

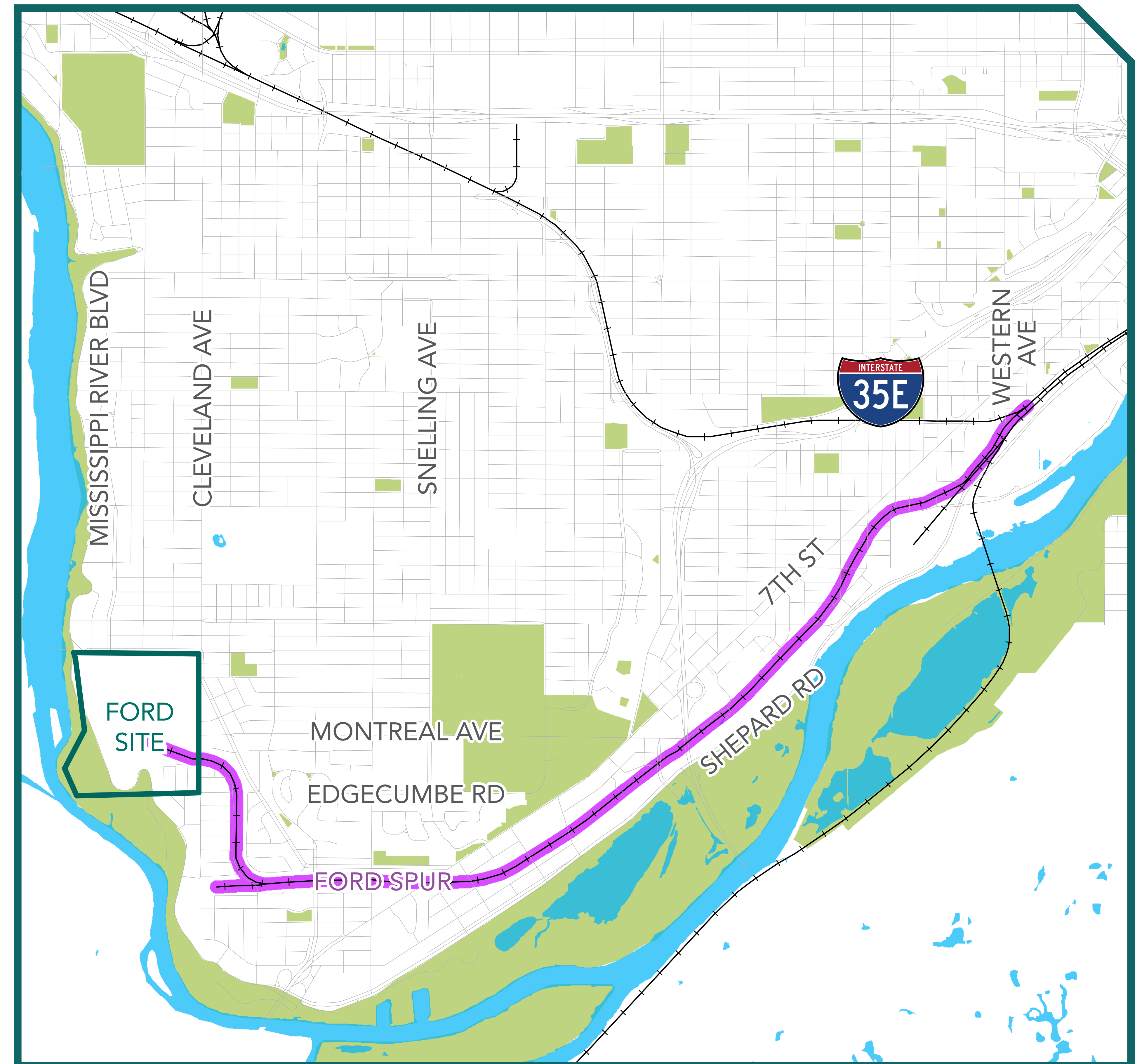
Project Overview and Purpose of Study

PROJECT OVERVIEW

- The “Ford Spur” originates just southwest of downtown St. Paul, generally parallel to West 7th Street, then north to the Ford site (5 miles)
- City of Saint Paul received a U.S. TIGER VI Planning Grant to study the potential of the Ford Spur as a multimodal corridor

