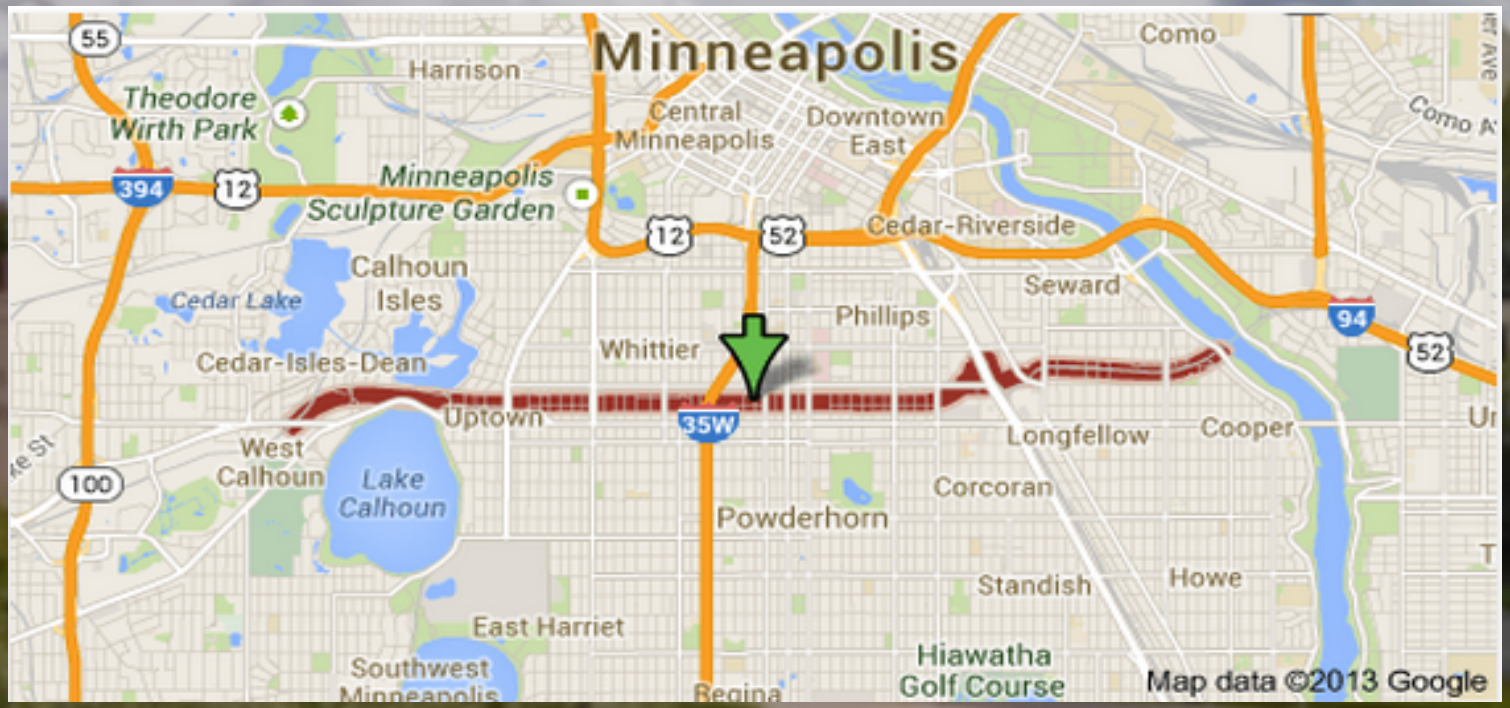
Railvolution 2017:
Creative Placemaking, Rail Trails and Station Activation

Midtown Greenway
Minneapolis, Minnesota



- **5.5 miles connecting the Mississippi River to the Lakes across south Minneapolis ("Midtown")**
- **Built in three phases: 2000, 2004, 2006**
- **2/3rds in the trench; 1/3 at grade**
- **Maintained year-round (plowed in the winter)**
- **Crosses several main north-south transit routes**

“If you imagine a bicycling transportation utopia, we have largely achieved that along the Midtown Greenway.”

Creating great spaces:
Start with good design: meant for people

Creating great active spaces:
Existing businesses embrace the Greenway

Creating great active spaces:
New developments embrace the Greenway

Creating great active spaces:
Community embraces the Greenway

Connecting the Midtown Greenway to transitways: Improving multi-modal mobility

Midtown Greenway at METRO Blue Line/Hiawatha LRT at Lake Street Station

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Midtown Greenway at the Midtown Exchange/ Chicago Avenue: Chicago Ave Transit Center

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Greenway-facing windows added

