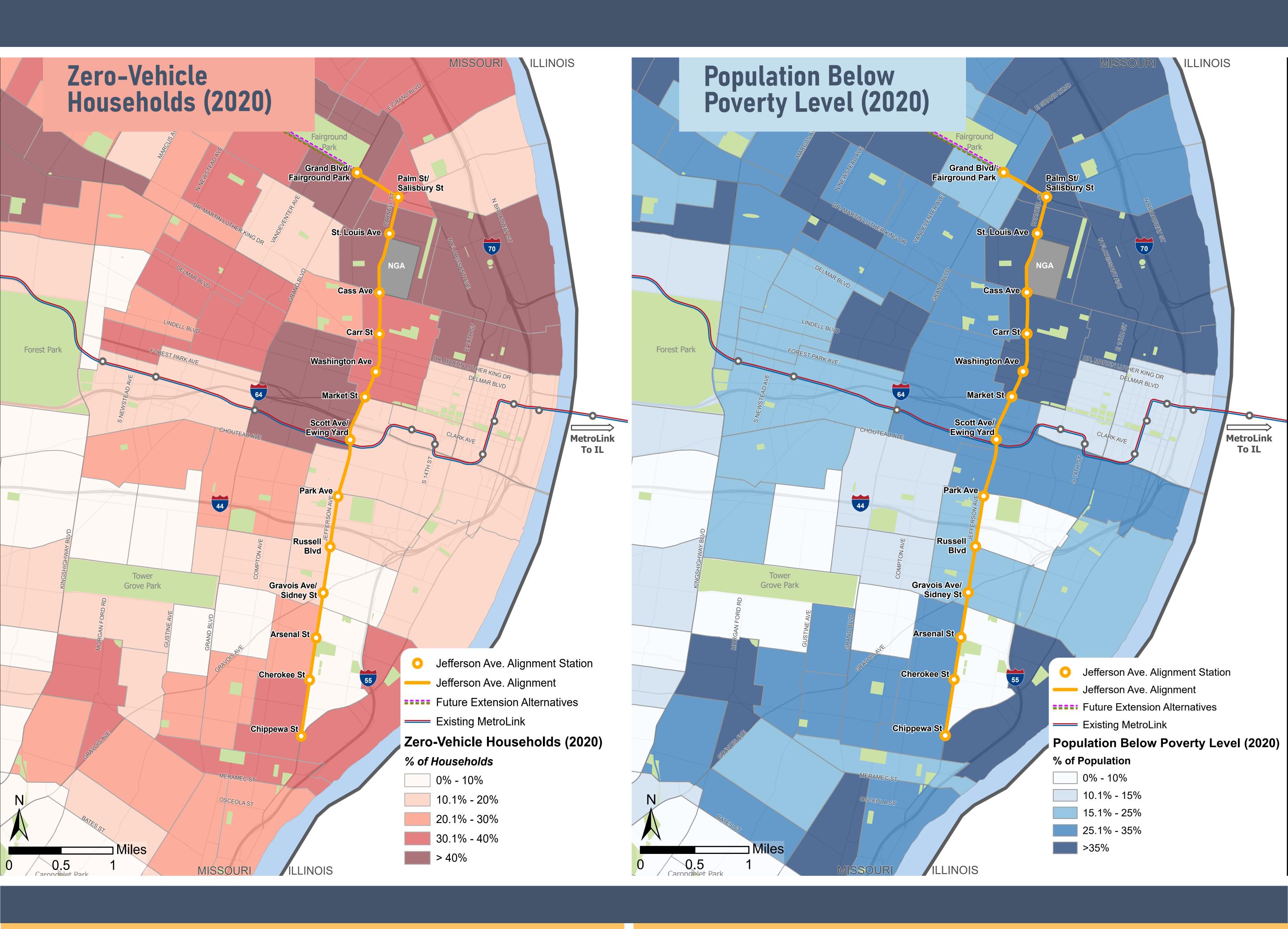
Pro ect Purpose





Provide more choices to those with limited transportation options:

- Over one quarter of households within walking distance of a proposed station do not own a vehicle.
- 10% of workers in these neighborhoods rely on transit as their primary means of transportation to work.
- The proposed light rail would operate twice as often with faster and more reliable travel times compared to typical bus service.

Invest in historically underserved or marginalized neighborhoods:

- About 24% of residents along the alignment live below the federal poverty threshold.
- The proposed investment serves an area with racial/ethnic minority population 10 percentage points greater than the City average.
- There are over 2,600 legally binding affordable housing units within walking distance of a proposed station, helping to ensure continue affordability and livability of these neighborhoods following investment.











