

# Regional snapshot

## Hennepin County

September 2009

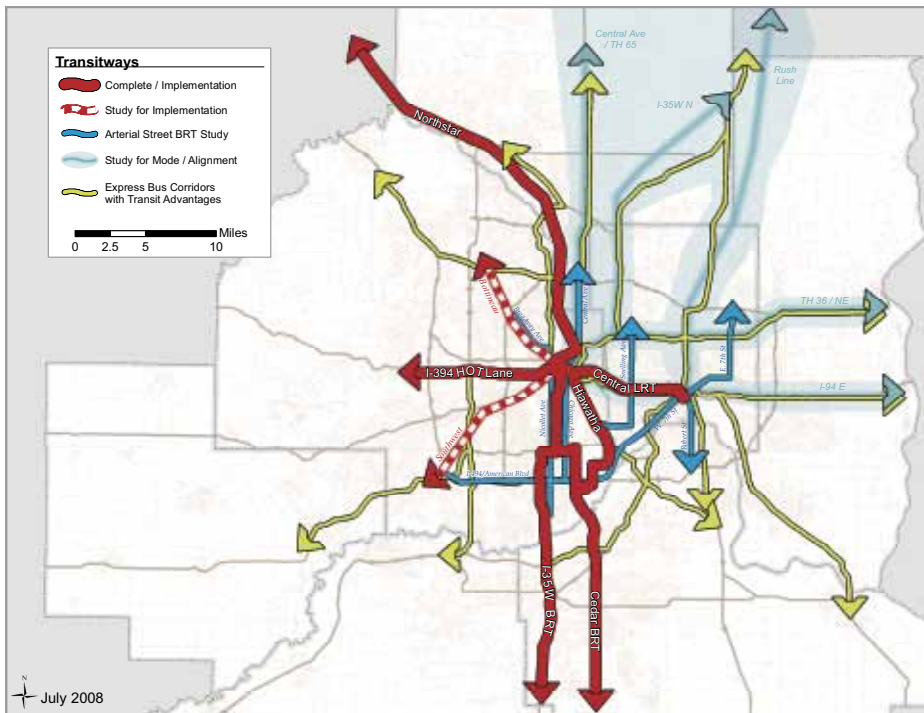
### Transit and Transportation

As progress continues on two of the region's key transit projects, that will meet in downtown Minneapolis, other key corridors southern and western Hennepin County are in the preliminary planning processes.

The Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority is leading the way on 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.

In addition, Hennepin County is conducting an alternatives analysis for the Bottineau Transitway, which generally follows Highway 81 in the northern portion of the county.

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



### Northstar Line

In addition, 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.

### Metropolitan Council Representatives - southern Hennepin County

**Robert McFarlin, District 3** (Chanhasen, Deephaven, Eden Prairie, Excelsior, Greenwood, Hopkins, Long Lake, Minnetonka, Minnetonka Beach, Mound, Orono, Shorewood, Spring Park, Tonka Bay, Wayzata, and Woodland) **Polly Bowles, District 5** (Bloomington, Edina, and Richfield) **Peggy Leppik, District 6** (Crystal, Golden Valley, New Hope and St. Louis Park and parts of western Minneapolis)

### At a Glance

Total population	1,130,110
Median age	37.2
Population under age 5	79,560
Adult population	863,487
Population age 65 and older	122,524
Total housing units	495,936
Owner-occupied homes	315,678
Average household size	2.38
Average family size	3.08
Population in the labor force	649,726
Mean travel time to work, in minutes	21.9
Median annual household income	\$60,115

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

### 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. Central Corridor service is anticipated to begin in 2014.

### Regional Parks

The Three Rivers Park District will receive a grant from the Minnesota Legacy and Heritage Amendment's Parks and Trails Fund for 2010. The funding will support reforestation at Lake Minnetonka Regional Park.

# Metropolitan Council District Dialogues

## 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

- Bloomington
- Edina
- Long Lake
- Mound
- New Hope
- Richfield
- Woodland

### Process Underway

- Crystal
- Deephaven
- Eden Prairie
- Excelsior
- Golden Valley
- Greenwood
- Hennepin County
- Hopkins
- Minnetonka
- Minnetonka Beach
- Orono
- St. Louis Park
- Shorewood
- Spring Park
- Tonka Bay
- Wayzata

