



Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis

Metro Transit, in partnership with Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis, has initiated an alternatives analysis (AA) to identify possible transit improvements in the Midtown Corridor. The goal of a transitway in the Midtown Corridor is to improve mobility, increase ridership, and enhance transit connections through high-quality, frequent, and reliable transit service in this busy commercial corridor.

What is the purpose of the Midtown Corridor AA?

The purpose of the AA is to identify and analyze the benefits, costs, and impacts associated with various transit alternatives in the Midtown Corridor. This information will help us understand how a transitway can improve transit service and increase ridership while also encouraging local sustainable development within an established urban environment.

What modes and alignments will be studied in the Midtown Corridor AA?

Modes to be considered in this AA include bus, streetcar, bus rapid transit (BRT), dedicated busway and light rail transit (LRT). The two alignments being studied are Lake Street and the Midtown Greenway in South Minneapolis.

What is the expected outcome of the Midtown Corridor AA?

The AA will result in the selection of an alternative that best meets the transportation needs of the local community in terms of technical feasibility, costs, and benefits. This is often called the locally preferred alternative, or LPA. An AA is the first step towards federal funding of a transitway project.

What is the study process to identify the LPA?

The study activities will fall into four main stages:

1. Project initiation, during which a comprehensive problem statement is developed along with goals and objectives for potential solutions
2. Initial development and screening of the universe of alternatives
3. Refinement and detailed evaluation of the most promising alternatives
4. Final assessment of alternatives and development of recommendations



Streetcar



BRT



Dedicated Busway



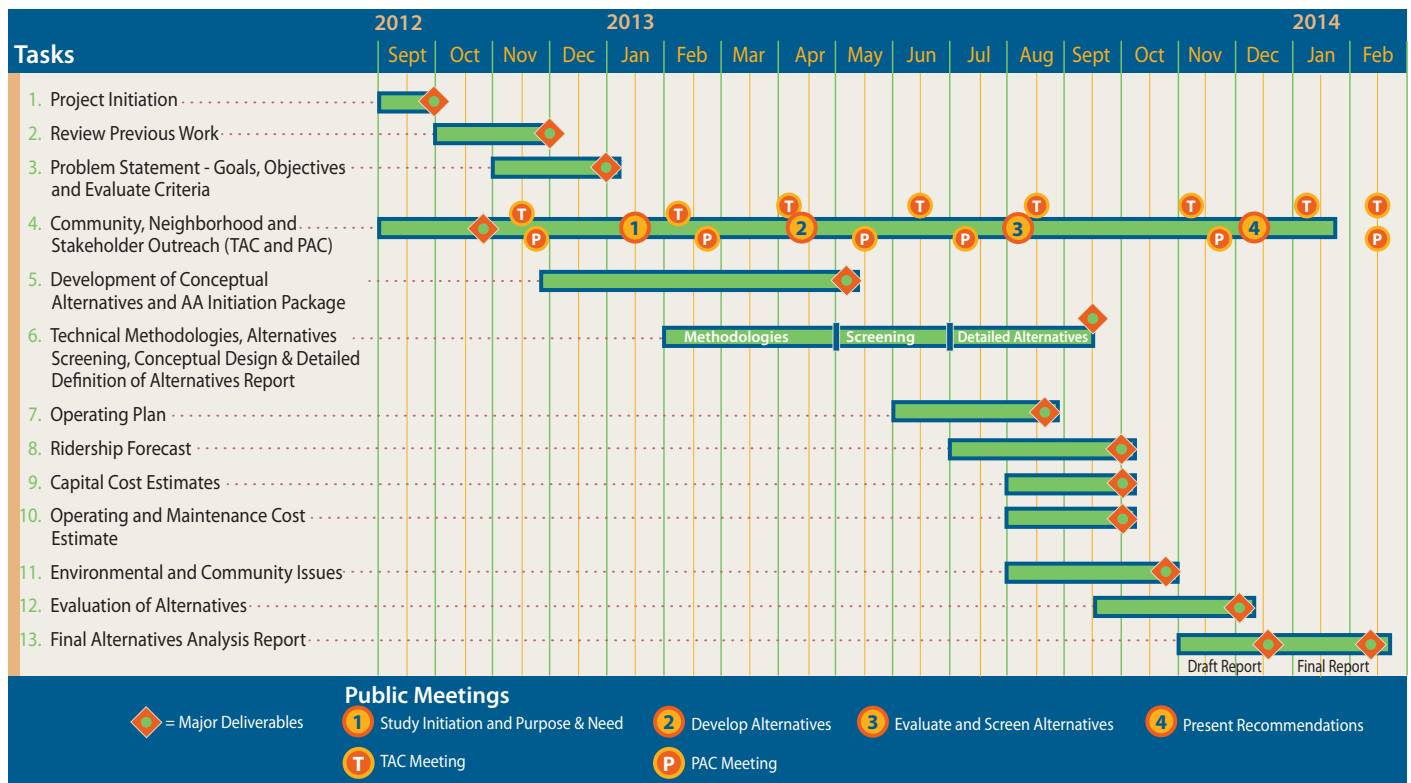
LRT





How long will it take to complete the Midtown Corridor AA?

The Midtown Corridor AA takes place in three stages. It is expected that the AA process will take approximately 18 months to complete. The proposed schedule for the Midtown Corridor AA is shown below.



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