



Hennepin County Commissioner Linda Higgins

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In Touch With District 2

Bottineau Transitway DEIS Public Hearings in May 2014

The public is invited to a series of public hearings in May for the Bottineau Transitway Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS). An open house will be held in conjunction with each formal public hearing.

The Bottineau Transitway is a proposed project that will provide for transit improvements in the highly traveled northwest suburbs of the Twin Cities as well as Minneapolis.

The Bottineau Corridor extends approximately 13 miles from downtown Minneapolis through north Minneapolis to the northwest suburbs of Golden Valley, Robbinsdale, Crystal, and Brooklyn Park. Public hearings will be hosted by the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (all meeting locations are accessible for persons with disabilities).



Public hearing dates and locations

Wednesday, May 7

Golden Valley City Hall

7800 Golden Valley Road
Golden Valley, MN 55427
6 to 7 p.m. public open house
7 p.m. formal public hearing

Tuesday, May 13

Brooklyn Park City Hall

5200 85th Avenue North
Brooklyn Park, MN 55443
4:30 – 5:30 p.m. public open house
5:30 p.m. formal public hearing

Thursday, May 8

Urban Research and Outreach/ Engagement Center (UROC)

2001 Plymouth Avenue North
Minneapolis, MN 55411
4:30 to 5:30 p.m. public open house
5:30 p.m. formal public hearing

Wednesday, May 14

Crystal Community Center

4800 Douglas Drive
Crystal, MN 55429
5 to 6 p.m. public open house
6 p.m. formal public hearing

Comments on the draft EIS will be accepted from April 11 through May 29 and may be submitted the following ways:

- By speaking in person at a public hearing
- Filling out a comment form at a public hearing
- Sending written comments by email to bottineau@co.hennepin.mn.us, or by mail using the address: Hennepin County Housing, Community Works and Transit, Attn: Bottineau Transitway, 701 Fourth Ave. S., Suite 400, Minneapolis, MN 55415

Documents available for review The draft EIS document is available for online review at bottineautransitway.org. Copies of the draft document will also be available for public review at listed locations by April 11. Auxiliary aids, services and communication materials in accessible formats and languages other than English can be provided by contacting Brent Rusco at 612-543-0579 or via email at brent.rusco@hennepin.us. Please make requests no later than two weeks before the public hearing date.

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Did You Know?

You can subscribe to many online services on the county website: Click [here](#) and see what information is interesting or useful to you.

Enter your email or cell phone number and then select which items interest you, such as tax-forfeited real estate auctions, public health updates, even property tax due date reminders.



New Saturday appointments and restorative justice will help people with tickets

The Fourth Judicial District serving Hennepin County will now schedule appointments with hearing officers on Saturday mornings for court customers to resolve tickets. Hearings will be held at the [Hennepin County Public Safety Facility, 401 Fourth Avenue South](#), Minneapolis, the second Saturday morning of each month, from 8 a.m. to noon. New Saturday hearings will be available starting April 26. **Saturday service is by appointment only.**

Unresolved parking tickets, fines, and fees prevent people from getting jobs, securing housing and moving forward with their daily activities. Offering diversion, a payment plan, or community service instead of a fine gives hope to get back on track.”

The extended hours in the Hearing Office is a collaborative effort between the Fourth Judicial District and the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners.

Individuals who receive a payable ticket in Hennepin County have the option to pay a fine or see a hearing officer to discuss payment options or dispute the ticket. Appointments continue to be available Monday-Friday at four additional Hennepin County court locations. **To make an appointment with a hearing officer, call 612-348-2040, Monday-Friday, 8 am to 4:15 pm.**

“Expanding the hours of the Hearing Office provides the opportunity to have the court consider a person’s case without having to take time off from work,” said Fourth Judicial District Administrator Mark Thompson. “In 2013, hearing officers conducted administrative hearings on 159,015 citations with 192,387 charges in Hennepin County. Offering Saturday morning



appointments to the citizens of Hennepin County increases their access to justice.”

Restorative justice is available to individuals unable to pay fines. A referral to the Hennepin County Sentence to Service (STS) program provides court customers with the opportunity to “work off” the fine in lieu of cash payment. STS work shifts are available seven days per week.

[Learn more](#) about Saturday ticket appointments (PDF). To get more information on tickets and fines, visit the [Fourth Judicial District Court website](#).

