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Progress Plus Region Awarded \$88,000 Planning Grant

The Metropolitan Council awarded both Inver Grove Heights and South St. Paul planning grants to help develop a new future for the Concord Boulevard corridor all the way from I494 to 68th street. The grants support activities that will lay the groundwork for successful development implementation.

Pre-development grants are awarded for activities such as market studies, zoning controls and model ordinances, stormwater management plans and more.

Inver Grove Heights received \$48,000 to help determine market feasibility and develop design guidelines for redevelopment in the heart of the Concord Boulevard Neighborhood, which has been impacted by major roadway reconstruction in recent years. In the future, local officials expect public investment to attract private investment and promote more intense land uses, reinvigorate the neighborhood, incorporate connections to major recreational amenities, increase housing choices and promote housing and business development.

In South St. Paul, the Metropolitan Council awarded \$40,000 to create a redevelopment plan for the South Concord Corridor from I-494 to the south city limit to incorporate mixed uses. The city wants to provide pedestrian connections to existing residential areas, regional trails and transit service areas and new residential development opportunities.

About Progress Plus:

Progress Plus is the Economic Development Foundation of the River Heights Chamber of Commerce, located in Inver Grove Heights that is a 501c3 public/private partnership designed to accommodate planned development in Inver Grove Heights and South St. Paul. Progress Plus works closely with city officials and business leaders to facilitate the economic development process. Progress Plus helps companies who are looking to expand or relocate with everything from finding appropriate space and connecting with training programs for workers, to attracting financing for growth.

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