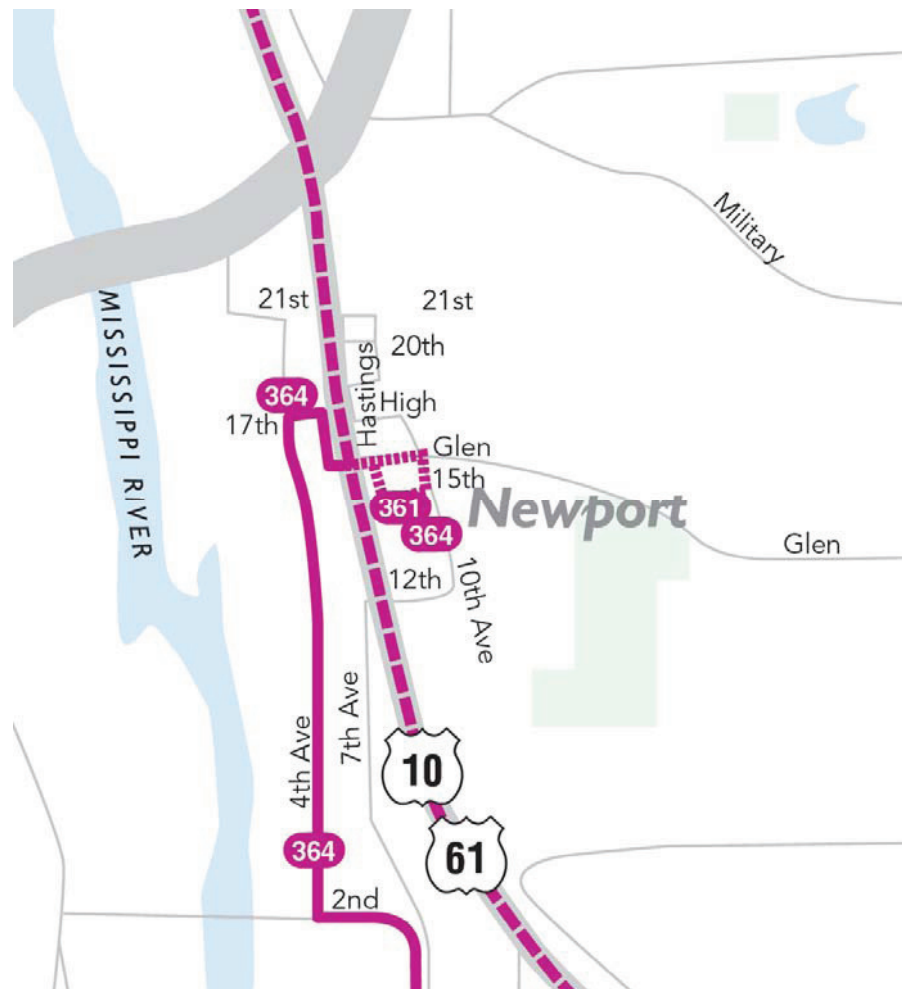


G. EXISTING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

There are two levels of bus service for residents and employees in the City of Newport, including express service to downtown St. Paul and local service within the south Washington County area.

Metro Transit route #364 provides an articulated bus that picks up passengers at two express stop on 17th Street/4th Avenue and Hastings Avenue/15th Street. Metro Transit route #361 runs between the south Washington County area and downtown St. Paul, with stops in Cottage Grove and Lower Afton Road. Metro Transit route #365 runs between South Washington County and downtown Minneapolis, with stops in Cottage Grove and Lower Afton Road. One of the South County Circulator buses runs between Cottage Grove, St. Paul Park and Newport.

**Figure 7 - 5:
Metro Transit Bus Route**



Source: <http://www.metrotransit.org/>

The South County Circulator began service in Newport, St. Paul Park, and Cottage Grove in September 1997 with funding from the Metropolitan Council. The South Washington County Circulator is also referred to as route #320, Midday Service. The South Washington County Circulator is a dial-a-ride service providing flexible, personalized transit service to anyone who is able to travel independently. It will pick you up at your location and take you to where you want to go in Newport, St. Paul Park, and part of Cottage Grove.