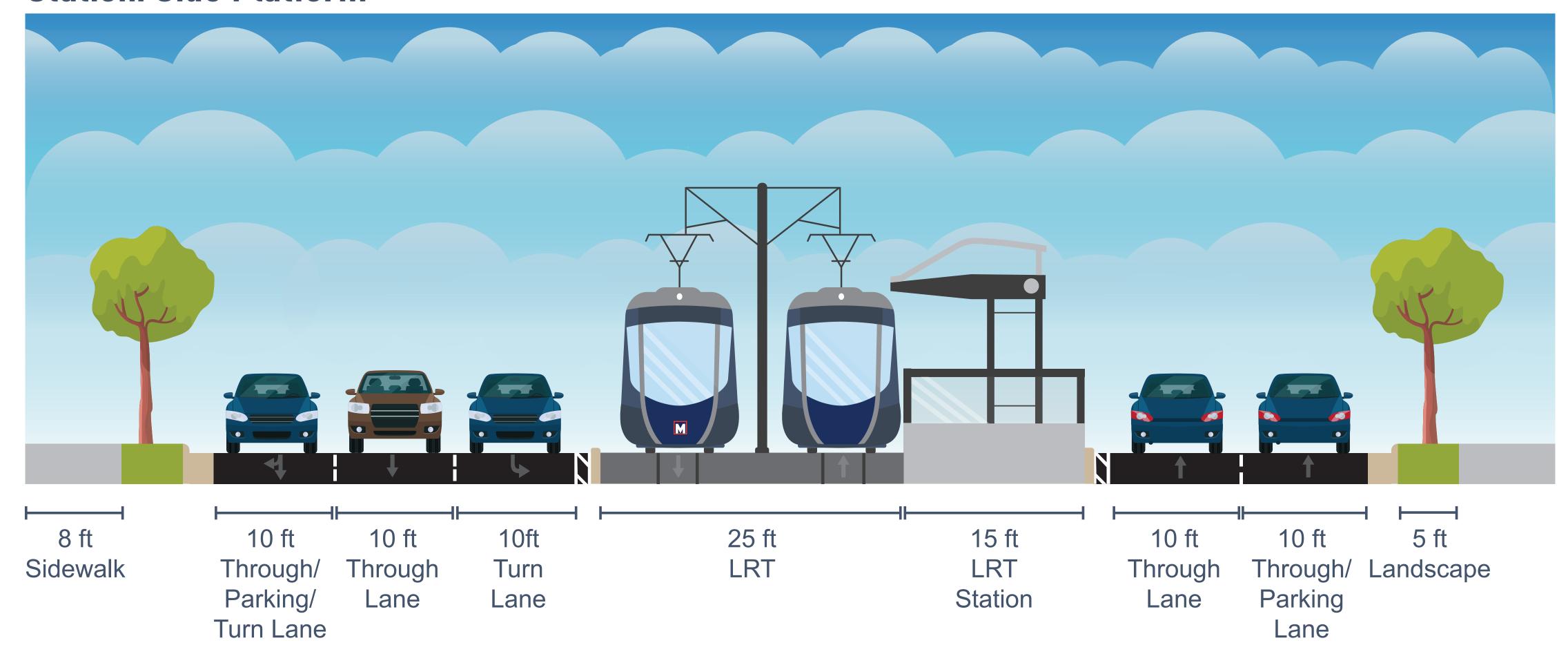




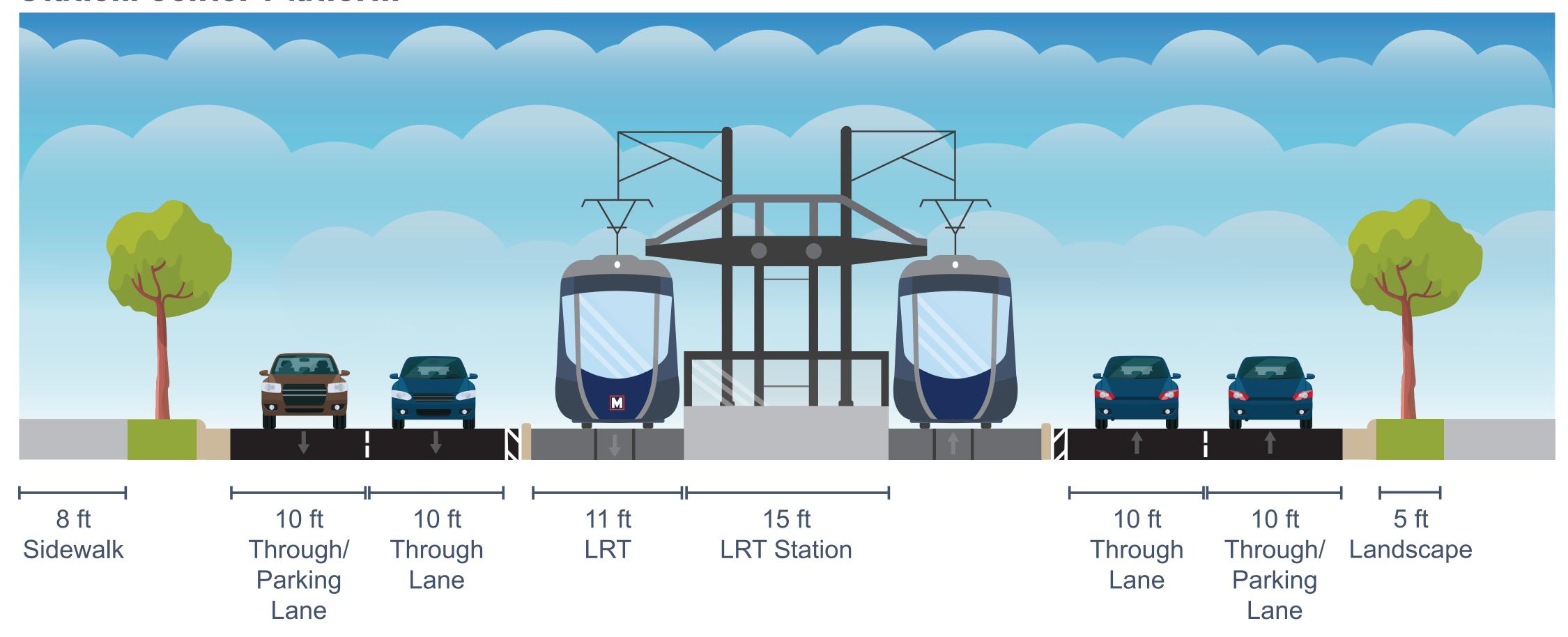
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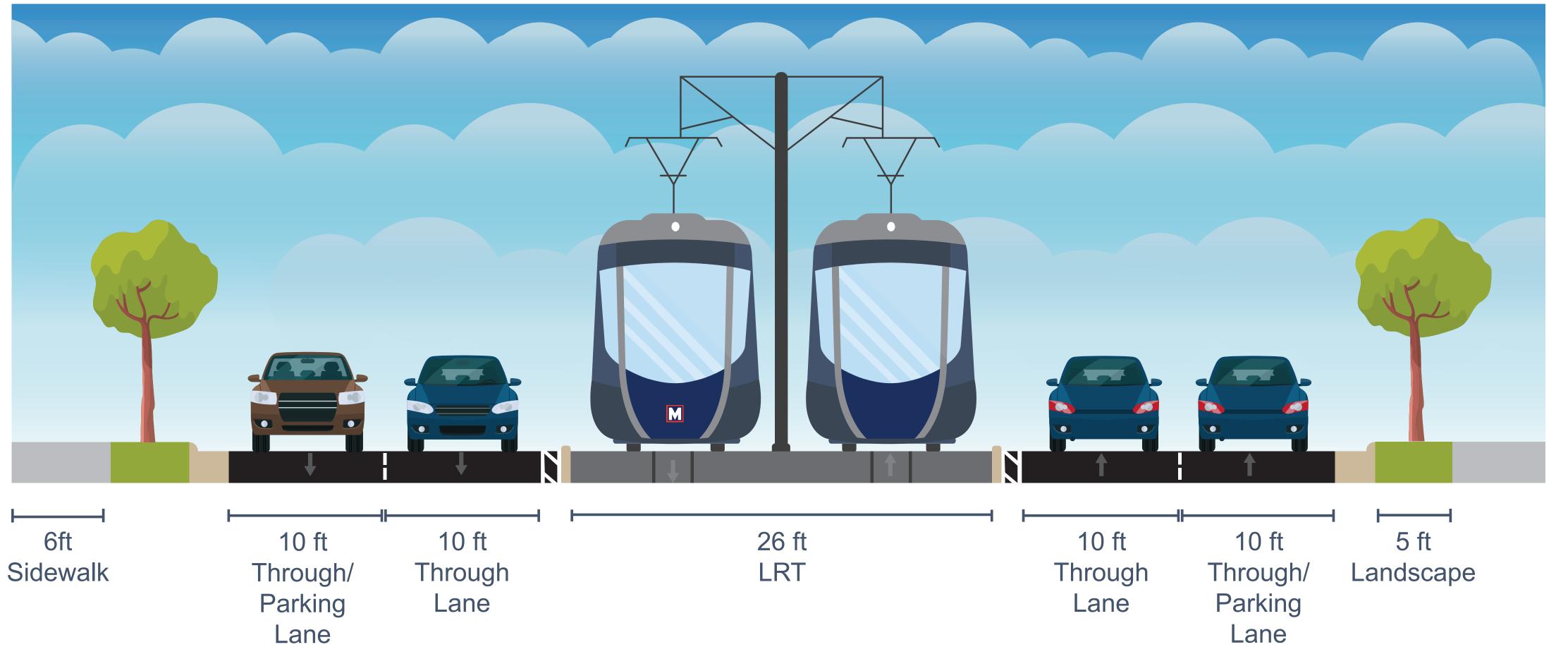
Station: Side Platform



