University Avenue District
building on the foundation of light rail

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Introductions

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Where is the University Avenue District?

- Two Cities
- 3 LRT Stations
- 330 Acres
From here to.....
Here!
The Journey
THE VISION

University Avenue District

The new century nexus of live, work, learn, research, and engage.

An intentional partnership of developers, businesses, community residents, higher education, non-profit and government agencies fueling job growth, redevelopment and innovation adjacent to the University of Minnesota.

A national model for developing a thriving community.
Transit-Oriented Development

TOD = adds value

TOD = Walkable places served by transit where people can live, work, shop, play, etc.

People want TOD!

*In 2013, more than half of Minnesotans said they wanted to live in walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods, according to a survey by the National Association of Realtors.*

Green Line TOD @ Raymond Station
Served by Bus Routes #6, #30, #63, #67, #87
TOD Policy Goals Alignment

1. Maximize the development impact of transit investments
   Community building

2. Support regional economic competitiveness
   Businesses connected to more customers & employees

3. Advance equity
   Affordable housing & good jobs in TODs

4. Support a 21st century transportation system
   Increase ridership & revenues
Strong Existing Assets

1. University Biomedical Discovery District - Winston and Maxine Wallin Medical Biosciences Building, Center for Magnetic Resonance Research, Microbiology Research Facility and Cancer and Cardiovascular Research Building (pictured) and Lions Research Building and McGuire Translational Research Facility;
2. Athletics Campus – TCF Bank Stadium (pictured), Williams Arena, Ridder Arena, Mariucci Arena;
3. Central, multi jurisdictional location
4. Diverse and active community;
5. LRT Green Line;
6. Area Businesses Commercial, Industrial, Entertainment and Cultural, including Surly Brewery (pictured).
Objectives Delivered

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- Property Taxes
- Jobs
- New & Expanded Businesses
- Spending Outputs

ADDED DIMENSIONS
- Focus on arts and sciences
- Healthy design and programming
- Life-long learning community
- Demonstration area for research
- Increased creative vitality index

DEVELOPMENT
- Mixed use – live/work/learn/research/play
- Diversity of people and uses
- Integrated uses
- Historic Structures

PUBLIC REALM
- Green spaces & plazas
- Complete streets & mobility
- Regional connections & adjacencies
- Natural systems
- Community gardens

INTEGRATED DISTRICT SYSTEMS
- District energy
- District stormwater
- District parking
- District Restorative infrastructure
- Eco-District
- Carbon Footprint Reductions
District Implementation:
Integration of District Systems: Street Infrastructure and Access, Public Realm, Green 4th, Energy Heating & Cooling, Parking, Stormwater, Regional Connections
Phase I Developments
Here to there

2015
Planning:
- District Stormwater
- District Energy
- District management
- District parking
- Street grid
- Signature green spaces

2016
- Phase I 4th St (rebuild 29th-Malcolm)
- Phase I district energy (heating/cooling)
- Phase I district stormwater mgmt (MWMO)
- 4th St SSD (or equal) established
- Initial Private Development begins

2017
- Phase II 4th St (rebuild 29th – Huron)
- Phase II shared stormwater mgmt (MWMO)
- Signature green spaces

2018
- Greenway across University Ave
- Initial private development opens: AEON, Cornerstone, Harlem Irving & Prospect Park Properties, MPHA Glendale Townhomes
- District parking opens

2019+
- Phase II energy system built
- Granary Corridor connections built
- Co-generation of power
- Sustainable fuel source
The Prospect North Partnership
Who’s Participating?

- Aeon
- BlueCross BlueShield of Minnesota
- City of Minneapolis
- City of St. Paul
- CenterPoint Energy
- The Cornerstone Group
- Family Housing Fund & TC Land Bank
- Greater MSP
- Hennepin County
- McKnight Foundation
- Metropolitan Council
- Minneapolis Public Housing Authority
- Mississippi WMO
- Prospect Park 2020 (neighborhood reps)
- Prospect Pk Properties (Barnhart Family)
- Trust for Public Land
- U of M College of Design
- ULI Minnesota & ULI National
- UMFREA
- United Properties
- University Enterprise Laboratories (UEL)
- The Wall Companies
- Xcel Energy

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