

5.0 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND RESOURCE AGENCIES CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

5.1 LOCATE TASK FORCE

In 2002, the LOCATE Task Force was created to identify a location for a Downtown Saint Paul Multi-modal transit hub. As shown in Table 5.1-1, the LOCATE Committee includes representatives from state, county, and city government, agencies and potential users. The Task Force met on a regular basis, initially to review alternative sites and, following selection of the Union Depot site, the Task Force reviewed alternative design concepts.

TABLE 5.1-1 MEMBERSHIP OF THE LOCATE TASK FORCE

Name	Organization/Representing
Rick Johnson	Amtrak
Bill Morin	Saint Paul Port Authority
Myra Peterson	Red Rock Corridor Commission
Fred Gates	Office of Representative McCollum
Carl Kuhl	Office of Senator Coleman
Patrick Seeb	Saint Paul Riverfront Corporation
David Block, Chair	Saint Paul TMO
Sara Grewing	Office of Senator Amy Klobuchar
Rick Aguilar	Metropolitan Council
Dave Thune	Saint Paul City Council
Larry Englund	Capitol River Council
Tom Gottfried	Mn/DOT Office of Transit
Nancy Homans	Saint Paul Mayor's Office
Bill Blesener	Rush Line, Mayor – Little Canada
Bill Buth	BOMA
Tony Bennett	Ramsey Co Regional Railroad Authority
Bonnie Buchanan	Jefferson Lines
Mike Galvin, Jr	Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce
Rafael Ortega	Chair, Ramsey Co Regional Railroad Authority Central Corridor Representative
Janice Rettman	Ramsey Co Regional Railroad Authority Central Corridor Alternate
Clinton Beecham	Greyhound Lines
Will Rossbach	Rush Line, Maplewood Council Member
Susan Moe	Federal Highway Administration
Jake Spano	Office of Senator Amy Klobuchar



5.2 AGENCY COORDINATION MEETINGS

During development of the Environmental Assessment, a number of meetings were held with various agencies. These coordination meetings are documented in Table 5.2-1.

TABLE 5.2-1 AGENCY COORDINATION MEETINGS

Date	Agencies Involved	Purpose/Topics
1-22-07	RCRRA, LOCATE Meeting	Discuss Multi-Modal Station in St. Paul
3-19-07	RCRRA, LOCATE Meeting	Discuss Multi-Modal Station in St. Paul
4-16-07	RCRRA, LOCATE Meeting	Discuss Multi-Modal Station in St. Paul
4-26-07	RCRRA, Mn/DOT, FHWA, Saint Paul Port Authority	Discuss the Union Depot multi-modal transit hub project and access to project of national and regional significance funding
5-7-07	RCRRA, Mn/DOT	Discuss Federal aid project environmental review process for the Union Depot
5-21-07	RCRRA, LOCATE Meeting	Discuss Union Depot Project
6-7-07	RCRRA, SHPO, Saint Paul HPC, Mn/DOT CRU	Discuss Section 106 requirements and process for the Union Depot
6-11-07	RCRRA, City of Saint Paul	Discuss traffic and access for the Union Depot
6-14-07	RCRRA, Saint Paul Riverfront Corporation, City of Saint Paul	Discuss components of Union Depot project, and concerns of the Riverfront Corporation.
6-18-07	RCRRA, LOCATE Meeting	Discuss Union Depot Project
7-31-07	RCRRA, Amtrak	Discuss Amtrak station requirements; review alternative site layouts
8-10-07	RCRRA, National Park Service	Discuss MNRRA requirements related to the Union Depot
8-20-07	RCRRA, LOCATE Meeting	Discuss Union Depot Project
8-30-07	RCRRA Capital Region Watershed District	Discuss Watershed requirements related to the Union Depot
8-31-07	City of Saint Paul Planning and Economic Development	Discuss City of Saint Paul Mississippi River Critical Area requirements and land use plans for the Union Depot area.
9-10-07	RCRRA, National Park Service, Saint Paul HPC	Discuss Section 106 requirements and process for the Union Depot
9-17-07	RCRRA, LOCATE Meeting	Discuss Union Depot Project
9-24-07	RCRRA, Jefferson Lines	Discussion of Jefferson Lines' proposed facilities and operations program at the Union Depot.
9-25-07	RCRRA	Presentation of alternative site plans to RCRRA Board
9-25-07	RCRRA, SHPO, Mn/DOT CRU	Discuss Section 106 requirements and process for the Union Depot
9-26-07	RCRRA, City of Saint Paul Bicycle Coordinator	Discuss proposed Union Depot project and elements to include to support bicycling
10-2-07	RCRRA, City of Saint Paul Bicycle Advisory Board	Discuss proposed Union Depot project and elements to include to support bicycling
10-15-07	RCRRA, LOCATE Meeting	Discuss Union Depot Project
11-19-07	RCRRA, LOCATE Meeting	Discuss Union Depot Project
12-5-07	RCRRA, St. Paul Chamber of Commerce	Discuss proposed Union Depot and it's impact on businesses in downtown
12-6-07	RCRRA, Saint Paul HPC	Presentation of project elements and alternative site designs

