

Regional snapshot

Ramsey County

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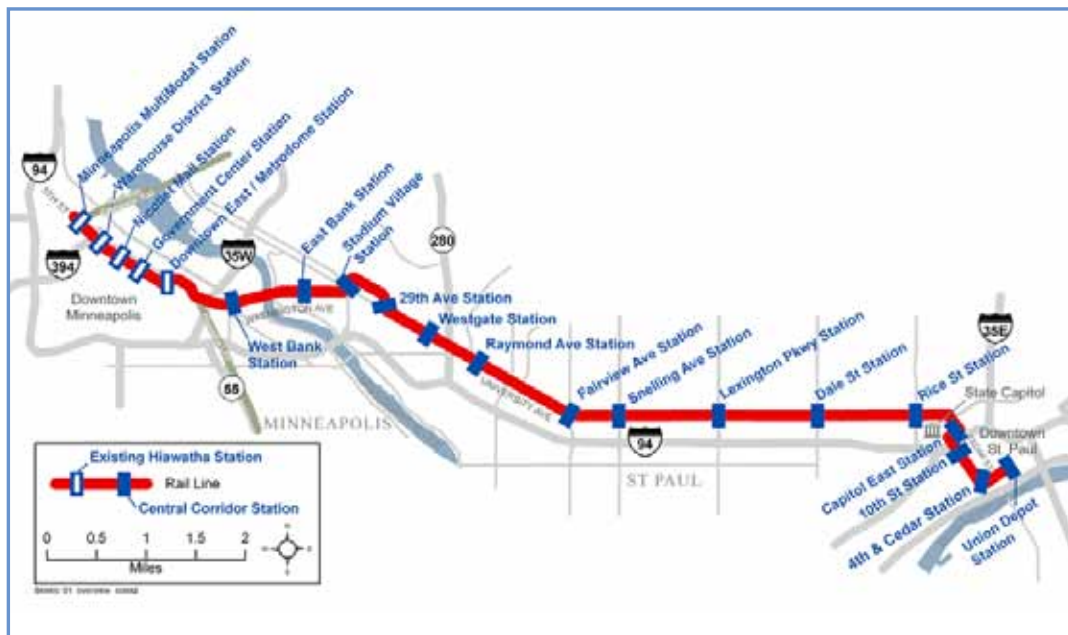
Transit and Transportation

The region's second light-rail transit project, the Central Corridor, continues to move ahead. The 11-mile line will link downtown St. Paul and downtown Minneapolis along Washington and University avenues via the State Capitol and the University of Minnesota.

Underground utility work to prepare for construction has already begun on the line. Project staff are expected to complete final design in early 2010. The federal Full Funding Grant Agreement must be in place prior to construction, which is expected to begin in late 2010. Service on the Central Corridor line will begin in 2014, according to current plans.

Other Central Corridor facts:

- Estimated cost for the Central Corridor line is \$914 million.
- Planners project ridership of 42,000 by 2030.
- The line will have 15 new stations, and share five stations with the Hiawatha line in downtown Minneapolis. Infrastructure will be in place for three future stations.
- Each car will seat 66, with standing room for an additional 70 people.
- The Central Corridor line will connect with the Hiawatha light-rail and Northstar commuter lines in downtown Minneapolis.
- Trains will operate every 7.5 minutes during peak travel periods, with a travel time of 39 minutes between the central business districts of the two downtowns.
- Traffic and buses will use University Avenue following Central Corridor line construction. Route 16 buses will run at 20-minute intervals. An expanded network of connecting bus routes will also bring commuters from outside the corridor.



At a Glance

Total population	498,692
Median age	36.8
Population under age 5	34,279
Adult population	376,626
Population age 65 and older	62,342
Total housing units	213,759
Owner-occupied homes	131,626
Average household size	2.41
Average family size	3.16
Population in the labor force	268,800
Mean travel time to work, in minutes	21.7
Median annual household income	\$51,862

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

Metropolitan Council Representatives - Ramsey County

Kris Sanda, District 10 (Arden Hills, Blaine, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Mounds View, New Brighton, North Oaks, Roseville, Shoreview, and Spring Lake Park) Georgie Hilker, District 11 (Gem Lake, Little Canada, Maplewood, North St. Paul, Vadnais Heights, White Bear Lake, the town of White Bear) Richard Aguilar, District 13 (St. Paul east of Interstate Hwy 35E) Kirstin Serland Beach, District 14 (St. Paul west of Interstate Highway 35E)

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

- Falcon Heights
- Lauderdale
- New Brighton
- North St. Paul
- Shoreview
- White Bear Lake

Review Process Underway

- Arden Hills
- Birchwood Village
- Little Canada
- Maplewood
- Mounds View
- North Oaks
- Ramsey County
- Roseville
- St. Paul
- White Bear Township

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.