Station: Center Platform



Between Station: Center Tracks













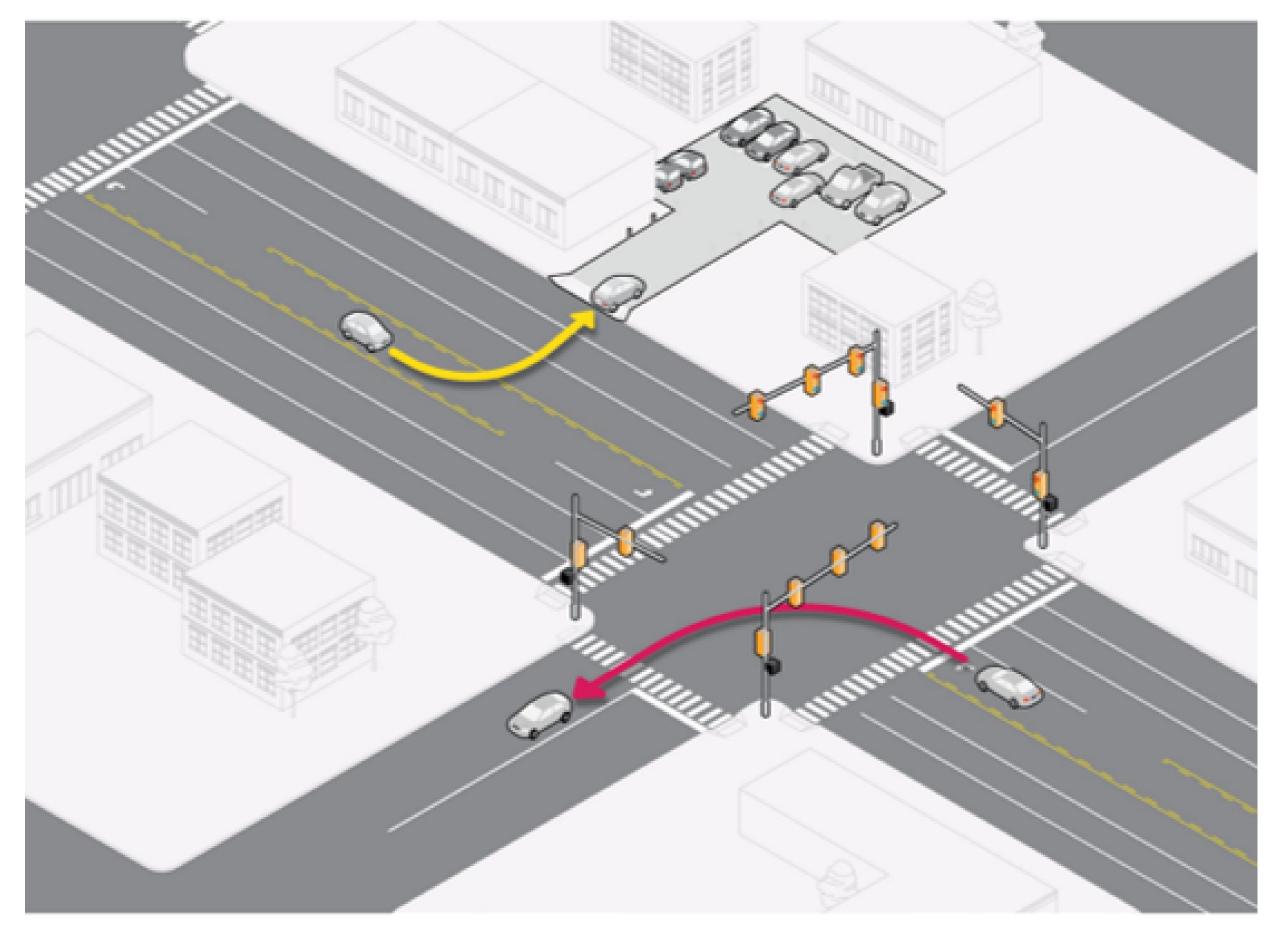




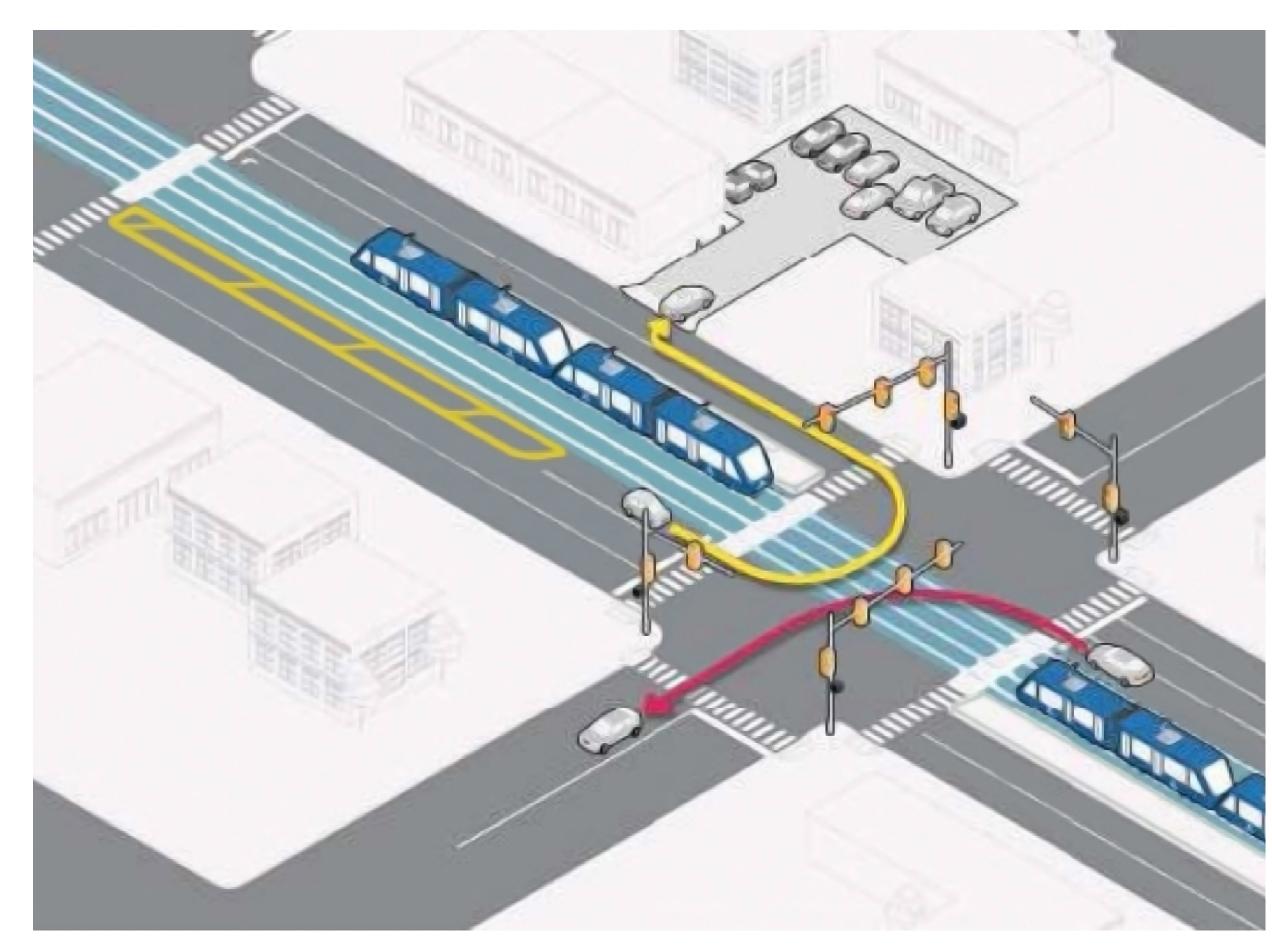
Rail Requirements



Intersections

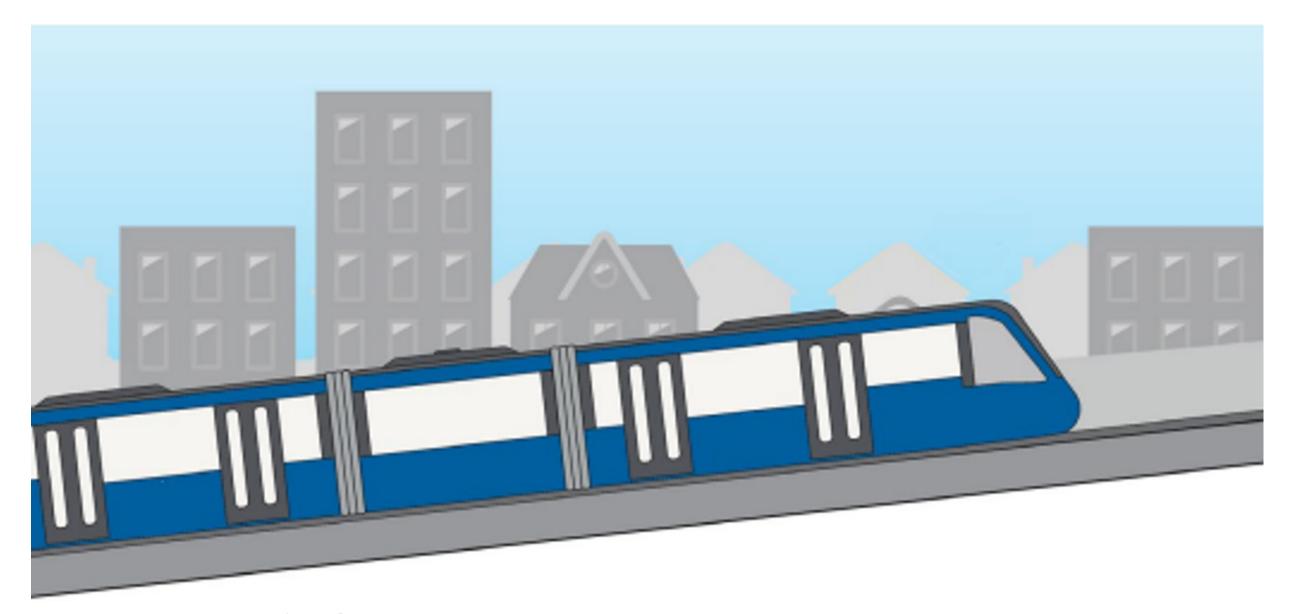


Existing - Unprotected left allowed



With Rail- Signalized across track

Incline

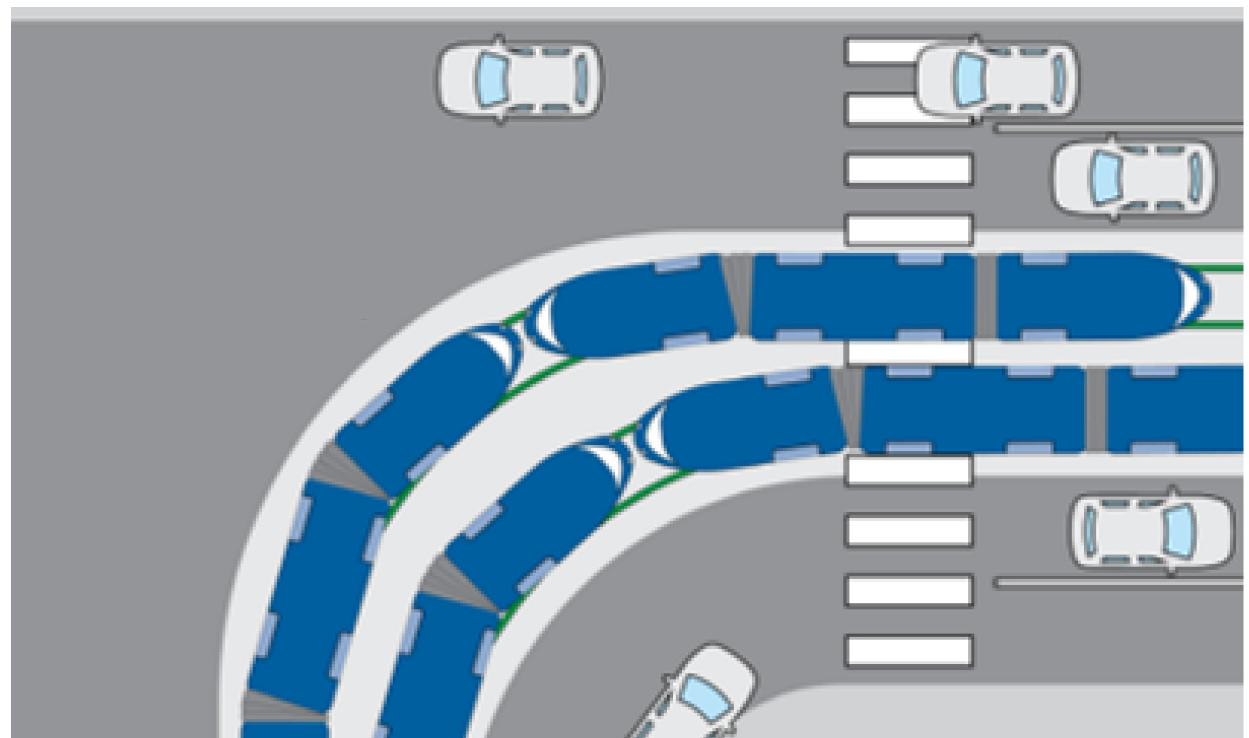


Maximum 6% Slope



Stations should be on flat topography

Curvature