PURPOSE OF STUDY

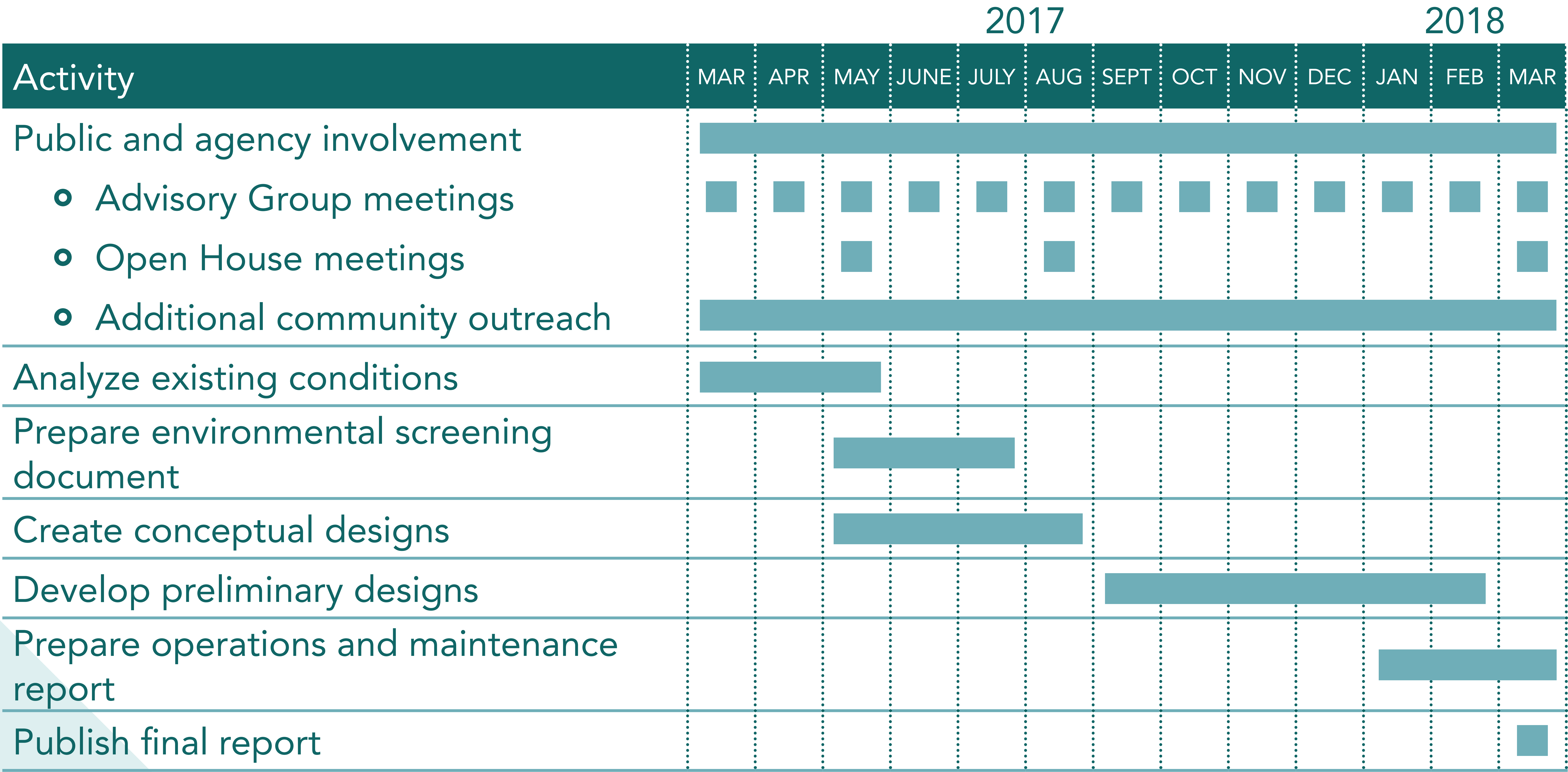
- To reimagine the potential use of a 5-mile railway corridor for pedestrian and bicycle use
- The study also explored the corridor’s potential utilization for public transit



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Study Components and Schedule



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Study Goals

Connections

Strengthen transportation and **community connections along the diverse neighborhoods along the Ford Spur and extensions, such as downtown Saint Paul and the Ford Site**

Complement the regional transportation system and **connect to existing and future walk, bike, and transit facilities along the Ford Spur corridor**

Allow future development on the Ford Site to be served with a **variety of safe transportation choices**

Process

Coordinate the goals and needs of **related studies and stakeholders**

Engage a broad cross-section of community members and stakeholders to **build a common vision and support for the future of the Ford Spur**

