

# CORRIDORS OF OPPORTUNITY



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# What is Corridors of Opportunity?

A partnership that seeks to make our current and future transitways better places to live, work and play for all.





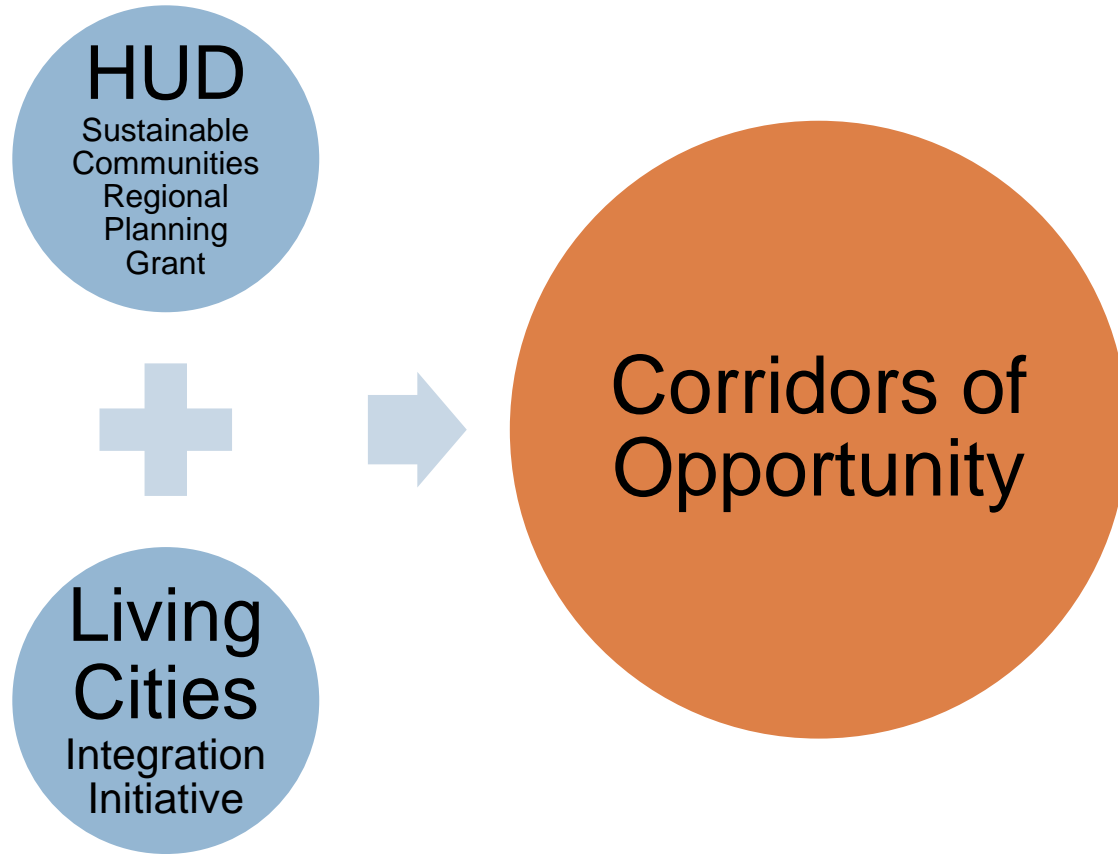
# Corridors of Opportunity Goals



1. Build out the transit system
2. Develop along transitway corridors to advance economic vitality & benefit people of all incomes and backgrounds