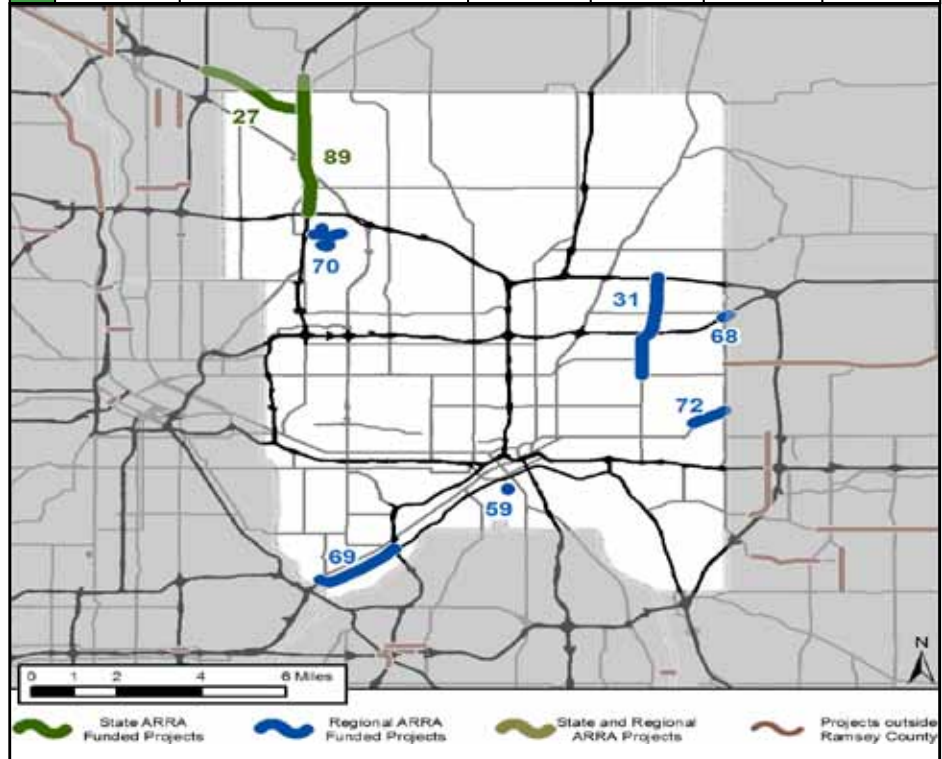
Since 1996, The Council has granted 141 Livable Communities awards, worth nearly \$54 million, to Ramsey County communities.

Community	Grants	Total
Arden Hills	2 awards	\$275,000
Falcon Heights	4 awards	\$1,524,773
Lauderdale	3 awards	\$934,450
Maplewood	4 awards	\$2,208,000
New Brighton	5 awards	\$3,082,250
North St. Paul	1 award	\$25,000
Roseville	12 awards	\$3,000,426
St. Paul	101 awards	\$39,824,880
Shoreview	4 awards	\$759,200
Vadnais Heights	2 awards	\$565,000
White Bear Lake	3 awards	\$1,740,036

Recovery Act Projects

Projects in Ramsey County will receive about \$21.5 million in regional and state funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

ID	Location	Project	Total Cost	State ARRA	Region ARRA	Other Funds
27	Blaine & Mounds View	Hwy 10 – resurfacing/guardrail – Hwy 65 to I-35W	\$4,494,000	\$4,494,000	\$0	\$0
31	Maplewood	White Bear Ave reconstruction	\$11,500,000	\$0	\$2,548,086	\$8,951,914
59	St. Paul	Wabasha St – reconstruct pedestrian bridge & staircase tower	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$1,900,000	\$100,000
68	North St. Paul & Oakdale	Gateway Tr – bridge enhancement over Hwy 120	\$1,943,500	\$0	\$1,300,000	\$643,500
69	St. Paul	Sam Morgan Tr – enhancement from I-35E to Hwy 5	\$1,490,000	\$0	\$448,800	\$1,041,200
70	Arden Hills	Anderson Memorial Tr – connections and enhancements	\$528,876	\$0	\$288,326	\$240,550
72	Maplewood	Stillwater Rd – Trail improvements from Lakewood Dr to Century Ave	\$1,060,000	\$0	\$800,000	\$260,000
89	Arden Hills/Blaine	I-35W – resurfacing/repair I-694 to north of Lake Drive	\$9,726,300	\$9,726,300	\$0	\$0



Regional Parks

Appropriations of the Minnesota Legacy and Heritage Amendment included \$2.7 million in 2010 to the following Ramsey County projects:

- Creating a nature play area and children’s garden at the Tamarack Nature Center in Bald Eagle-Otter Lakes Regional Park
- Preparing to realign the park road and picnic area in Lilydale Regional Park
- Renovating the Joyce Kilmer Memorial fireplace at Como Park
- Updating the Phalen-Keller Park master plan