

Open Houses - Participation

- Public open houses on August 6, 7, and 14
 - Three venues, 56 attendees signed in
 - Northeast (East Side Co-op): 26
 - Downtown (Central Library): 18
 - South (Colin Powell Center): 12
 - 24 comment forms received at Open Houses



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- Survey posted on-line August 6 to August 18
- Same as open house comment forms
- 31 on-line surveys completed

Nicollet-Central Transit Alternatives Comments:
Your comments will help the City of Minneapolis identify a Locally Preferred Alternative for implementation in the corridor.

1. Based on information you have heard and seen today, which alternative(s) do you prefer?
 - a) Conventional Bus
 - b) Enhanced Bus
 - c) Modern Streetcar
2. Based on information you have heard and seen today, which Mississippi River crossing would you prefer?
 - a) Hennepin Avenue/1st Avenue
 - b) Central Avenue/3rd Avenue
3. Based on information you have heard and seen today, would you support a 3.4-mile, Initial Streetcar Starter Line that runs between Lake Street/Nicollet Avenue and 8th Street NE?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No

Conventional bus



Enhanced bus



Modern streetcar



Open House – Common Themes

- Support for modern streetcar (83 %)
- Support for Hennepin/1st Avenue River crossing (83 %)
- Support for the 3.4-mile long starter line (88 %)



Open House

Rationale for Selection of Options

- Why modern streetcar as opposed to conventional bus and enhanced bus?
 - Better ability to spur economic and housing development throughout corridor
 - Improves connectivity between Downtown and Northeast
 - Off-Board collection will be beneficial for efficient travel times
 - Potential increase in ridership
 - Streetcar is more appealing, improves quality of service
 - More funding sources are available for modern streetcar
 - Potentially able to alleviate automobile congestion
 - Reliable travel times, faster and more seamless



