

The seven update meetings are set between Jan. 15 and Feb. 5. At the meetings, the public will be able to interact with technical and outreach staff to get updates on the project so the public can be prepared to give feedback at the later listening sessions for members of the Council and the Central Corridor Management Committee (CCMC).

The purpose for the listening sessions, which will be held Feb. 6 and 7 in Minneapolis and Feb. 11 in St. Paul, is to give the public an opportunity to voice their concerns in person to members of the Council and CCMC. The CCMC includes the mayors of Minneapolis and St. Paul, commissioners from Ramsey and Hennepin counties, some Metropolitan Council members, a University of Minnesota official, a businesses representative, a community representative and officials from several state agencies. This body advises the full Metropolitan Council on the project.

People who cannot attend the meetings may contact the Central Corridor LRT Project office at 651-602-1940 and ask for an outreach coordinator, who will pass along their comments. See a list of outreach staff's direct contact information.

The public update meetings are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, Jan. 15 - 5:30-7 p.m., Hamline University, Drew Science Room 118, 811 Simpson St., St. Paul.

Thursday, Jan. 24 - 8-9:30 a.m., Lao Family Center, 320 University Ave., St. Paul.

Monday, Jan. 28 - 5:30-7 p.m., Buetow Music Auditorium, Concordia College, 300 Hamline Ave. N., St. Paul.

Monday, Jan. 28 - 7-9 p.m., Prospect Park United Methodist Church, SE Malcolm & SE Orlin Ave., Minneapolis.

Wednesday, Jan. 30 - 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Downtown St. Paul Alliance Bank Center Food Court, 55 E. 5th St., St. Paul.

Thursday, Jan. 31 - 6-8 p.m., Central Corridor Project Office, 540 Fairview Ave. N, Ste. 200, St. Paul.

Tuesday, Feb. 5 - 8-9:30 a.m., Central Corridor Project Office, 540 Fairview Ave. N., Ste. 200, St. Paul.

The listening sessions will be held:

Wednesday, Feb. 6 - Noon-2 p.m., University of Minnesota, Weisman Museum, 333 East River Rd., Minneapolis.

Thursday, Feb. 7 - 5:30-7:30 p.m., Metro Transit Fred T. Heywood Offices, 560 6th Ave. N., Minneapolis.

Monday, Feb. 11 - 5:30-7:30 p.m., Metropolitan Council chambers, 390 N. Robert St., St. Paul.