Demonstrate innovation in expediting the process of **re-purposing the Ford Spur**

Design

Foster economic development and place-making along the Ford Spur corridor

Develop the Ford Spur into a neighborhood asset that **complements and enhances existing and future land use along the Ford Spur**

Develop walking and biking trail designs that are **attractive, healthy, efficient, comfortable, safe, and convenient for people of all ages and abilities**



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Ford Spur Existing Conditions



Ford Spur near Homecroft



Ford Spur at Edgecumbe



Ford Spur at West 7th



Ford Spur at Homer



Ford Spur over Elway



Ford Spur at Victoria Park



Ford Spur at Watson



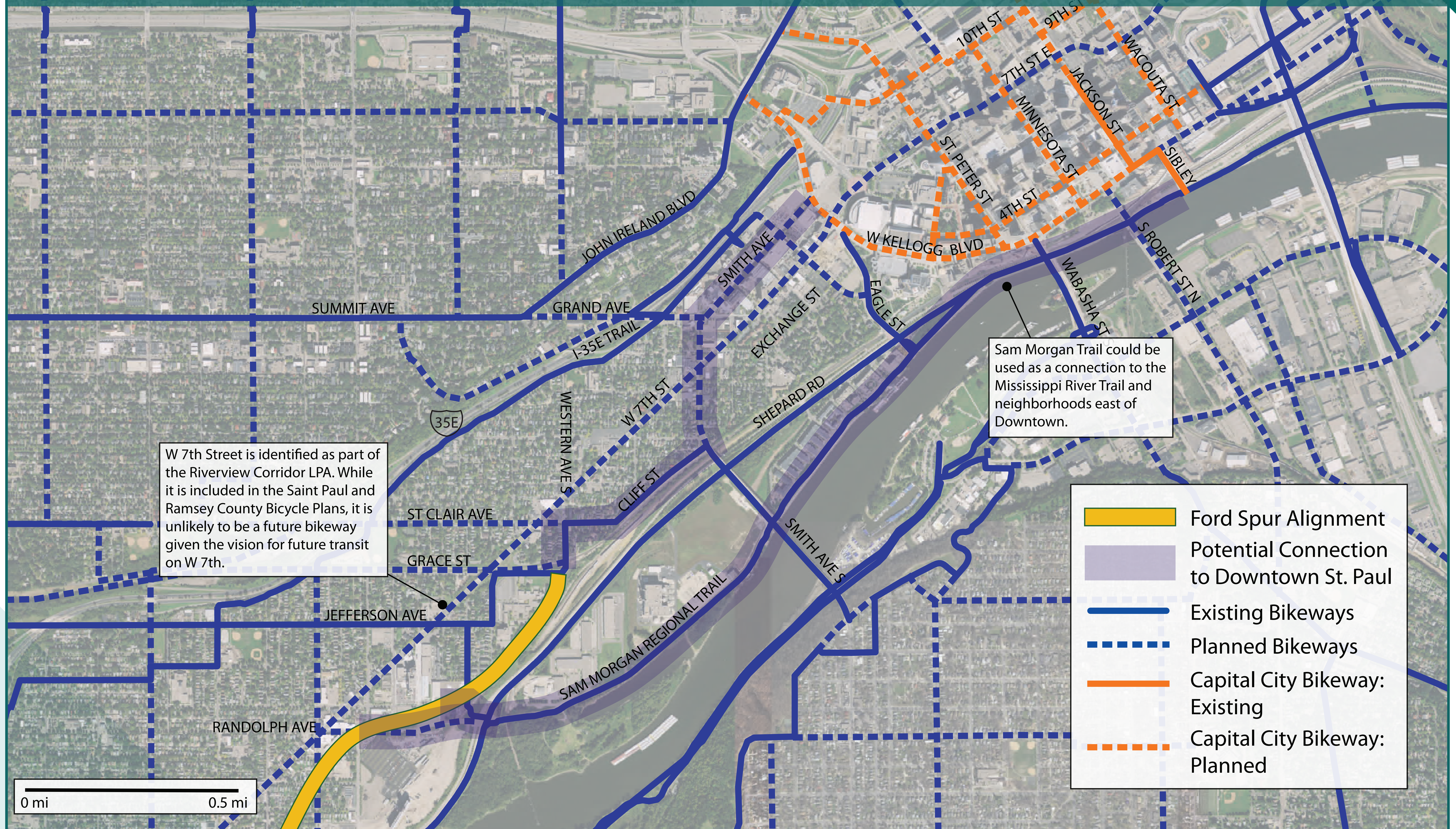
Ford Spur Trestle near Colburne



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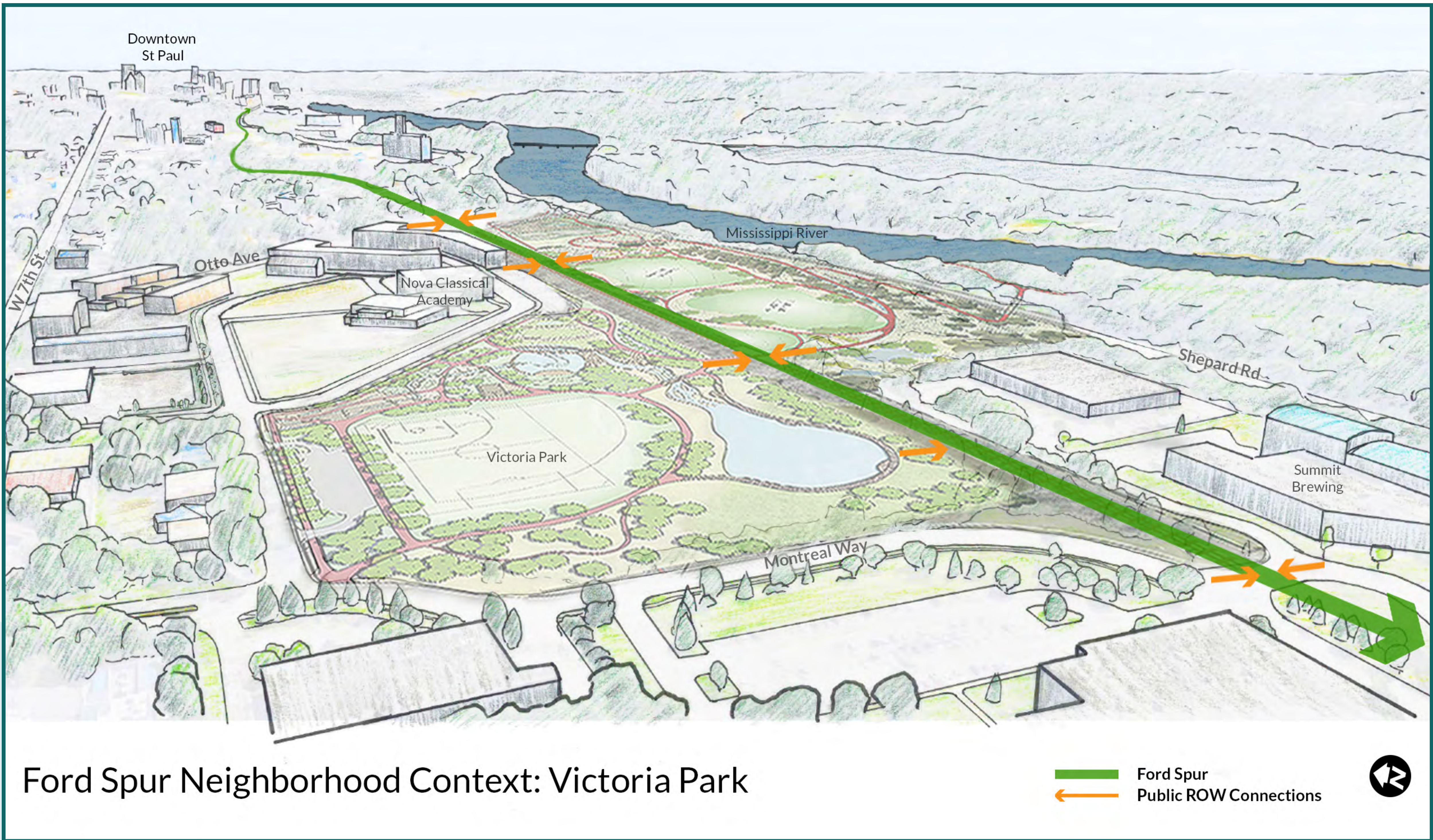
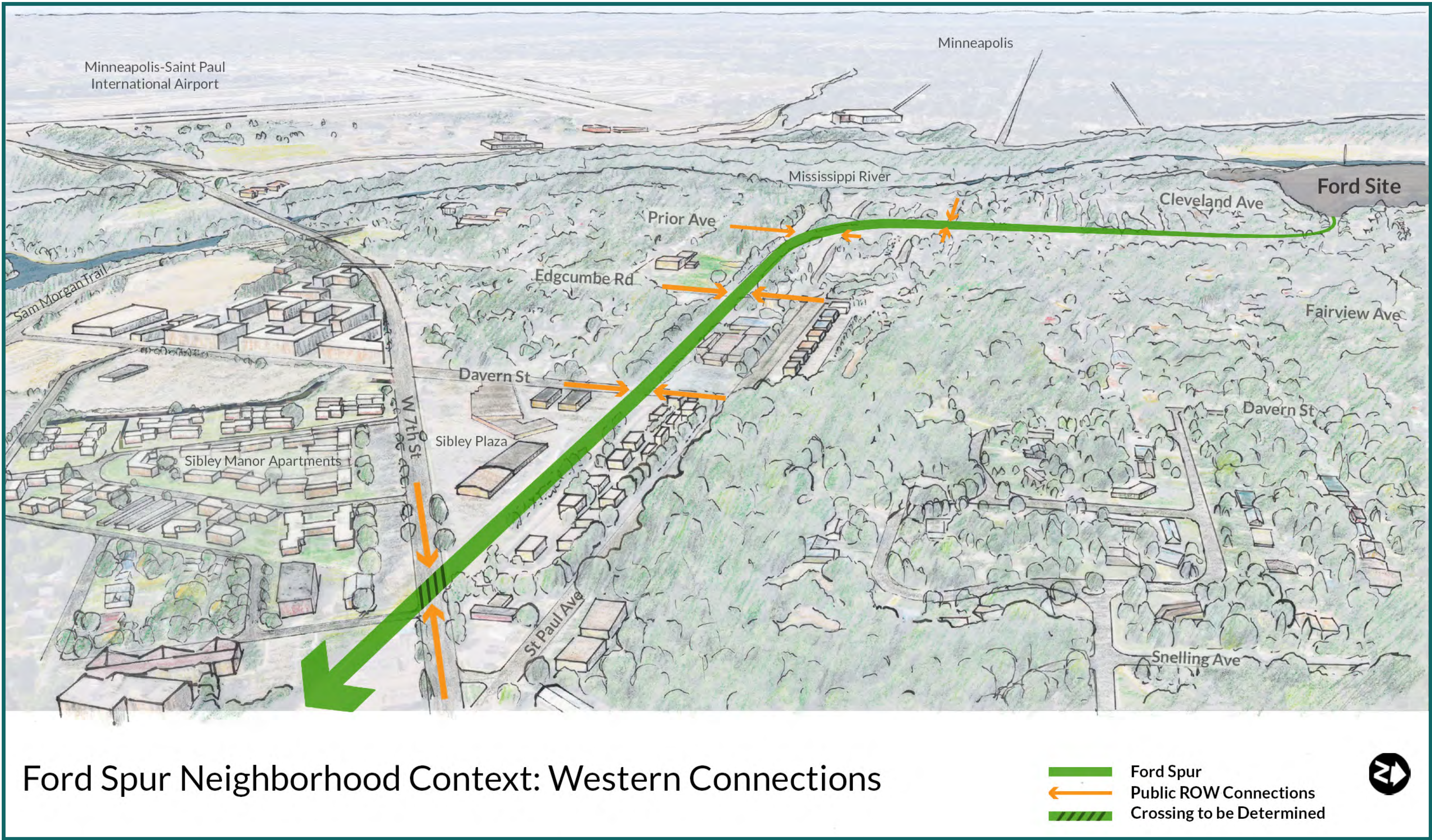
Connections to Downtown Saint Paul



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Visualizations



Connections to the Ford Site and Transit Studies

Project	Status	Influence on Ford Spur
Ford Site	The Ford Site Master Plan has been approved by City Council. A developer may be under contract as soon as late 2018.	The Ford Site Master Plan includes a trail connection to the Ford Spur.
Riverview Corridor Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)	The DEIS will begin in 2018 and be completed within 2-3 years.	The process will determine whether transit is sited on the Ford Spur between W 7th Street and Randolph Avenue.
Ford Corridor Transit Study	The study will begin in late 2018 and will consider future transit connections to the Ford Site, including along the Ford Spur.	This study will recommend whether future transit is sited on the Ford Spur between the Ford Site and Edgumbe Road.



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Next Steps

The current study will be complete in Spring 2018. The following next steps are needed for project construction. A trail in the Ford Spur would likely be constructed in several phases.