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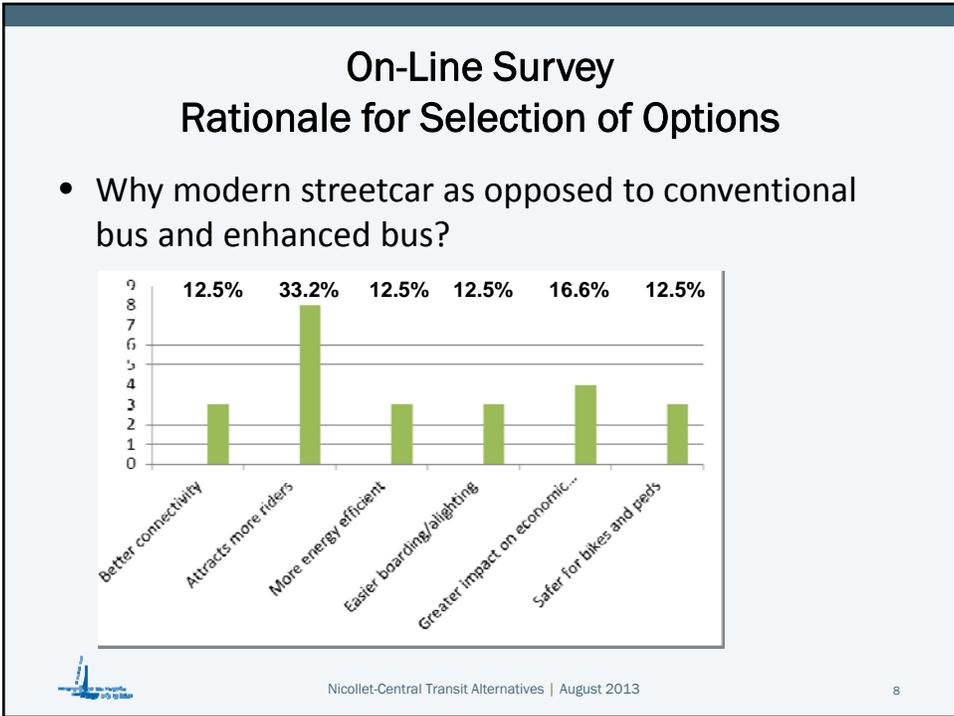
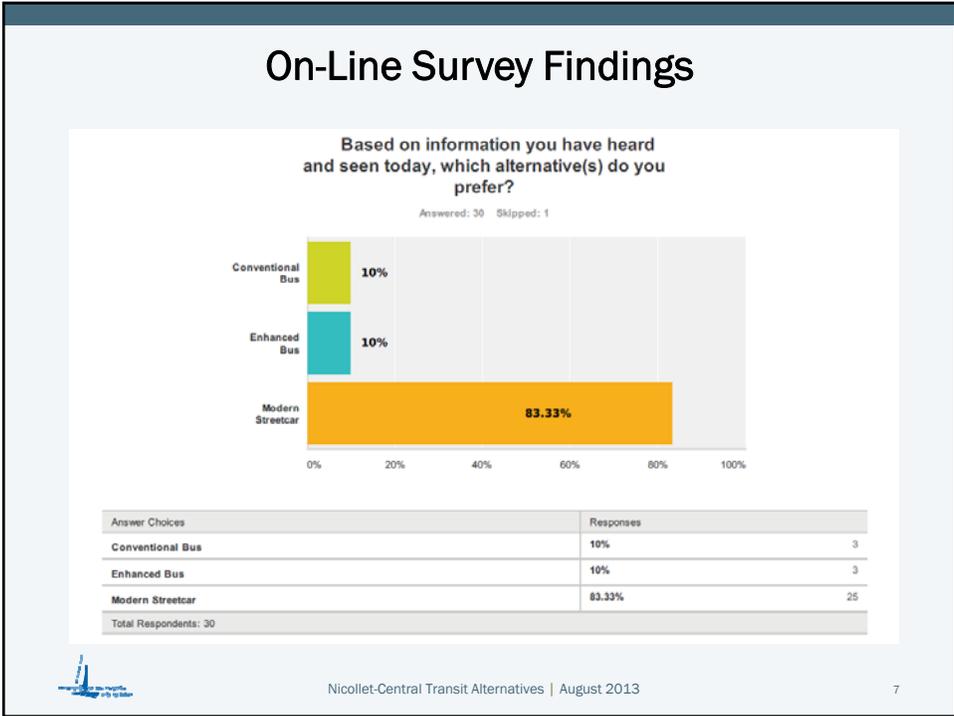
- Why Hennepin/1st Avenue as opposed to 3rd/Central Avenue?
 - Easier access to downtown amenities
 - Better bike and pedestrian environment
 - More direct than Central Avenue Bridge
 - Better for future connectivity to other rail systems
 - Lower initial cost
 - Handicap accessible
 - More of a seamless integration

