

RIVERVIEW MODERN STREETCAR PROJECT

JUNE FORT SNELLING 2024 OPEN HOUSE

EVENT OVERVIEW

DATE: JUNE 27, 2024

TIME: 5:00-7:00 P.M.

LOCATION: HISTORIC FORT SNELLING VISITORS CENTER

PURPOSE

The purpose of the meeting was for area residents, commuters, and other stakeholders to learn about the work of the Riverview Project team study of the design alternatives, recommendations from the team on next steps, and how to stay connected on future engagement opportunities as Ramsey County moves forward.

EVENT ATTENDANCE

STAFFING

Name	Company
Lyssa Washington	4RM+ULA
Amelia Cerling Hennes	HDR
Kate Kaisersatt	HDR
Ryan Bauman	HDR
Emily Dam	4RM+ULA
Jessica Laabs	Kimley-Horn
Grant Wyffels	Kimley-Horn
Mona Elabbady	SRF
Jason Gottfried	HNTB
Brandon Maurisak	HNTB
Chris Ewert	Kimley-Horn
Christian Campbell	HNTB
Andrew Olson	HNTB
Alicia Uzarek	HDR
John Slack	Perkins and Will
Grant Martin	LOCi

Christina Slattery	Mead & Hunt/Two Pines Resource Group
Dr. Michelle Terrell	Mead & Hunt/Two Pines Resource Group
Mike Rogers	Ramsey County
Jennifer Jordan	Ramsey County
Kevin Roggenbuck	Ramsey County
Chris Barron	Ramsey County
Michael Corbett	MNDOT

We had a strong staff contingent that reflected the expertise and knowledge area of each of the key topics and points related to the display materials. Staff stayed throughout the event to provide information and support to attendees who were looking to learn more or voice their opinion about the streetcar and ABRT.

ATTENDEES

NUMBER: The sign-in sheet reflected eight people, but actual attendance was closer to 20.

DEMOGRAPHICS: Mostly long-time residents who lived along the West 7th Corridor who are interested in learning more about the project.

MEDIA AND COVERAGE

No pre-media coverage and no media in attendance at the event.

COMMENTS AND CONVERSATIONS

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOTES AND COMMENTS FROM ATTENDEES, PROVIDED BY THOSE WHO STAFFED THE EVENT:

- Most people who attended were interested in seeing the streetcar project proceed.
- Multiple conversations with attendees concerned about corridor parking.
- Person equated Riverview to green line and thought that closed a lot of businesses.
- Space (Fort Snelling) was really nice, well-received.
- Most conversations were generally in favor of the project.
- Several attendees who spoke with MnDOT expressed that they think the West 7th project is a band aid and that Riverview would be the fix.

Resident from the Davern Station Area:

- Lots of support for the project and looking forward to it advancing
- Concern that the line should be more reliable and dedicated. One staffer shared that we're only talking about 1.5 miles difference between the two. Seemed like confusion that one option was dedicated, and one was not. Still thought that transit reliability was preferred over on street parking.

- Thought one of the best uses for him on this would be easier/faster connection to downtown Minneapolis. He did not have an issue with the transfer at Fort Snelling and thought that was a great advantage of streetcar over ABRT.