Rounded turns











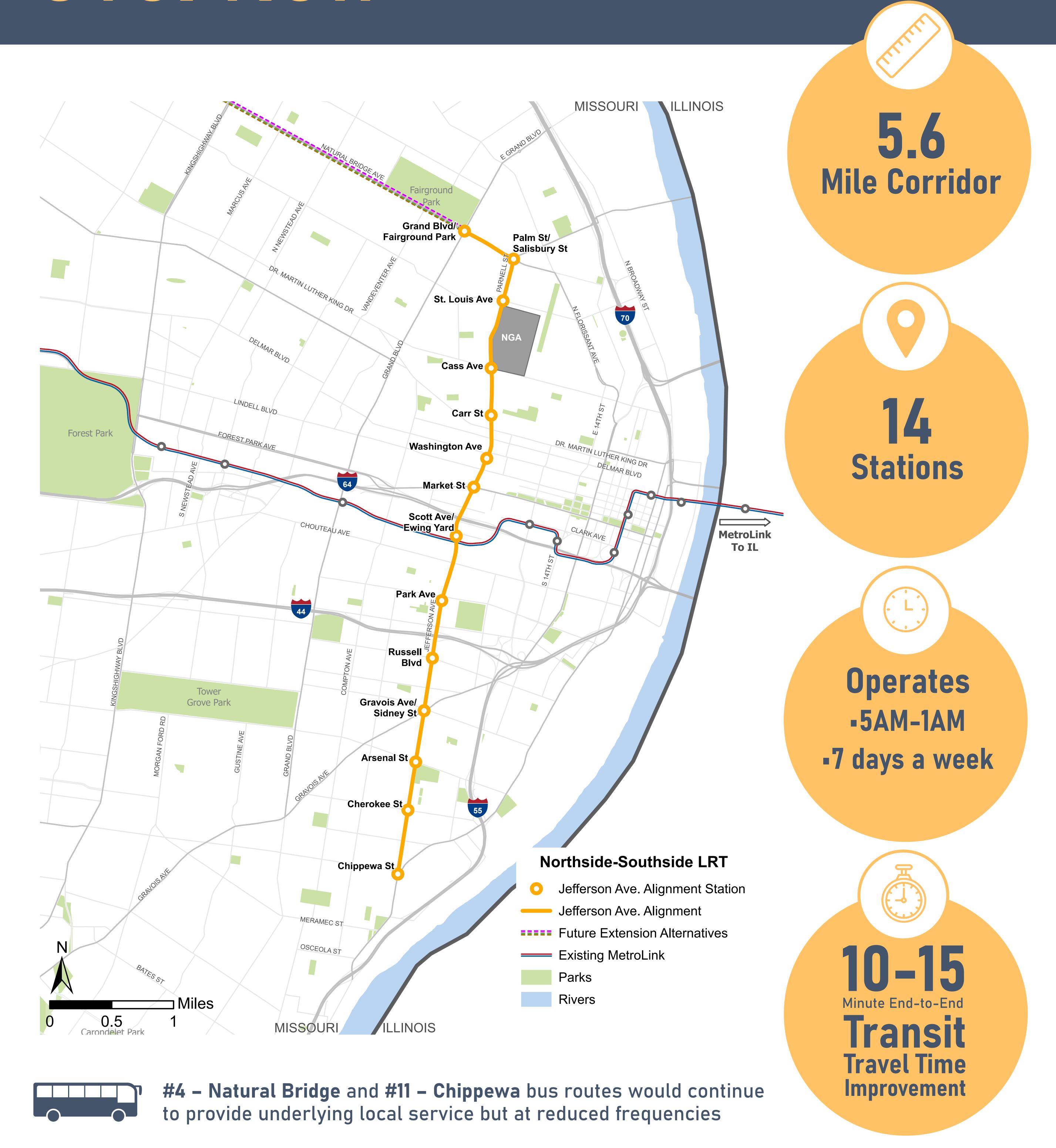




Stations should be on a straight line

Project Overview



















Rail Technology



Decisions about vehicle power (battery, overhead catenary, hybrid) will be evaluated during later phases of design.



In-street light rail systems minimize impacts to adjacent properties.

Modern in-street light rail operates in a dedicated lane to enhance safety and travel times.