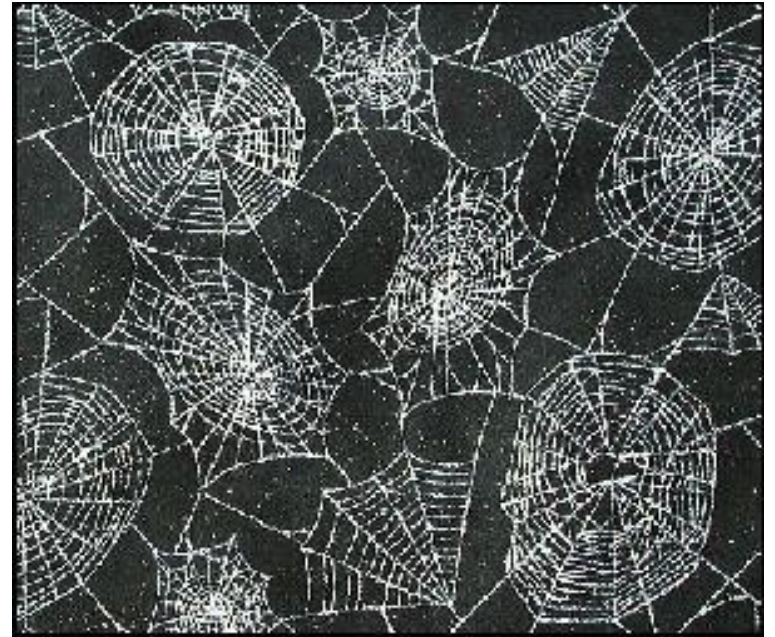


# Seizing the Opportunities

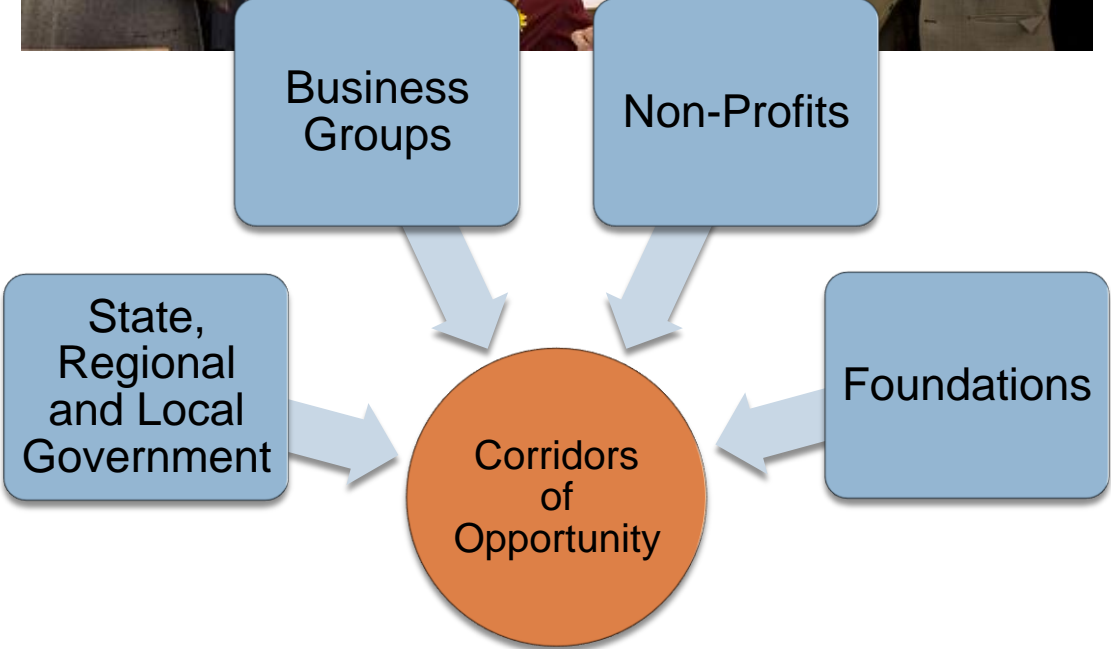


# CoO includes many activities by many partners advance one vision

- ❑ Over \$20,000,000 of grants & loans
  - ❑ HUD: \$5M planning grant
  - ❑ Living Cities: \$2.7M grant; \$10M commercial loans; \$3M PRI
- ❑ 2 dozen discrete “projects”
- ❑ Planning, research, real estate development & small business expansion



# Partners from all sectors seek to develop a new way of doing business



# CoO seeks to advance several types of systems change

- Greater participation and more inclusive decision-making
- Planning integration
  - ▣ Across disciplines
  - ▣ Across geographic boundaries
- Organizational change among consortium partners