TABLE 5.2-1 AGENCY COORDINATION MEETINGS (CON'T)

Date	Agencies Involved	Purpose/Topics
5-19-08	RCRRA, LOCATE Meeting	Discuss Union Depot Project
6-02-08	RCRRA, FHWA	Discuss response to comments on Draft EA and implications of Central Corridor LRT.
6-19-08	RCRRA, CCLRT	Alternatives for the CCLRT and Union Depot
7-16-08	RCRRA, CCLRT	Alternatives for the CCLRT and Union Depot
8-07-08	RCRRA, FHWA, Mn/DOT, SHPO, CCLRT	Alternatives for the CCLRT and Union Depot, historical impact, Environmental Review Process
8-18-08	RCRRA, SHPO, HPC, Mn/DOT CRU, FHWA, CCLRT, Mn/DOT	Field Review of Union Depot site and CCLRT Alignment
8-18-08	RCRRA, LOCATE Meeting	Discuss Union Depot Project
8-27-08	RCRRA, Metro Transit	Union Depot plan; Metro Transit Utilization of Union Depot
9-23-08	RCRRA, SHPO, Mn/DOT CRU FHWA	Alternatives for CCLRT and Union Depot; Potential impacts to historic Union Depot; options to avoid impacts
9-30-08	RCRRA, CCLRT, Ramsey County, City of St. Paul	Alternatives for CCLRT and Union Depot, potential impacts City concerns
10-02-08	RCRRA, FHWA, SHPO, FTA, Mn/DOT CRU, City of St. Paul, CCLRT	Alternatives for CCLRT and Union Depot, potential impacts
10-29-08	RCRRA, CCLRT, SHPO, Mn/DOT CRU	Potential impacts on historic structures
11-14-08	RCRRA, CCLRT, Ramsey County	Alternatives for CCLRT and Union Depot, potential impacts
11-17-08	RCRRA, LOCATE Meeting	Discuss Union Depot Project
11-25-08	RCRRA	RCRRA Board Workshop to discuss Union Depot and CCLRT Alternatives
1-22-09	RCRRA, SHPO	Discussed Section 106 recommendation and 4f requirements
2-09-09	RCRRA, LOCATE Committee	Discussion of Union Depot Alternatives



5.3 PERMITS AND APPROVALS

TABLE 5.3-1 PERMITS AND APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS

Permit	Agency	Action Required
Federal		
Environmental Assessment	FHWA Mn/DOT	Approval
EIS Need Decision	FHWA	Approval
Section 4(f) determination	FHWA	Approval
Section 106 (Historic / Archeological)	Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO)	Consultation
Section 106 (Historic / Archeological)	FHWA	Approval
Section 10 Permit	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Approval
Section 404 Permit – Individual	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Approval
Section 404 Permit – General Permit – Letter of Permission	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Approval
Section 404 Permit – General Permit #1 (permits associated with DNR Public Waters Permit)	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Approval
Section 9 Permit	U.S. Coast Guard	Approval
State		
EIS Need Decision	Mn/DOT	Approval
Public Waters Work Permit	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	Permit
Section 401	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	Certification
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	Permit
Section 106 (Historic / Archeological)	Minnesota State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)	Consultation
Local		
Municipal Consent	City(s) of Saint Paul	Approval
Wetland Conservation Act, Restoration Plan	City(s) of Saint Paul	Approval
Watershed District Permit	Capital Area Watershed District	Permit

5.4 PUBLIC MEETINGS

There are plans to conduct two public hearings on the project as follows:

Date: September 9, 2009
 Time: 12:30 to 2:30 pm
 Location: Union Depot Head house

Date: September 9, 2009
 Time: 5:30 to 7:30 pm
 Location: Union Depot Head house