Pedestrian Enhancements









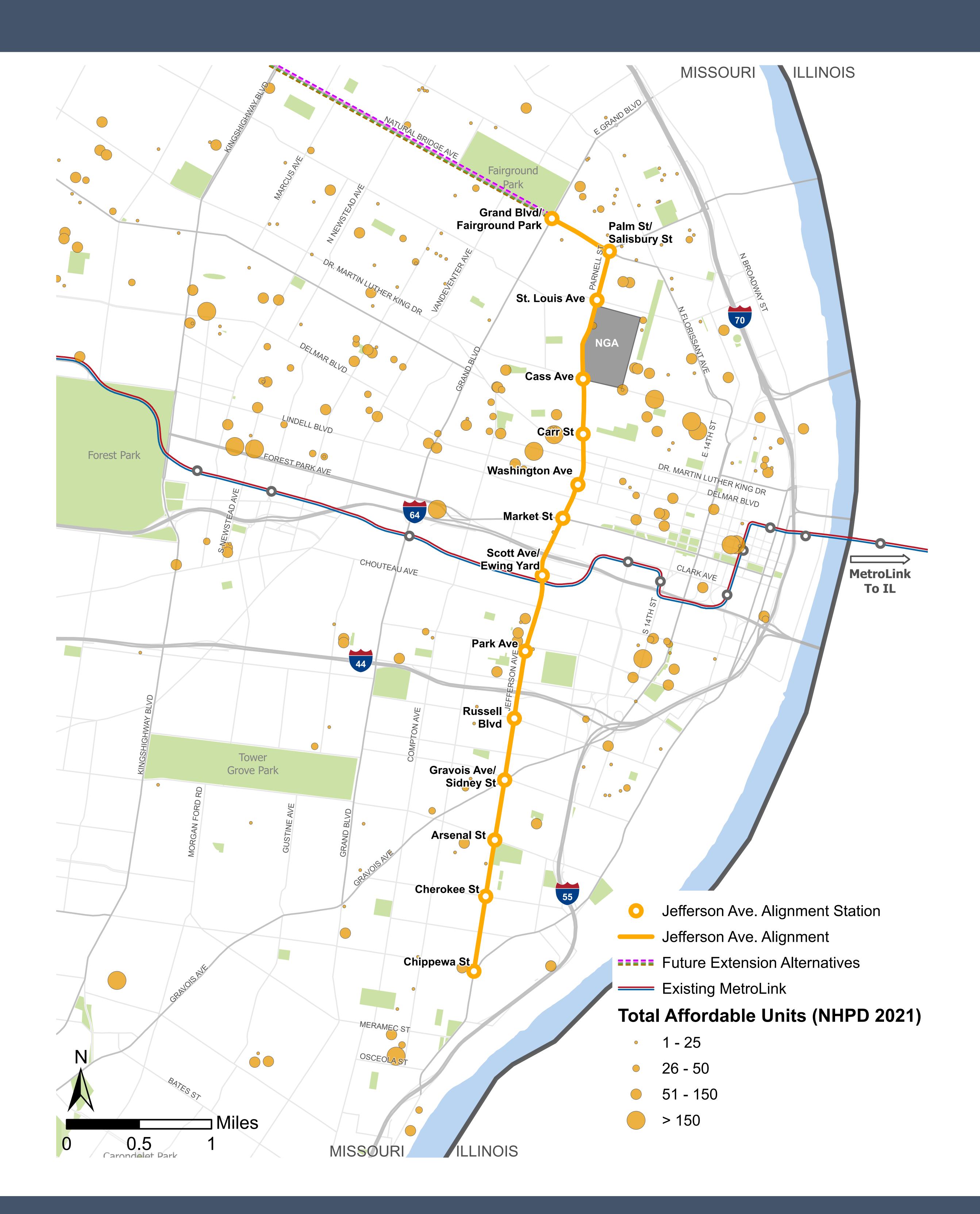






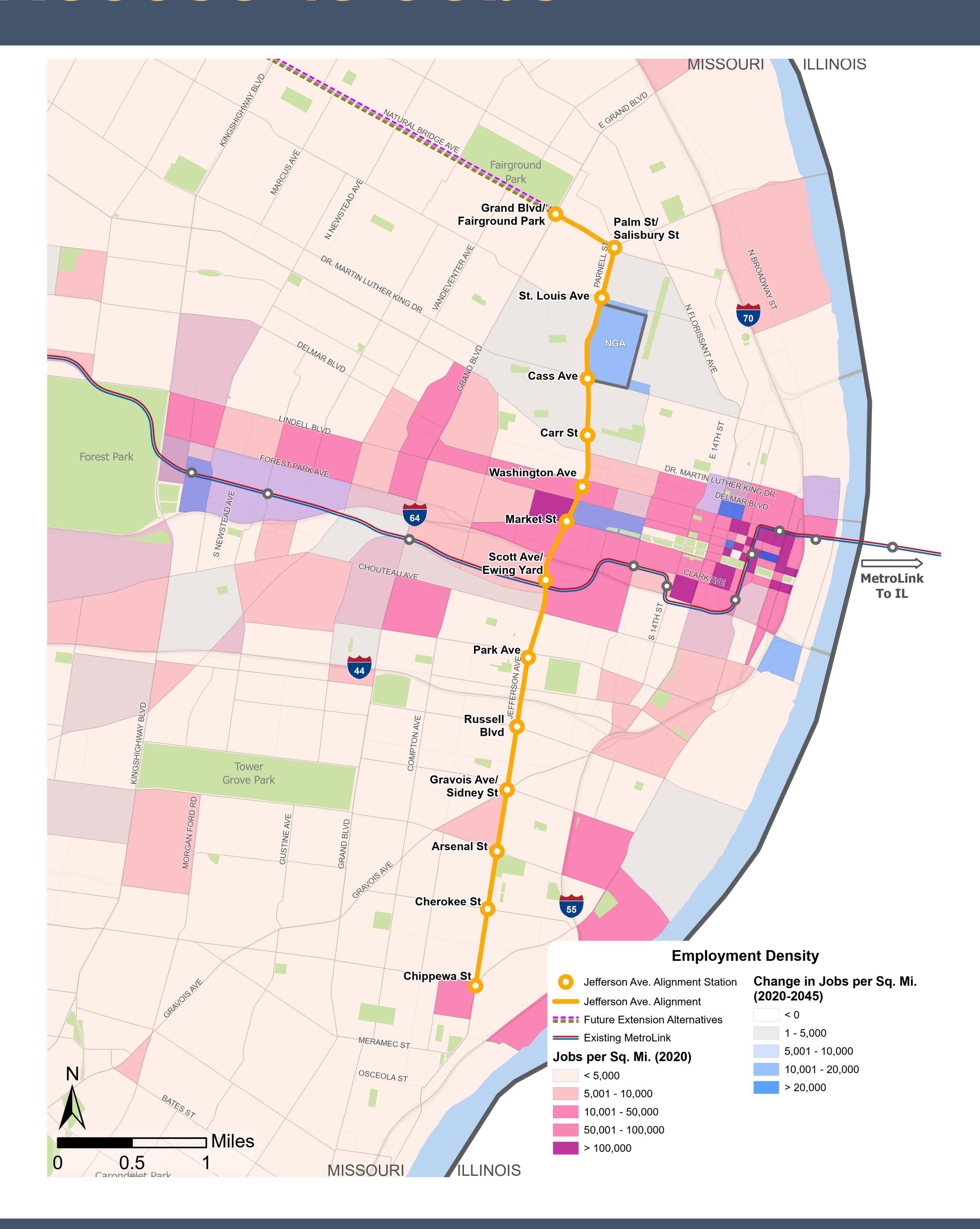
Invest in Livable, Affordable Communities