Hotel adds patio and stairs to Greenway

Grain elevator removed for spacious connection

New Bike Center at Greenway level

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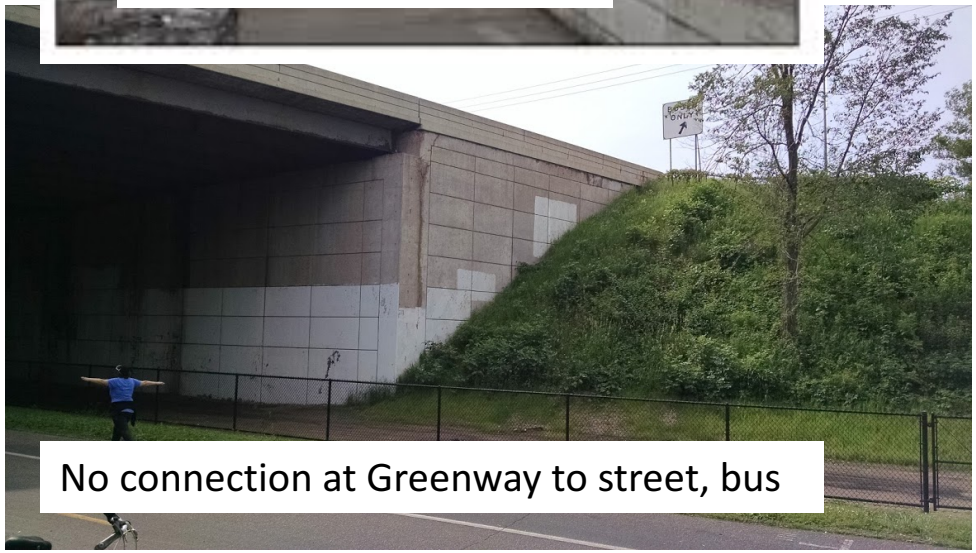
Work to do!

Midtown Greenway at I35W – Future METRO Orange Line BRT and Lake Street Transit Station

- Existing condition:

Stairs are the only way to reach bus stop

Bus stop at freeway level

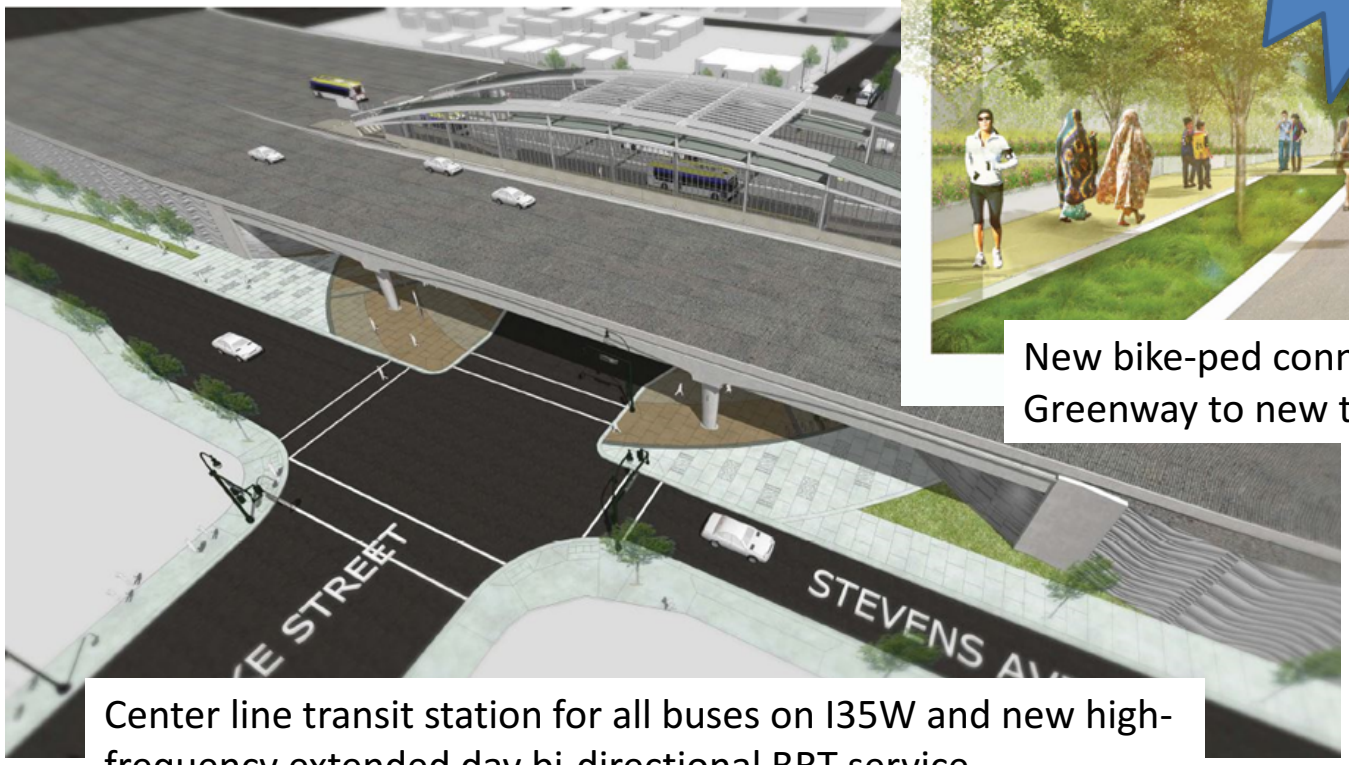


No connection at Greenway to street, bus

Midtown Greenway at I35W – Future METRO Orange Line BRT and Lake Street Transit Station

- Now under construction
- Opening in 2020

New bike-ped connection from Greenway to new transit station



Center line transit station for all buses on I35W and new high-frequency extended day bi-directional BRT service

Midtown Greenway at Hennepin Ave: Uptown Transit Station

Phase One Greenway: opened 2000

Uptown Transit Station opened 2002

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Midtown Greenway at West Lake Street: Future SWLRT/Green Line Extension

- Current condition:

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