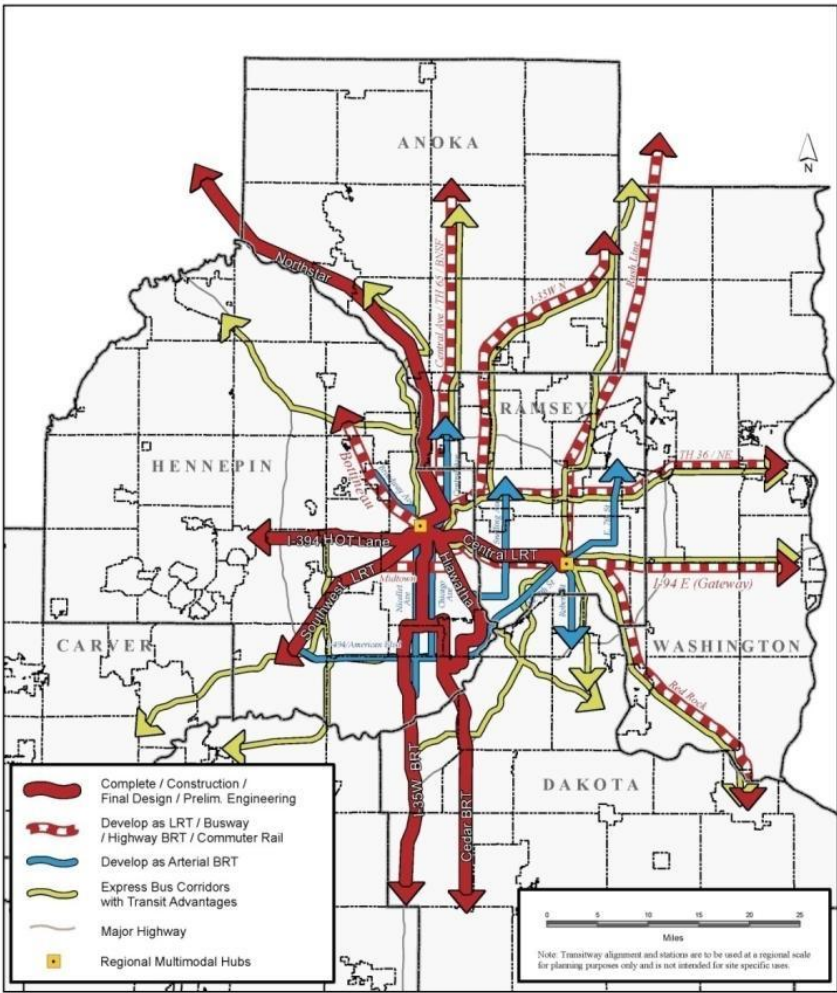


# The initiative focuses on seven corridors during the 3-year grant period

Twin Cities Metropolitan Area

## 2030 Transitway System

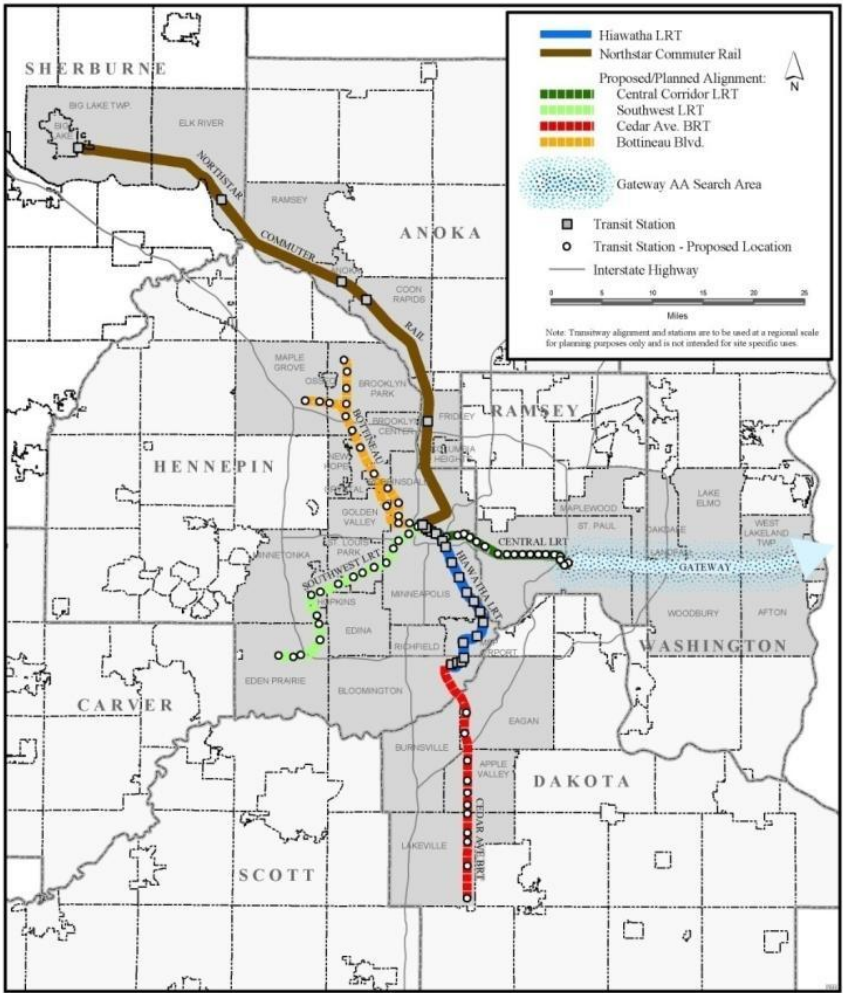
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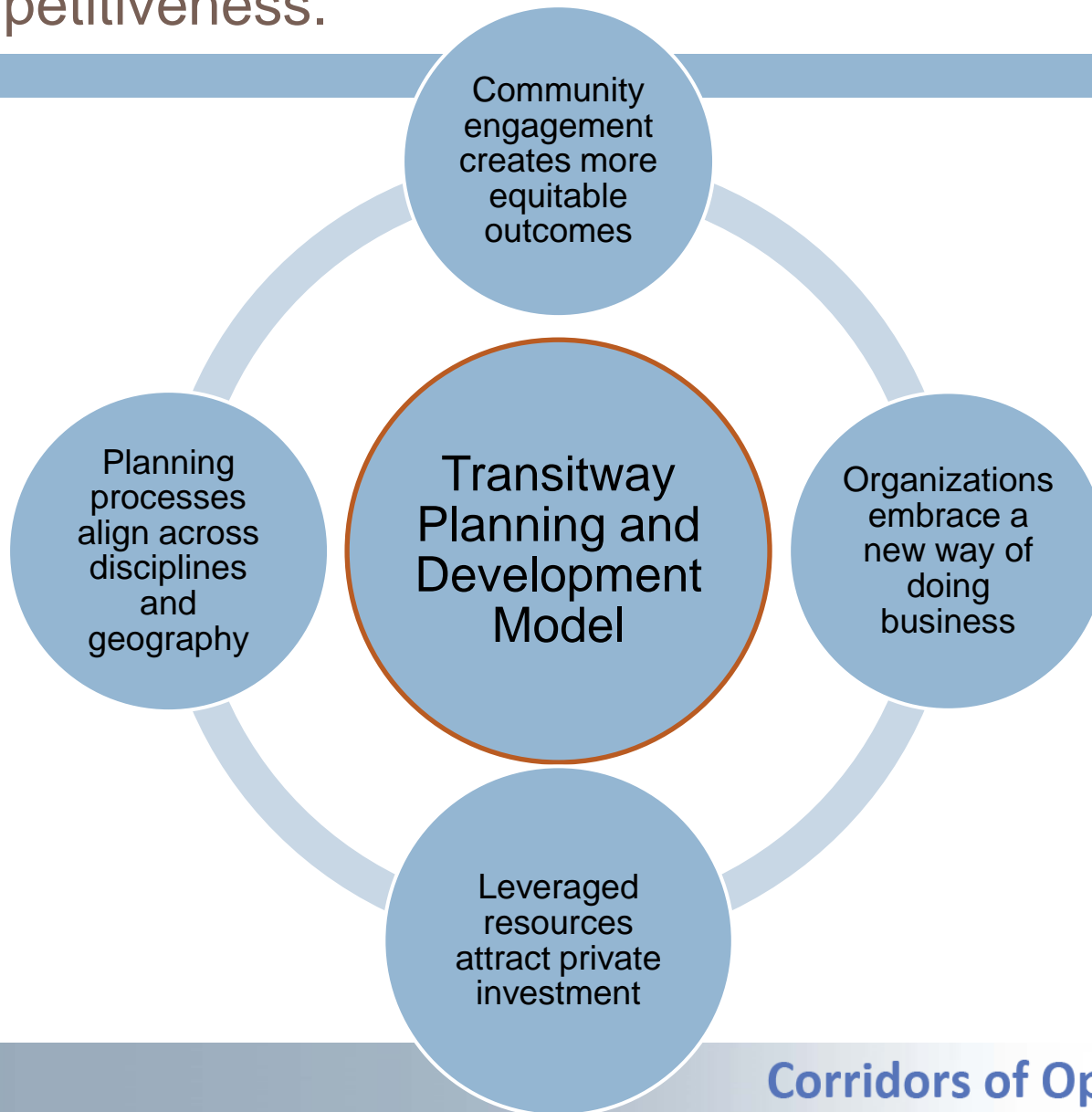


# CoO is creating and strengthening TOD strategies on seven corridors

	Alternatives Analysis	Preliminary Engineering	Final Design	Construction	Operation
Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)				Cedar	
Commuter Rail					Northstar
Light Rail Transit (LRT)		Southwest		Central	Hiawatha
Undetermined Mode	Bottineau & Gateway				



By 2014 we will have a model of transitway planning and development that contributes to our region's growth, vitality and competitiveness.



# Thank You!



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