-rail line and the Northstar commuter rail line. Service is anticipated to begin in 2014.

Metropolitan Council Representative – Scott County

Craig Peterson, District 4 (Carver County, Hennepin County cities of Minnetrista and St. Bonifacius, and the portion of Scott County in the metropolitan area)

Metropolitan Council District Dialogues

Regional Parks

Appropriations of the Minnesota Legacy and Heritage Amendment included four grants worth \$246,000 in 2010 for the following Scott County park projects:

- Development and capital improvements at Cedar Lake Farm
- Land acquisition for Blakely Bluffs Park Reserve
- Development on the Scott County Regional Trail

Community Development

Communities throughout the region submitted their 2030 comprehensive plan updates in 2008, and the Council is reviewing those plans throughout this year.

Reviewed by Council

- Belle Plaine
- Prior Lake
- Savage
- Shakopee
- Scott County (includes all townships)

Review Process Underway

- Elko New Market
- Jordan

In addition, Scott County has established a Farm Advisory Task Force to help guide the county's long-range comprehensive planning efforts.

Livable Communities Grants

Communities throughout the seven-county metropolitan area have received funds through one of several Livable Communities grant programs. These programs provide funding for new developments or redevelopment projects that provide affordable housing, link housing with nearby jobs and services, help preserve affordable housing, and clean up polluted land for redevelopment.

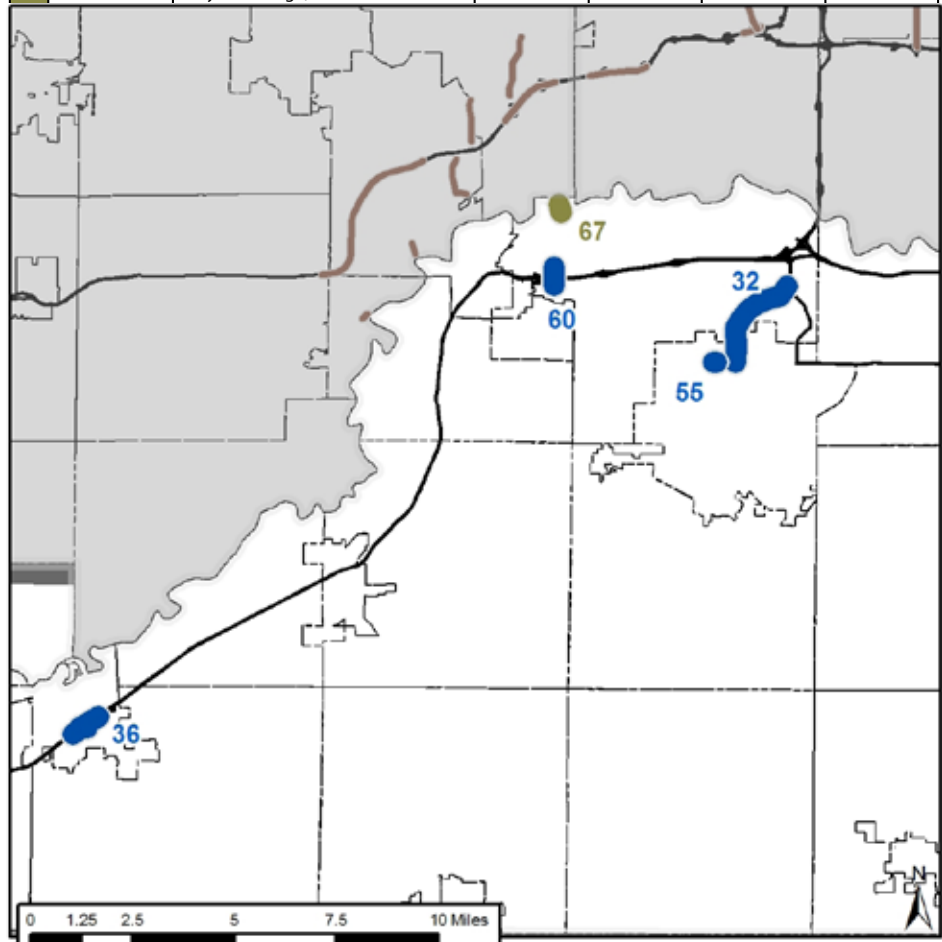
Since 1996, the Council has granted 5 Livable Communities awards, worth more than \$1 million, to Scott County communities.

Community	Grants	Total Amount
Jordan	1 award	\$400,000
Prior Lake	1 award	\$200,000
Shakopee	3 awards	\$420,000

Recovery Act Transportation Projects

Scott County will receive nearly \$17 million in regional and state funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

ID	Location	Project	Total Cost	State ARRA	Region ARRA	Other Funds
32	Prior Lake & Shakopee	County Rd 21 – surfacing project	\$13,985,000	\$7,324,000	\$6,661,000	\$0
36	Belle Plaine	Hwy 169 – construct south frontage road (between County Rds 3 and 5) and South St from Hwy 169 to O'Brian Pkwy	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$500,000
55	Prior Lake	Signal installation at County Rd 42 and McKenna Rd	\$250,000	\$0	\$175,000	\$75,000
60	Shakopee	Fuller St – construct pedestrian bridge and trail connections over Hwy 169 from Appaloosa Ave to Vierling Dr	\$875,000	\$0	\$700,000	\$175,000
67	Shakopee	Restoration of bike/ pedestrian bridge over Minnesota River (Old Hwy 169 bridge)	\$8,070,000	\$5,420,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,350,000



~ State ARRA Funded Projects
 ~ Regional ARRA Funded Projects
 ~ State and Regional ARRA Projects
 ~ Projects outside Scott County