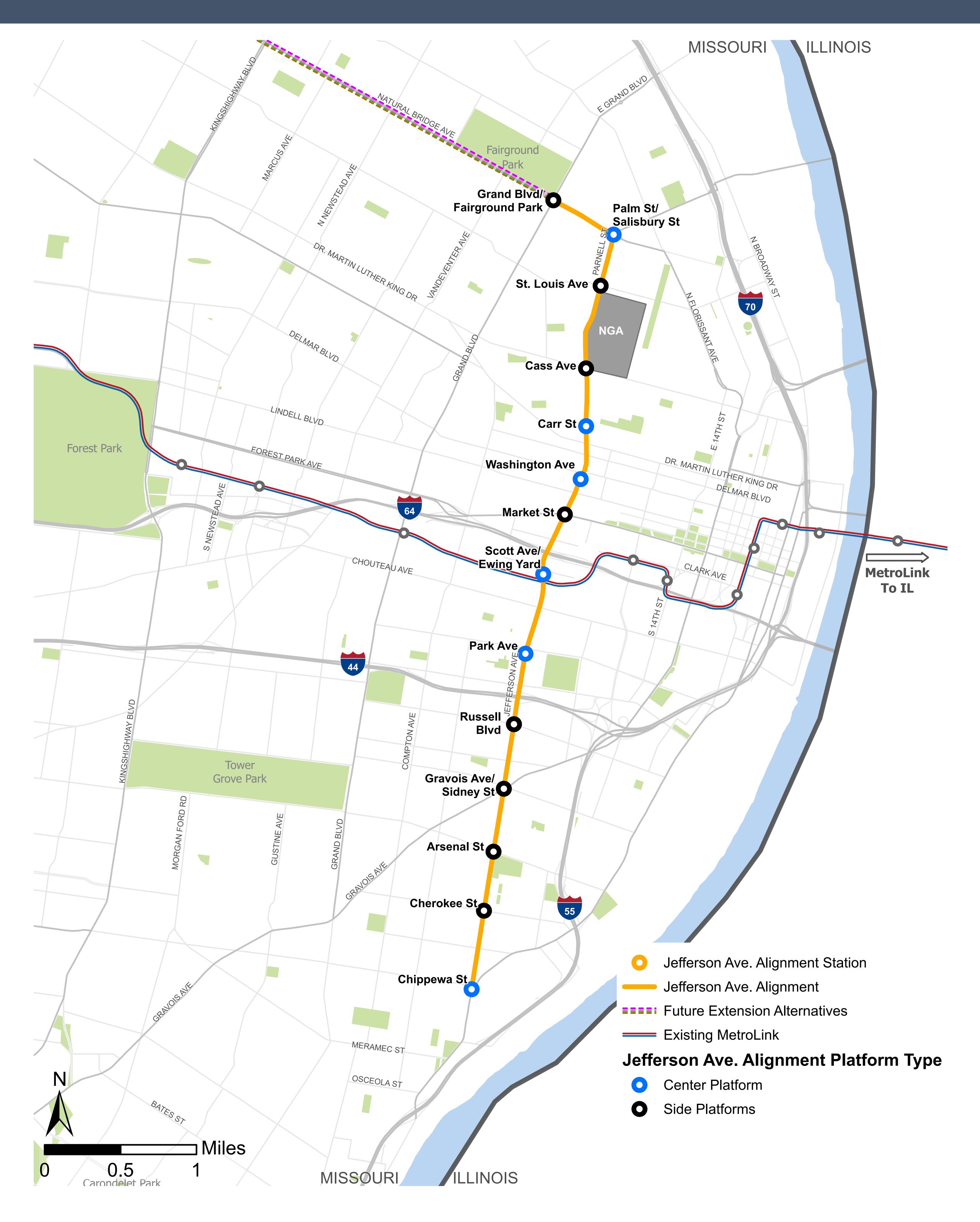
Enhanced Access to Jobs





Platform Design by Station





Timeline Overview



Federal Process

2023

2023

2023

Project Development

Engineering

Construction

- City of St. Louis 15% design, costs and ridership
- St. Louis County Alternatives analysis for a North County extension
- Coordinated Stakeholder **Engagement and Public** Involvement

Local Process

- Preliminary Engineering (PE) 30% Design
- National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) Evaluation
- Project included in Long Range Transportation Plan
- 30% Local Funding Commitment

- Federal Funding Request
- 60% Design
- Project Included in Congressional Budget
- Full Funding Grant Agreement
- Final Design

^{*}Similar projects typically take 2 years for project development, then 3 years for engineering, and 2 years for construction.











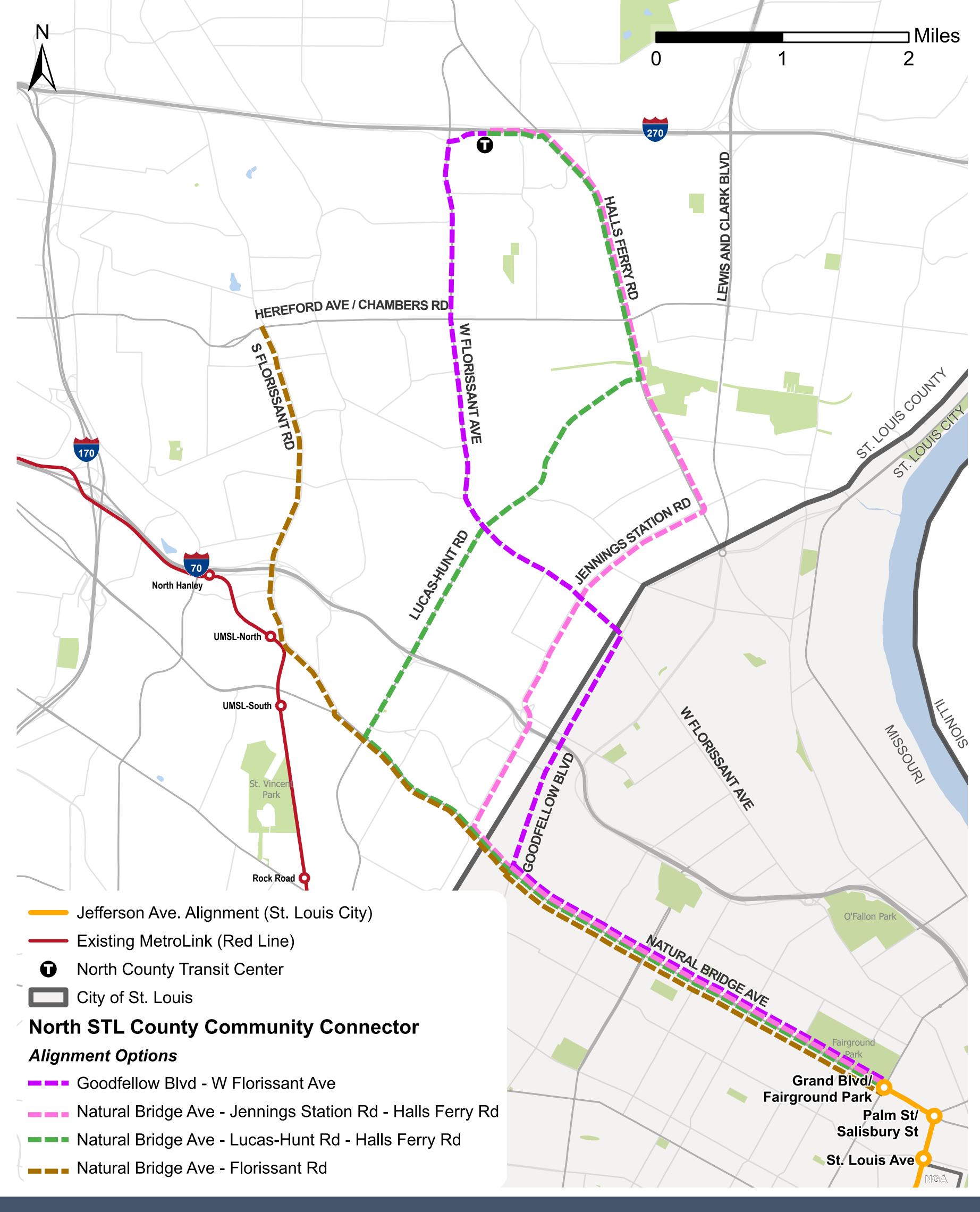






North STL County Community Connector Project Benefits





Project Benefits	Population Served (TAZ 2020)	Employment Served (TAZ 2020)	Population Below Poverty Served (2020)	Zero-Vehicle Households Served (2020)	Percent of Workers Who Use Transit (2020)	Minority Representation (2020)	Affordable Housing Units Served (2020)
Natural Bridge Ave – Florissant Rd (Brown)	26,300	17,000	6,400	2,400	10%	91%	800
Goodfellow Blvd - W Florissant Ave (Purple)	34,700	16,500	9,900	3,900	11%	95%	1,500
Natural Bridge Ave - Jennings Station Rd- Halls Ferry Rd (Pink)	36,100	15,200	11,000	4,000	11%	96%	1,800
Natural Bridge Ave - Lucas-Hunt Rd- Halls Ferry Rd (Green)	34,700	15,300	10,000	3,700	11%	95%	1,700