Golden Valley is home to latest Hennepin County Medical Center clinic



Commissioner Higgins helped cut the ribbon on April 7 for the new Hennepin County Medical Center family practice clinic at the Spring Gate Shopping Center, 5653 Duluth Street in Golden Valley. HCMC’s Golden Valley Clinic continues the growth of the hospital’s clinic system in an effort to bring care close to home for the residents of Hennepin County.

The HCMC Golden Valley Clinic is a 9,000 square foot clinic with 16 examination rooms. Primary care physicians and advanced practice providers will focus on women’s and men’s health as well as child and adolescent health care. As family medicine providers, they care for all ages.

Visit hcmc.org/goldenvalley to learn more information.

Hennepin natural resources interactive map available

Exciting news for environmental groups! Hennepin Environmental Services has just made available a GIS based [interactive map](#) that classifies every acre in the county in terms of land cover using the Minnesota Land Cover Classification System.

Usable by cities, watershed organizations, environmental groups, individuals and others, the interactive map helps planning efforts to manage growth and promote the protection of remaining natural resources and open spaces. The map includes detailed information on:

- Vegetative cover
- Natural resource corridors
- Soils
- Wetlands
- Floodplains
- Geology
- Topography; and
- Ecological significance areas.



Upcoming Webber Park Library community meetings

What will the new Webber Park Library look like? Camden community residents will help that answer in upcoming months.

Planning for a new library continues with a series of community meetings to be held starting **April 15** (6 to 7:30 pm) and **May 10** (9:30 to 11 am). Meetings to be held at Folwell Recreation Center Gym, 1615 Dowling Ave. N, Minneapolis. Further information on this project will be updated at hclib.org/pub/info/buildingprojects/.



Work for Hennepin County

Our website shows 21 positions currently available at Hennepin County. Positions include senior appraiser, correctional officer, Sentencing to Service crew leader, service center representatives, IT positions and more! If you're looking for a job or know someone who is looking, please check out this resource. Click [here](#) to see the list.

The Library also has help at www.hclib.org/pub/search/SubjectGuides.cfm?Topic=Jobs/Careers
Hennepin County is a great place to work!

Job assistance is as close as your computer

Job seeking assistance is available as close as your computer from the Hennepin County Library.

Many tools are available at hclib.org/pub/search/subjectguides.cfm?topic=jobs/careers.

For online resume and interview coaching and career advice from job help professionals, visit hclib.org/pub/search/RefDetails.cfm?DBAbbrev=JobNow&Topic=databases&Display=&SubTopics_Display=.

A tool to create and save resumes and cover letters (including tools to help you prepare for a job search) is available at http://www.hclib.org/pub/search/RefDetails.cfm?DBAbbrev=OptimalResume&Topic=databases&Display=&SubTopics_Display= (note: Subscription purchased with funding from Hennepin).

HOME Line's Hotline (612-728-5767) available for tenant issues

Starting April 1, Minneapolis tenants who have questions about their rights or are facing a dispute with their landlord can receive free legal advice through HOME Line. HOME Line just celebrated 22 years providing free legal, organizing, educational and advocacy services so tenants throughout Minnesota can solve their own rental housing problems. In 2013, HOME Line prevented an estimated 260 evictions, and recovered and/or saved an estimated \$535,469. HOME Line's expansion to Minneapolis is provided by support from Minnesota Housing and the Family Housing Fund. Renters can call the tenant hotline at 612-728-5767 or email their attorneys at homelinemn.org/email for more information.

Fill Up Your Calendar With These Upcoming Events in District 2

St. Anthony: Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26, 7:30 pm. St. Anthony Village High School Band 52nd annual Pops Concert, "Triumphs and Tragedies." St. Anthony High School Auditorium, 3303 33rd Ave NE. Reserved seats, \$6, general admission \$3. For ticket information, call 612-789-3151.

Northeast: Saturday, April 12, 10 am to 2 pm. Easter Boutique and Bake Sale. St. Boniface Church Hall, 629 2nd Street NE, Minneapolis.

Sunday, April 13, 11 am to 2 pm. Ukrainian Easter Egg and Bake Sale. St. Michael's and St. George's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 505 4th Street NE, Minneapolis.

