Community Engagement Opportunities for Transitway Development Overview **National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) Environmental Protection Agency Draft Environmental Impact Statement** Final Environmental Impact Statement **Record of Decision** An environmental impact statement (EIS), under United States environmental law, is a document required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for certain actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. An EIS is a tool for decision making. It describes the positive and negative environmental (natural, social, & economic) effects of a proposed action, and it usually also lists one or more alternative actions that may be chosen instead of the action described in the EIS "(Wikipedia, 2011). Both the Draft and Final EIS are published for public comment. Lead Agencies: County Regional Rail Authority & Metropolitan Council **New Starts Application Federal Transit Administration Preliminary Engineering Locally Preferred Alternative** Full Funding Grant Agreement Construction Transit Service Plan <u>Alternatives Analysis</u> Final Design -Study of routes and Selection of preferred Aligns bus system Initial detailed engineering Final detailed Federal funds secured Contract modes (i.e. LRT, BRT, to transit stations route and mode plans for construction engineering plans with local match compliance for Bus, commuter rail) community identified goals Lead Aaencies: County Regional Rail Authority: Attropolitan Council: (Planning) (Owner/Operator) **Land Use Planning** Local municipalities, counties, Metropolitan Council Existing plans/corridor wide planning Station Area Planning Comprehensive Plans **Zoning Changes** Development Implementation Land use plans within ½ mile circle Governments in the metro area are Zoning changes made around the station include: zoning, required to submit comprehensive to prepare for future infrastructure, multimodal access, plans to the Metropolitan Council for development plans economic development and green space. coordinated regional planning. **Lead Agencies: Municipalities Metropolitan Council Municipalities Municipalities**