



2009 STATE REQUEST

The Rush Line Corridor Task Force is requesting \$1 million for the design, construction and land acquisition for park and ride lots along the Rush Line Corridor.

WHAT IS THE RUSH LINE CORRIDOR?

The Rush Line Corridor is a transportation corridor extending 80 miles from Hinckley to Union Depot in St. Paul, following and including Interstate 35, Interstate 35E and US 61. The Corridor links growing communities that range from urban neighborhoods to suburbs and beyond to include rural cities and townships. Total Corridor population is forecast to increase by 43% between 2000 and 2030, an increase of more than 158,000 people.

The 24-member Rush Line Corridor Task Force, which includes local and regional representatives, is exploring transit alternatives that support economic development, community and environmental preservation and transportation choice and mobility. Ramsey County Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt is the Task Force chair.

ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS

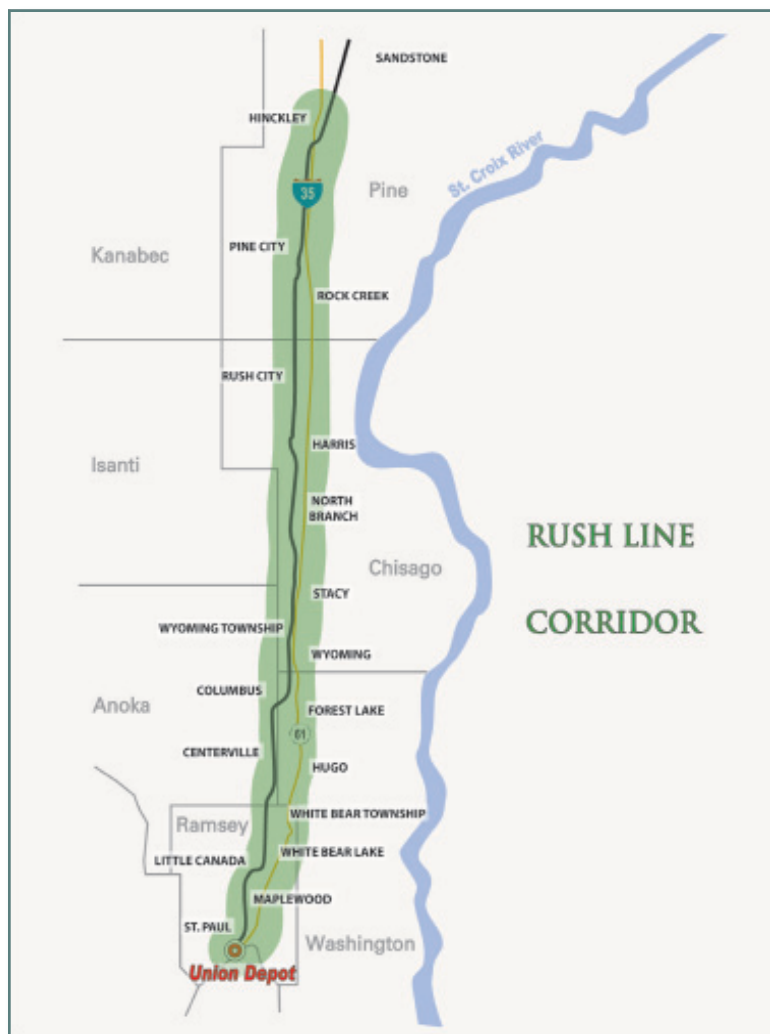
The Rush Line Corridor Task Force has undertaken an Alternatives Analysis to study longer-term transit options that improve mobility, access to employment and education, and enhance the reach of local transportation services. The study is expected to conclude in 2009 and is a necessary step prior to securing federal funds for construction of the longer-term transit alternative.

COMMUTER BUS SERVICE

The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority, Chisago, Washington, and Anoka Counties have agreed to provide a total of \$472,200 in funding for a one year commuter bus demonstration project. Service is anticipated to begin in the summer of 2009 with ridership forecast at 400 trips per day. The service will connect Columbus, Forest Lake, and White Bear Township to the Union Depot in downtown St. Paul.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Rush Line Corridor has received federal and state funds to implement near-term transit improvements. Funds have helped pay for the Maplewood Mall Transit Center, to purchase two vanpool vans, construct a park and ride lot at County Road 17 and I-35, and to construct a Transit Center in Forest Lake.



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