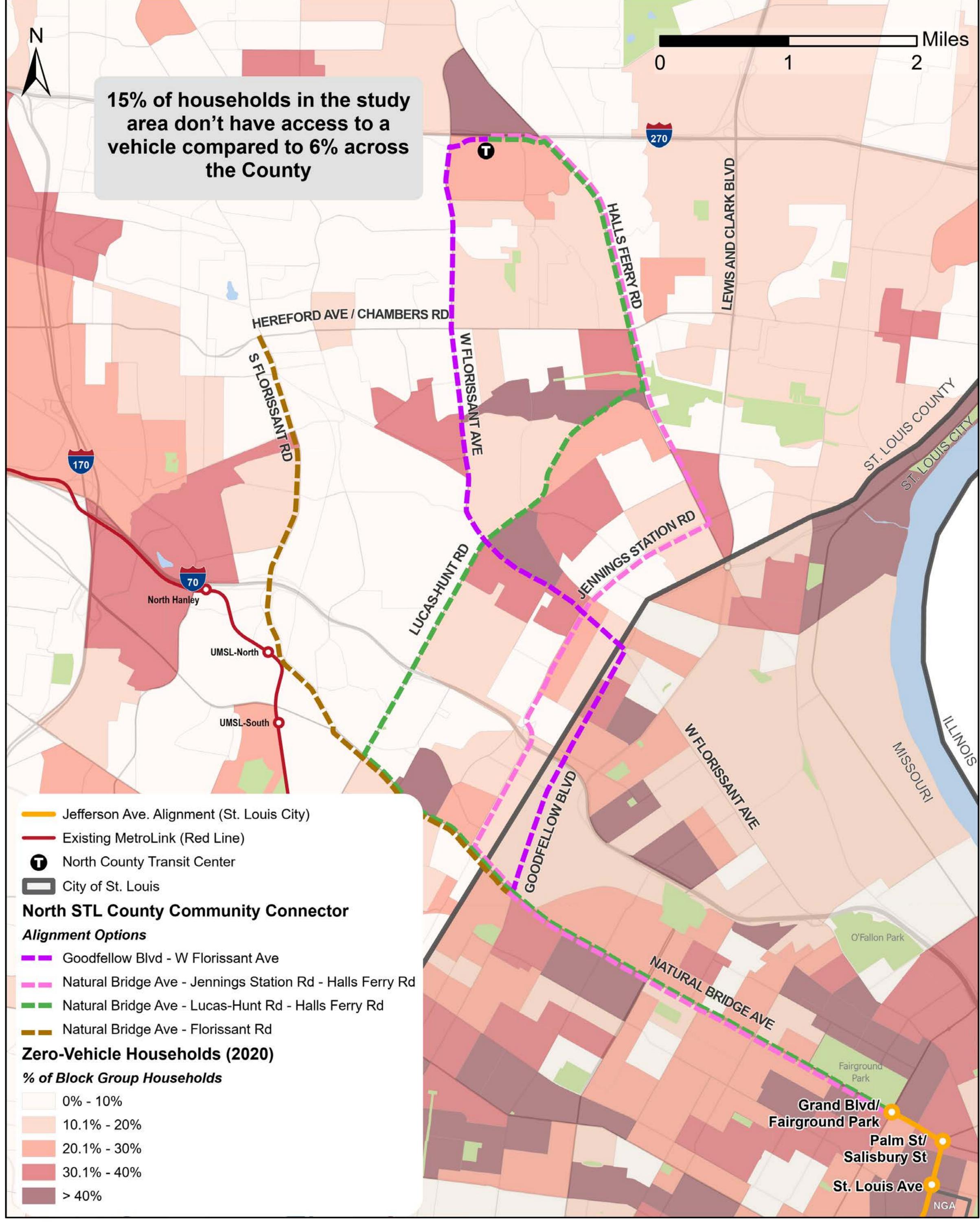








North STL County Community Connector Zero-Vehicle Households





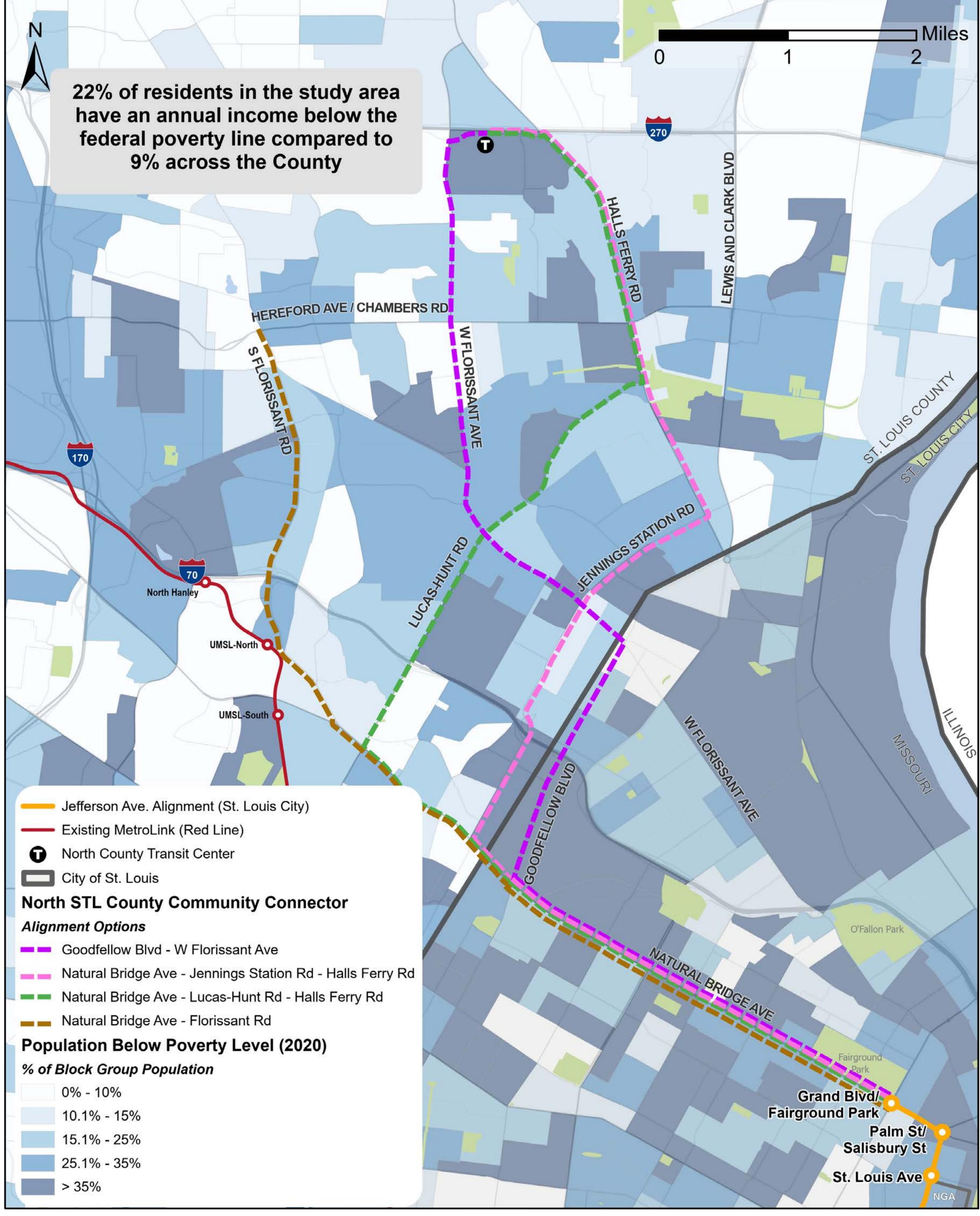








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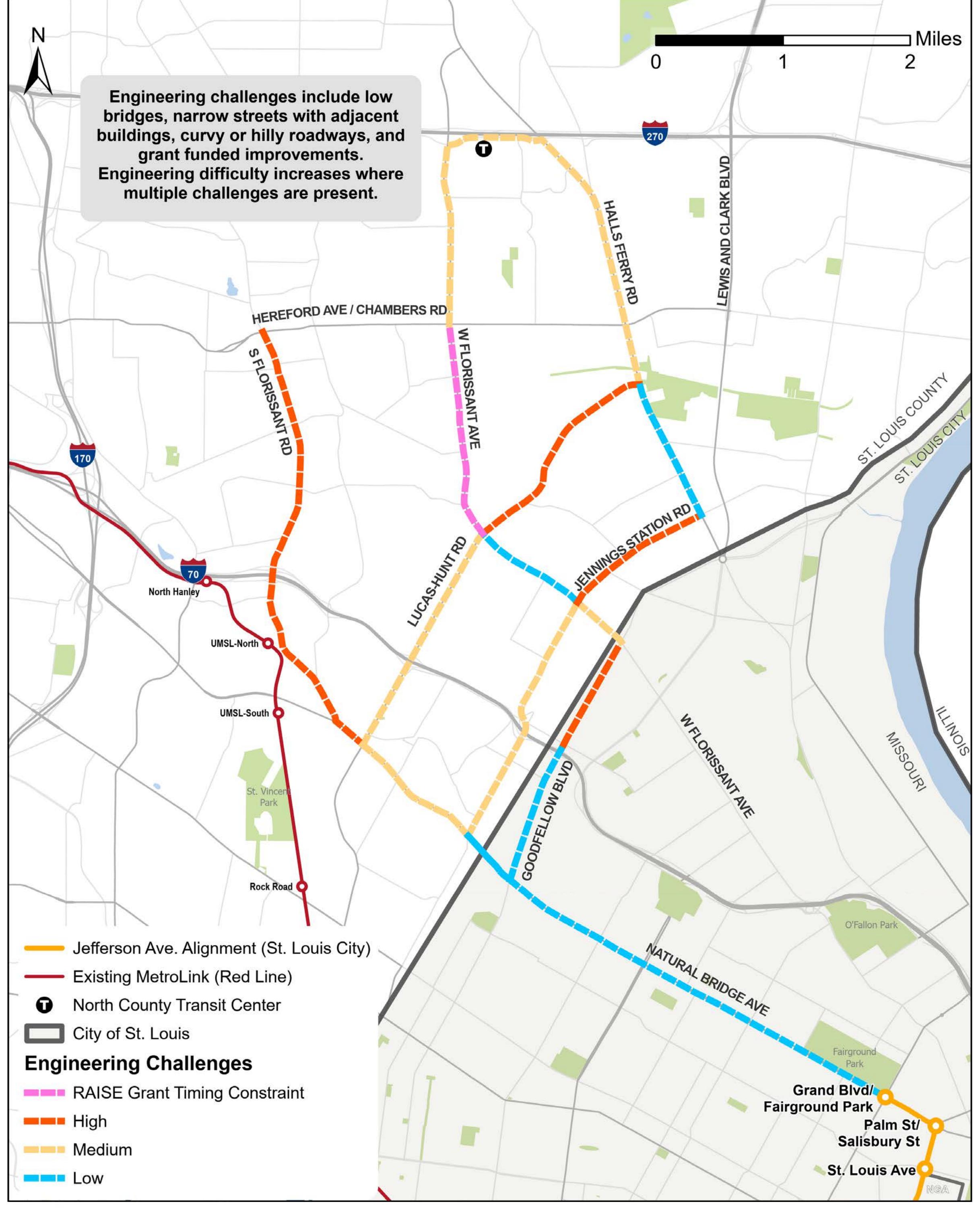








North STL County Community Connector Engineering Challenges













Outreach & Public Involvement



Here's a summary of outreach and engagement this past winter and spring:

- 33 stakeholder groups and elected officials briefings (20 County, 13 City)
- 7 City neighborhood presentations
- 2 City community sponsored tabling events
- 31 street team pop-ups in City and County (online survey, project promotion)
- 17,750 City residents reached through paid social media, 327 engagements
- 10,844 County residents reached through paid social media, 200 engagements
- 2,390 online survey respondents

Please complete our open house comment form before Friday, June 2, 2023! Thank You!

Scan QR Code for Comment Form













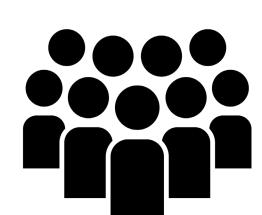




Online Survey



Who took our survey?

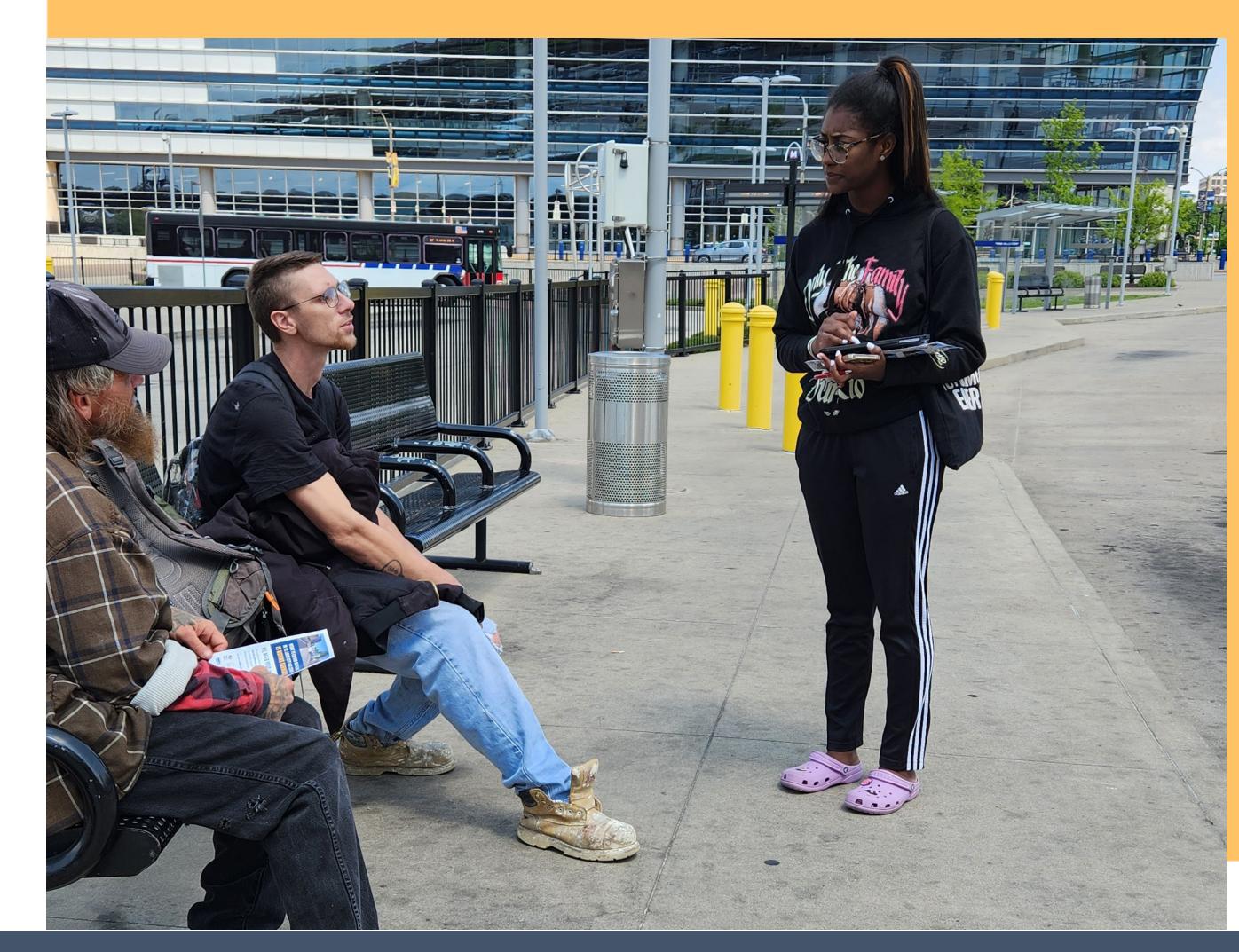


- 2,390 respondents
- Mainly 30-49 year old's, followed by ages 18-29
- 57% White or Caucasian and 29% African American or Black respondents



- 70% currently own or lease a vehicle
- 65% currently use Metro Transit
- 19% do not own or have access to a vehicle
- 11% have access to a vehicle they do not own

















Online Survey Results



Jefferson Avenue Alignment Feedback:

- Most feel the alignment will improve regional air quality and reduce traffic
- Most would get to the alignment using MetroBus/MetroLink or walking
- Most selected their preferred station because of proximity to entertainment/social venues and their home

North STL County Community Connector Feedback:

- Goodfellow-West Florissant option, closely followed by Natural Bridge Avenue-Florissant Road option received the highest fivestar ratings
- Most selected their preferred station because of proximity to work/school followed by home
- Most would get to the alignment using MetroBus/MetroLink and either walking or being dropped off or picked up by car













Next Steps



Here are the next steps:

- Project team reviews open house feedback
- Stakeholder and public outreach continues in City and County
- Stakeholder and public feedback is incorporated into design
- Northside-Southside advances to project development, environmental study and engineering with goal of submitting for federal funding

