

# Expanded Bus Route 363 – Red Rock Corridor, Phase I Implementation

The Washington County Regional Railroad Authority (WCRRRA) supports funds for a two-year demonstration of an expansion of the bus route (Route 363) that would provide all-day, bi-directional bus service between St. Paul and Cottage Grove.

## Issue At-A Glance

- Existing transit service in the Red Rock corridor is during peak period designed for workers with 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. work schedules.
- Expanding Route 363 would provide all-day service every 30 minutes in both directions between Saint Paul and Cottage Grove.
- An Implementation Plan was completed in 2016, which recommended this demonstration project as a near-term activity to build ridership in the corridor prior to full Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) implementation.
- Estimated cost for two-year demonstration of the expanded Route 363 is \$5.6 million.

## Support

Red Rock Corridor Commission, local communities along the corridor, East Metro Strong, and those who support buses over other public transit options.

## Previous Consideration

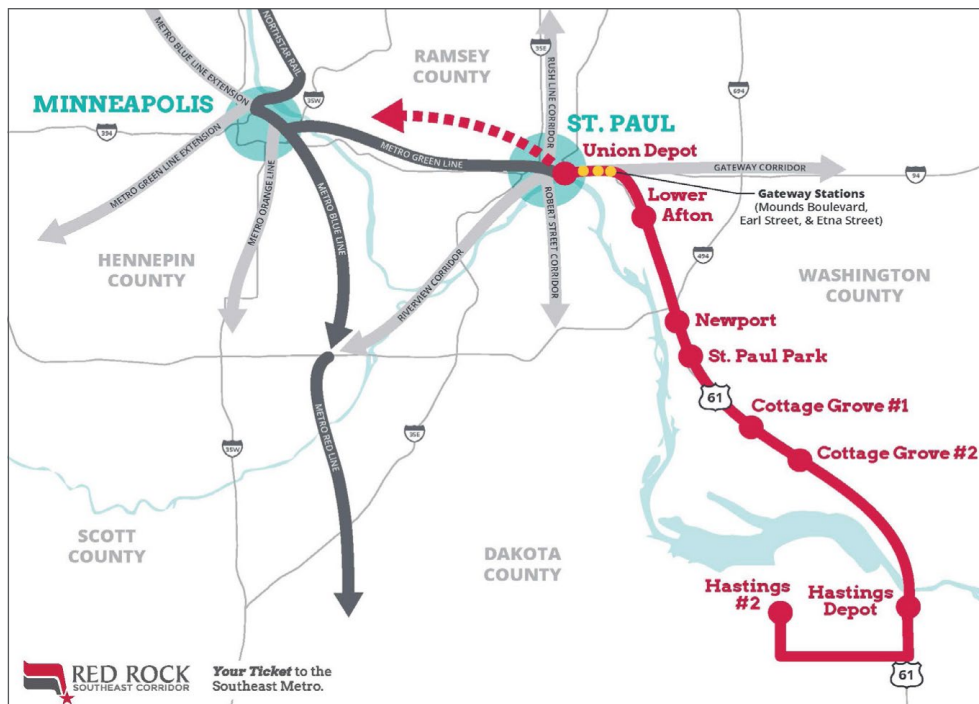
Washington County Board of Commissioners has advocated for this demonstration project for many years.

## No Action

Without action, the transit needs of the southeastern Twin Cities region will not be met and there will be no all-day, bi-directional bus service in the Red Rock Corridor.

## Financial Implications

Sustainable revenue sources need to be identified to extend the life of the project beyond demonstration.



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## Benefits of expanded Route 363

- Expanded multimodal travel options in the Highway 61 corridor
- Availability of all-day local service for people whose travel needs are not met with peak-period service
- Increased access for people currently unable to use the park-and-ride based commuter-express service