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Visions for Cedar-Riverside Neighborhood Discussed at Open House

*Transit along Washington Avenue creates opportunities for
improvements*

June 21, 2010 (MINNEAPOLIS) - Residents are invited to attend an open house from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 23 at the Brian Coyle Community Center, 420 15th Ave. S. Minneapolis.

Representatives from the City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County will present ideas on how economic development coinciding with the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit line's construction can stimulate the Cedar Riverside neighborhood. Identical presentations will be made at 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis have partnered to hire a team of professionals to examine how the addition of light rail can stimulate new development near the West Bank LRT station and further develop the two sides of Washington Avenue. The addition of light rail is an opportunity to advance the plans and reports completed to stages of implementation. In the next four years, the neighborhood will see Cedar and Riverside avenues upgraded, new bike lanes on multiple routes, improved intersections along Cedar, and the addition of light rail along Washington Avenue.



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The open house will introduce the team and the scope of the project and give the community a chance to share input. Attendees will have the opportunity to view maps and exhibits and speak with the team members about the study and answer questions. A Somali translator will be present. More information can be found at

www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/west_bank_implementation.asp.

This project is funded by The Central Corridor Funders Collaborative, a partnership of 12 local and national funders that works with others to create and implement corridor-wide strategies aimed at ensuring the adjoining neighborhoods, residents and businesses broadly share in the benefits of investment in the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit line.