

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

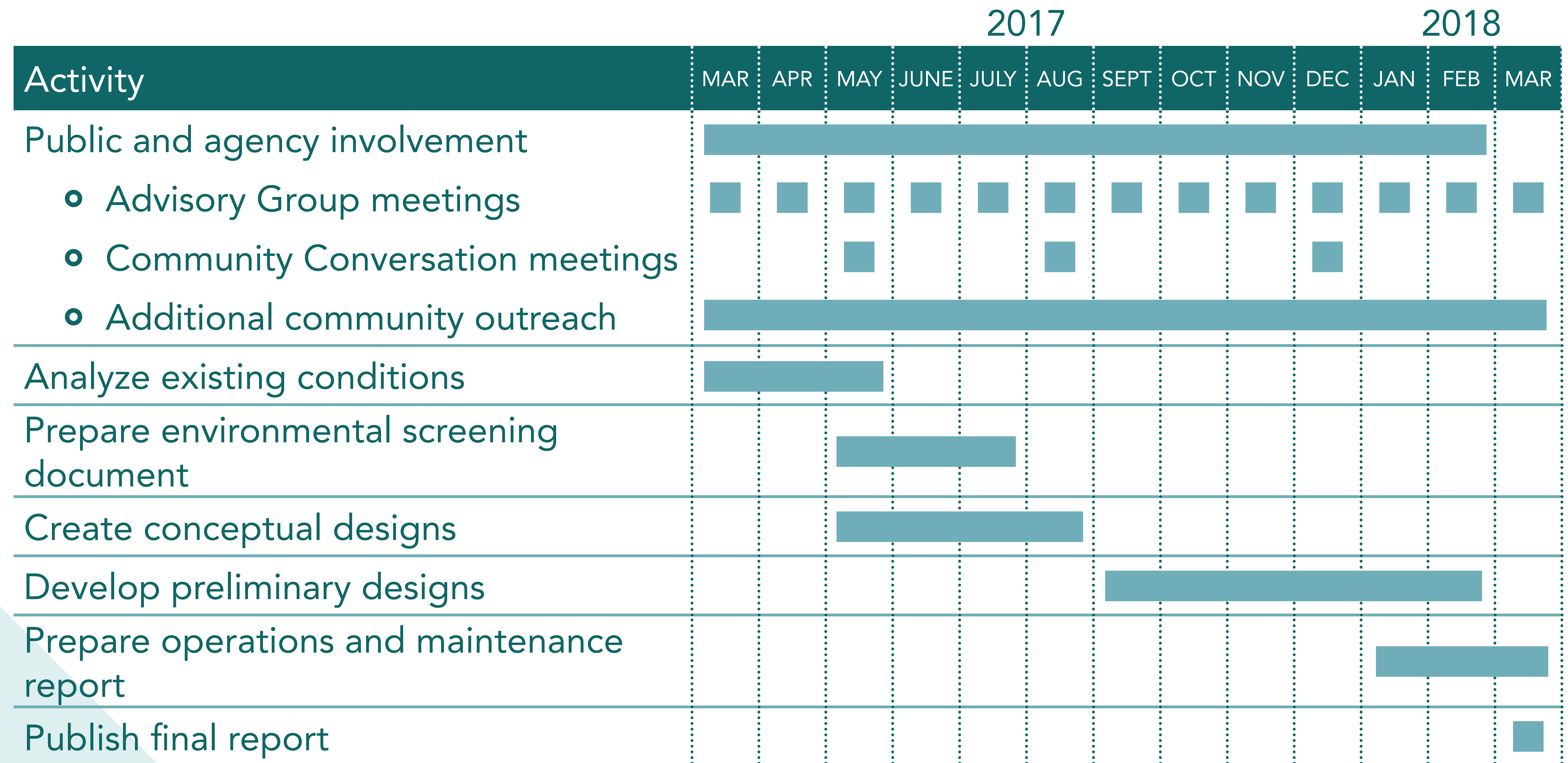
- ▶ To reimagine the potential use of a 5-mile railway corridor for pedestrian and bicycle use
- ▶ The study will also explore the corridor’s potential utilization for public transit



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Study Components and Schedule



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Study Goals

Strengthen transportation and **community connections** between downtown Saint Paul and the diverse neighborhoods along the Ford Spur

Allow future development on the Ford site to be served with **more and safer transportation choices**

Complement the regional transportation system and **connect to existing and future active transportation and transit facilities**

Coordinate the goals and needs of related studies and stakeholders to **collaboratively develop, design, plan, and implement respective efforts**

Foster economic development and placemaking along the Ford Spur

Demonstrate innovation in expediting the process of **re-purposing an unused freight rail corridor**

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

Develop innovative, buildable designs that **complement and enhance existing and future land use along the Ford Spur**

Develop active transportation designs that are **attractive, comfortable, safe, and convenient for people of all ages and abilities**



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Ford Spur Existing Conditions



Ford Spur Trestle near Colburne



Ford Spur over Elway



Ford Spur at Victoria Park



Ford Spur at West 7th



Ford Spur at Edgumbe



Ford Spur at Homer



Ford Spur near Homecroft



Ford Spur at Watson



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