## 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.

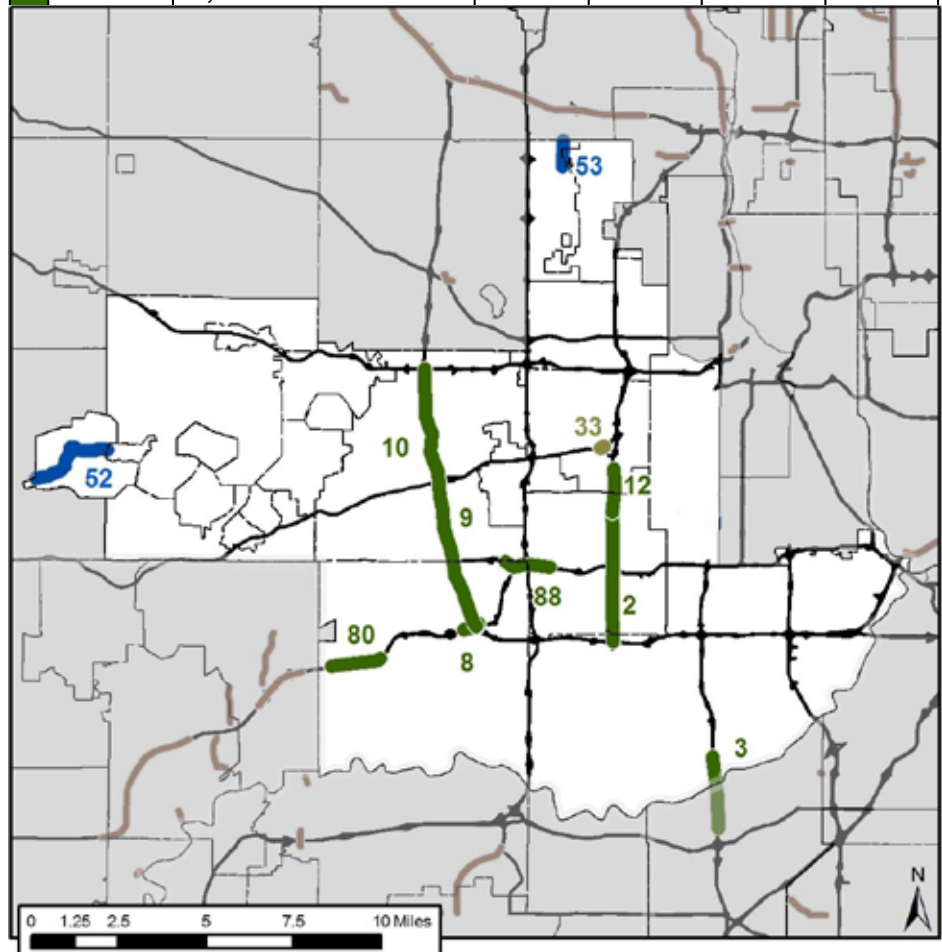
Since 1996, the Council has granted 82 Livable Communities awards, worth nearly \$29 million, to the communities in Council Districts 3, 5, and 6 (non-Minneapolis).

Community	Grants	Total Amount
Bloomington	17 awards	\$6,395,647
Crystal	3 awards	\$602,000
Eden Prairie	1 award	\$300,000
Edina	1 award	\$317,400
Excelsior	1 award	\$70,000
Golden Valley	3 awards	\$1,091,750
Hopkins	11 awards	\$4,782,235
Long Lake	2 awards	\$645,000
Minnetonka	11 awards	\$2,139,400
Mound	3 awards	\$1,371,000
New Hope	3 awards	\$380,500
Orono	1 award	\$32,000
Richfield	5 awards	\$1,735,000
St. Louis Park	18 awards	\$8,285,359
Wayzata	2 awards	\$461,500

## Recovery Act Projects

Southern Hennepin County will receive nearly \$11 million in regional and state funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

ID	Location	Project	Total Cost	State ARRA	Region ARRA	Other Funds
2	Edina	Hwy 100 – Rebuild lighting system I-494 to 50th St	\$1,712,000	\$1,712,000	\$0	\$0
3	Burnsville & Bloomington	I-35W – Rebuild lighting system from Cliff Rd to 106th	\$481,500	\$481,500	\$0	\$0
8	Eden Prairie	I-494 – Add westbound lane to northeast loop at Hwys 212 & 5	\$1,070,000	\$1,070,000	\$0	\$0
9 & 10	Eden Prairie & Minnetonka	I-494 – landscaping from Hwy 5 to I-394	\$535,000	\$535,000	\$0	\$0
12	Edina & St. Louis Park	Hwy 100 – lighting system from 50th St to Excelsior Blvd	\$856,000	\$856,000	\$0	\$0
33	St. Louis Park	Hwy 7 – Construct interchange at Wooddale Ave	\$12,300,000	\$2,507,500	\$957,500	\$8,835,000
52	Mound	Shoreline & Commerce Blvd – street lighting and sidewalk replacement & construction	\$700,000	\$0	\$630,000	\$70,000
53	New Hope	Winnetka Ave –reconstruct from County Rd 10 to 62nd Ave N	\$1,382,000	\$0	\$834,000	\$548,000
80	Eden Prairie	Hwy 212 – interchanges at County Rd 4 and Dell Rd	\$214,000	\$214,000	\$0	\$0
88	Eden Prairie & Edina	Hwy 62 – lighting replacement from Hwy 212 to Gleason Rd	\$877,400	\$877,400	\$0	\$0



— State ARRA Funded Projects    
 — Regional ARRA Funded Projects    
 — State and Regional ARRA Projects    
 — Projects outside Southern Hennepin County