Sunday, April 13, 11 am to 1 pm. Ukrainian Easter Egg, Bake Sale and Dinner. St. Constantine Ukrainian Catholic Church, 314 6th Ave NE, Minneapolis.

Wednesday, April 16, 7 pm. Central Avenue Closure Meeting. Attend the next community meeting regarding the Central Avenue closure. Logan Park, 690 13th Avenue NE, Minneapolis

North: Tuesday, April 15, 6 to 7:30 pm. New Webber Park Library meetings. Join Hennepin County Commissioner Linda Higgins and staff for a series of community meetings and share your ideas about what you would like to see. Folwell Recreation Center Gym, 1615 Dowling Ave N, Minneapolis.

Bryn Mawr: Wednesday, April 9, 6 to 7pm. Garden Group meeting. Jump start the 2014 season by bringing your ideas and call for volunteers. Bryn Mawr School cafeteria. Email gardengroup@bmna.org with questions.

Saturday and Sunday, May 3 to 4. Festival of Garage Sales. Visit bmna.org/events for more information.

North Loop: Saturday, April 19, 10 am. Candy Grab. Join the fun for the 3rd Annual North Loop Candy Grab. North Loop Playground, 4th Ave N and West River Road.

Golden Valley: Saturday, April 12, 8 am. Run the Valley, Golden Valley Human Services Fund's annual 5K/10K race and 5K walk. Race fee \$30 in advance, \$40 on race day. Begins and ends at Brookview Community Center.

Thursday, April 24, 5 to 7:30 pm. Bassett Creek Restoration Project Open House. Golden Valley City Hall, 7800 Golden Valley Road.

Medicine Lake: Thursday, April 10, 6:30 pm, Plymouth Lions Dinner Meeting, Medicine Lake City Hall. Speaker to be announced. plymouthlions.org.

Plymouth: April 11-12. Plymouth Yard and Garden Expo. Gather up landscaping ideas for upcoming projects. Plymouth Creek Center, 14800 34th Ave N, Plymouth.

Saturday, April 12, 9 am. Kid's Environmental Fair. Curious little eyes and hands are invited to explore the world. Plymouth Creek Center, 14800 34th Ave N, Plymouth.

Multiple Communities: Thursday, April 17, 6:30 pm. Town Hall meeting, Keep Heroin out of Hennepin County, hosted by Sheriff Rich Stanek. North Hennepin Community College, Grand Hall, Center for Business and Technology. 7411 85th Ave. N., Brooklyn Park. Free. 612-596-9491.

Saturday, April 26, 9:30 am to noon. Earth Day Clean Up. Help clean up your local park and neighborhood. North Minneapolis sites include North Loop, Old Highland Neighborhood, Bassett Creek, Creekview Park, Dairy Queen, Farview Park, Heritage Park, and Theodore Wirth Park; Northeast Minneapolis sites include Columbia Park, Father Hennepin Bluffs, Gluek Park, and Waite Park. To see a list of clean-up sites visit minneapolisparcs.org, or plymouthmn.gov/ (Plymouth).

Saturday, April 26, 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday, April 27, 1 to 5 pm. Minneapolis and St. Paul Home Tour will take place. For more information visit msphometour.com/.

May 4 to 31. Step to It Challenge. Participants record the number of steps they walk each week or the amount of time spent doing activities. Twenty-three cities compete to see which one has the most active residents. Register at steptoit.org.

If you have events you would like to promote in our newsletter, email tina.sanz@hennepin.us.

Find your kid a summer activity program. Camps span a wide variety of activities and interests, including, but not limited to, nature exploration, outdoor recreation, golf, fishing, farming, arts and crafts and Minnesota history, basketball, indoor volleyball and more. Registration is in advance with some waiver availability. Programs are committed to accommodating campers with disabilities.

Minneapolis Registration for Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's (MPRB) Youth Summer Camps opens at 9 am on Saturday, April 12. Camps for children ages 8 to 14 will be offered from June 16 through August 22 with times of morning, afternoon and evening at park locations throughout Minneapolis. Click [here](#) to download the full list of MPRB Youth Summer Camps and registration information, visit the MPRB [website](#), call Customer Service at 612-230-6400 or visit any MPRB recreation center.

St. Anthony, Plymouth, and other locations Three Rivers Park District is offering camps for children ages 4 to 14. Visit <http://www.threeriversparcs.org/events/Groups/summer-camps.aspx> for information and registration.