The Metropolitan Council Office of Transportation and Transport Development, anticipates that the improvement of the I-494/TH-61 corridor will increase the need for public transportation facilities in the City of Newport. Their projections call for the development of the following facilities:

- Bus only shoulder lanes in each direction along mainline TH-61
- Signage and local bus circulator routes on Seventh Avenue

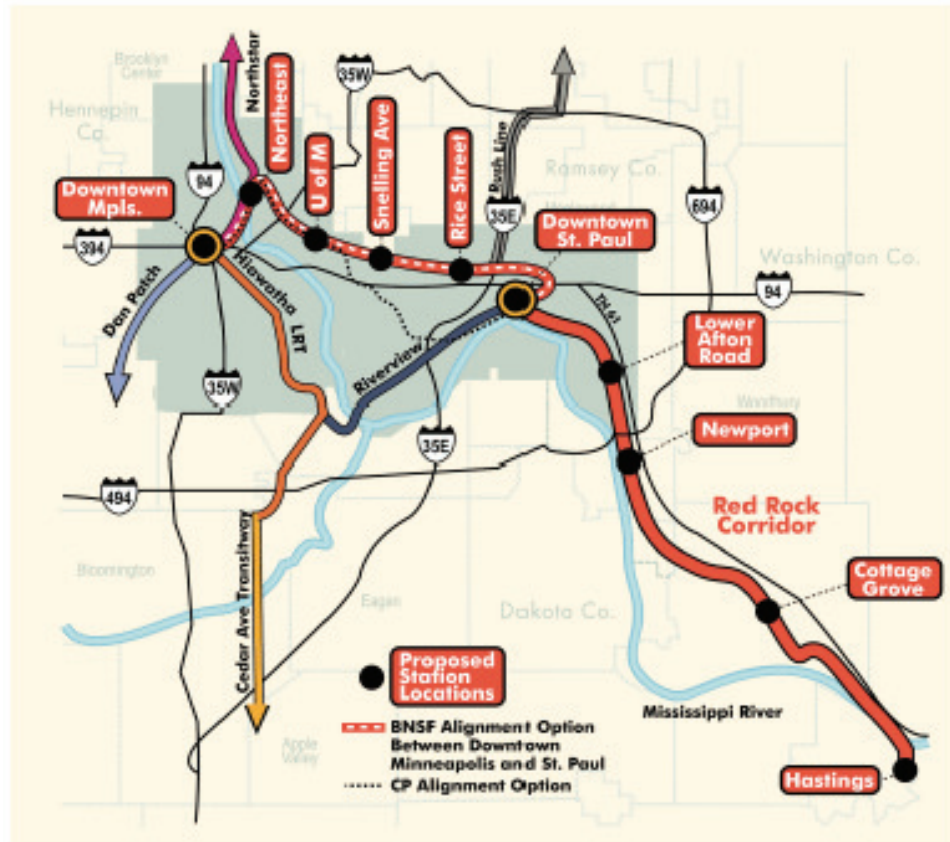
H. RED ROCK CORRIDOR

The Red Rock corridor is a proposed 30-mile transportation corridor connecting Hastings to St. Paul and Minneapolis. The Metro Council's Transportation Policy Plan identifies the Red Rock Corridor as a transitway on a dedicated right-of-way. Studies are underway to design the transit services that will be provided within the Corridor. The Red Rock Corridor Commission is spearheading these studies.

A feasibility study for Commuter Rail service along the corridor has been completed. A potential stop was identified within the City of Newport on the rail line.

The City has identified three options for location of the stop within the City on the Future Lane Use Plan, Figure 4-3. The land use goals and policies support development of the stop, and redevelopment of housing, retail, office and commercial land uses that will take advantage of the proposed commuter facility. The City supports development of the transit corridor, and will continue to work with Washington County, the Metro Council, and Red Rock Corridor Commission as study and work to develop the corridor proceeds.

**Figure 7 - 6:
Red Rock Corridor Commuter Rail System Map**



I. AVIATION FACILITIES

The City of Newport does not have an aviation facility within its boundaries. The northwest part of the City is approximately 4 miles south of Holman Field, the St. Paul Reliever Airport. Fleming Field is approximately 1-1/2 miles southwest of the City of Newport. This airport is a general aviation facility with one runway, positioned in a northwest-southeast direction.

The City is required by the Metropolitan Council's Metropolitan Development Guide to include a policy in its Comprehensive Plan, as well as a provision in its Zoning Ordinance, regarding the height of structures. The City in its next series of ordinance codification will incorporate a section, limiting the height of structures.

To protect general airspace, the City is required to notify the Federal Aviation Administration and the Aeronautics Division of the Minnesota Department of Transportation if any proposed development includes a building exceeding 200 feet above ground level.