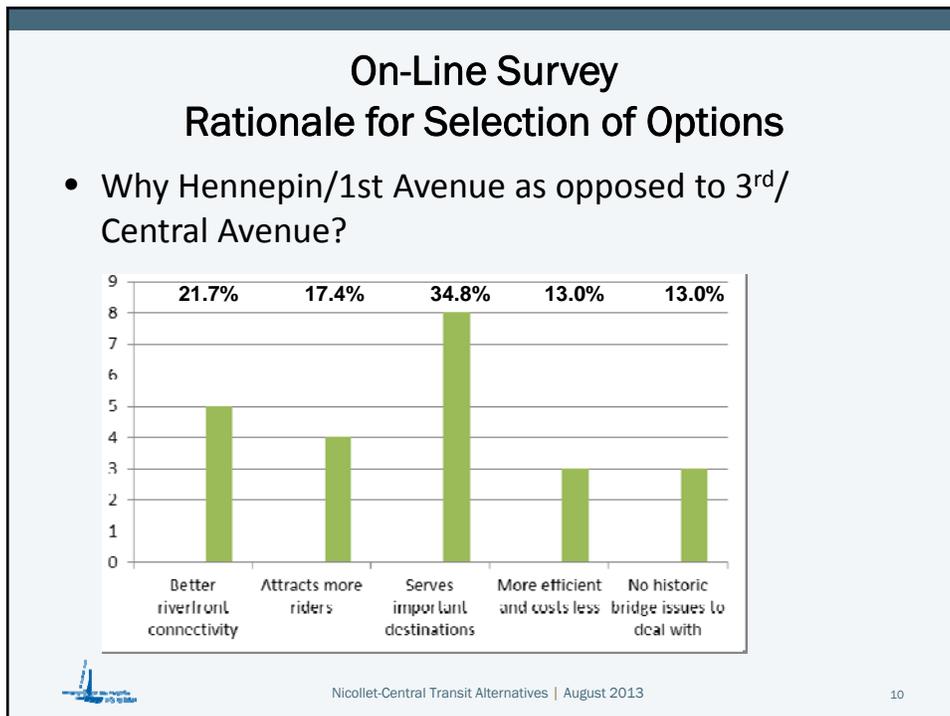
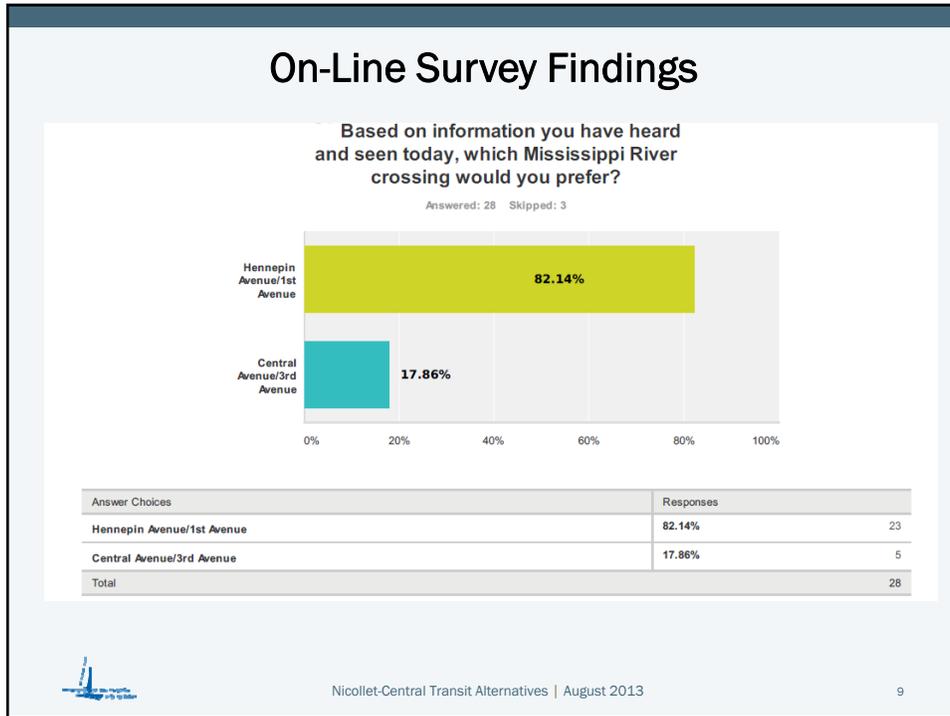


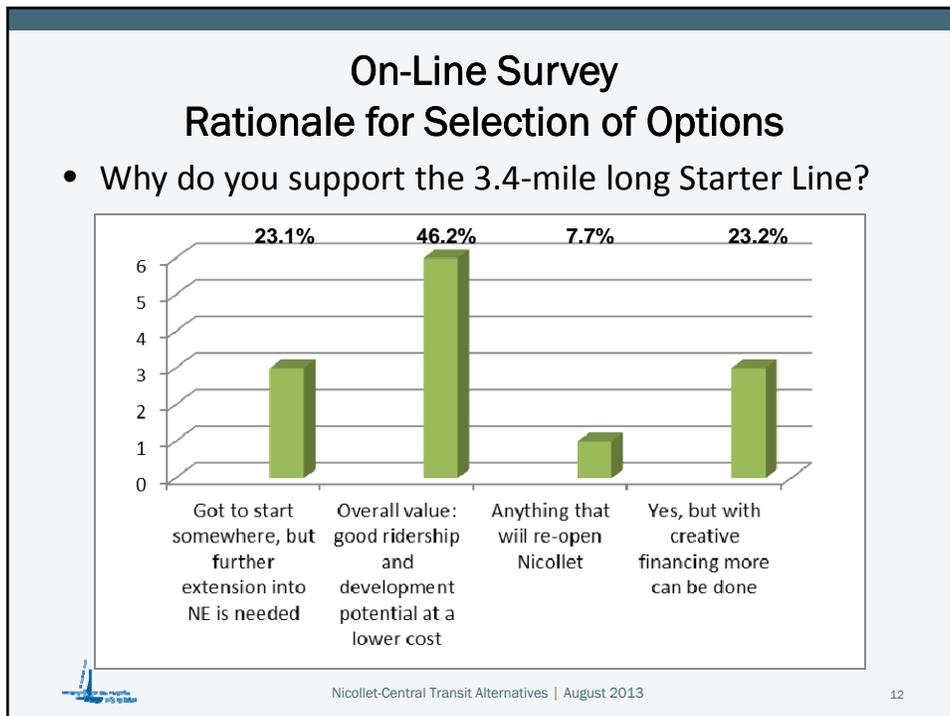
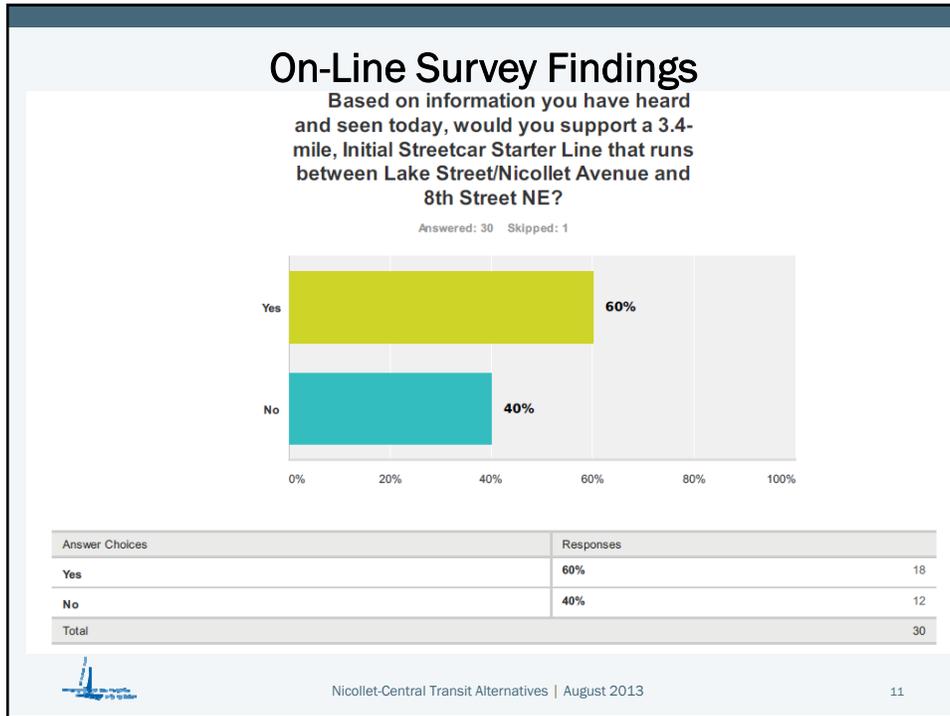
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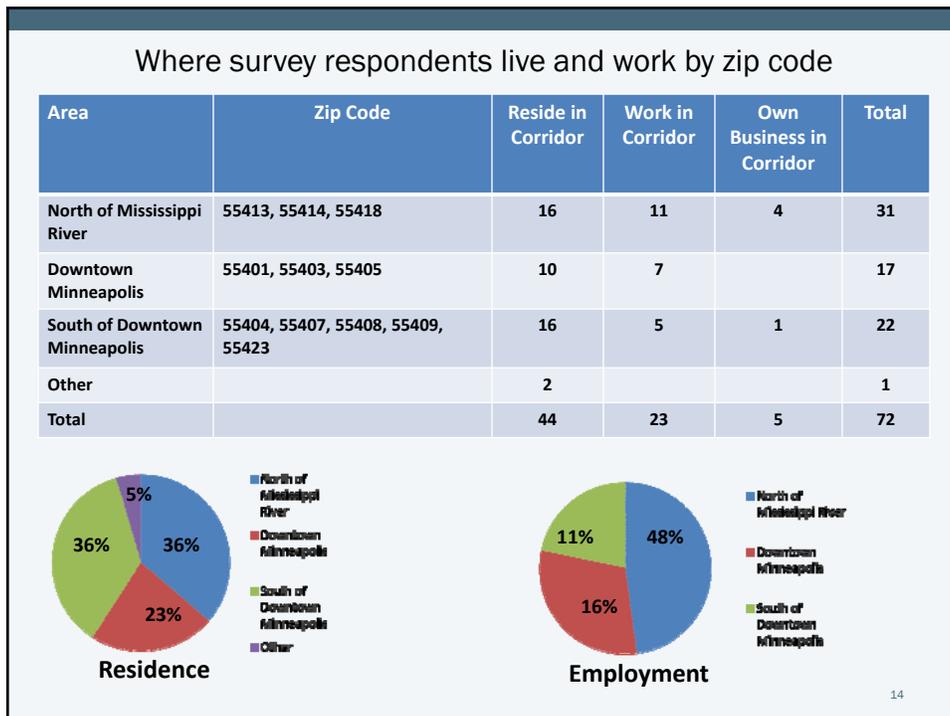
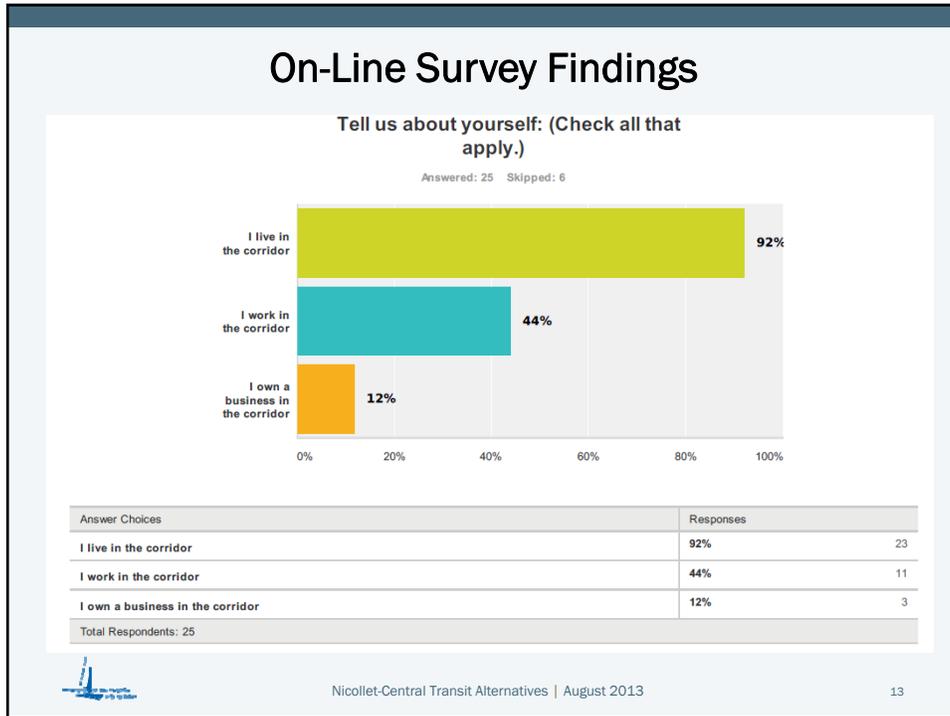
- Why do you support the 3.4-mile long Starter Line?
 - The starter line, if successful, would provide a good base from which expanded services could be built
 - The starter line would have a positive effect on economic growth and development
 - The starter line provides better connection options than buses











Continued Public Outreach

- Additional public meeting
 - Central Library , Doty Board Room
 - Monday, Sept 9, 2013 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm with
 - Formal presentation at 5:30 pm
- Comment period extended to Sept. 15, 2013