

# THE KENOSHA-RACINE-MILWAUKEE COMMUTER LINK



#### **City of Milwaukee**

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## Potential Commuter Rail Station Area Land Development and Redevelopment

- The potential for commuter rail to promote land development and redevelopment around its stations is considered a key benefit of commuter rail
  - Encourage development/redevelopment and increased tax base in central cities
  - Encourage higher density, more efficient development in inner suburbs and developing communities
  - The potential land development and redevelopment can add ridership to commuter rail, making it a more successful project and investment





Potential Commuter Rail Station Area Land Development and Redevelopment (cont.)

- The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is particularly interested in the potential for land development and redevelopment around stations to add ridership and make its Federal investment more successful.
  - Assessment of development/redevelopment potential
  - Preparation of station area land use plans
  - Endorsement of station area land use plans
- Factor in FTA's evaluation of candidate projects seeking Federal funds





## **KRM Station Area Plans**

- The potential for land development and redevelopment was assessed, and land use plans incorporating this land development and redevelopment were prepared, for each of the 9 potential KRM commuter rail stations
  - Two in the City of Milwaukee
    - Downtown
    - South Side



## KRM Station Area Plans (cont.)

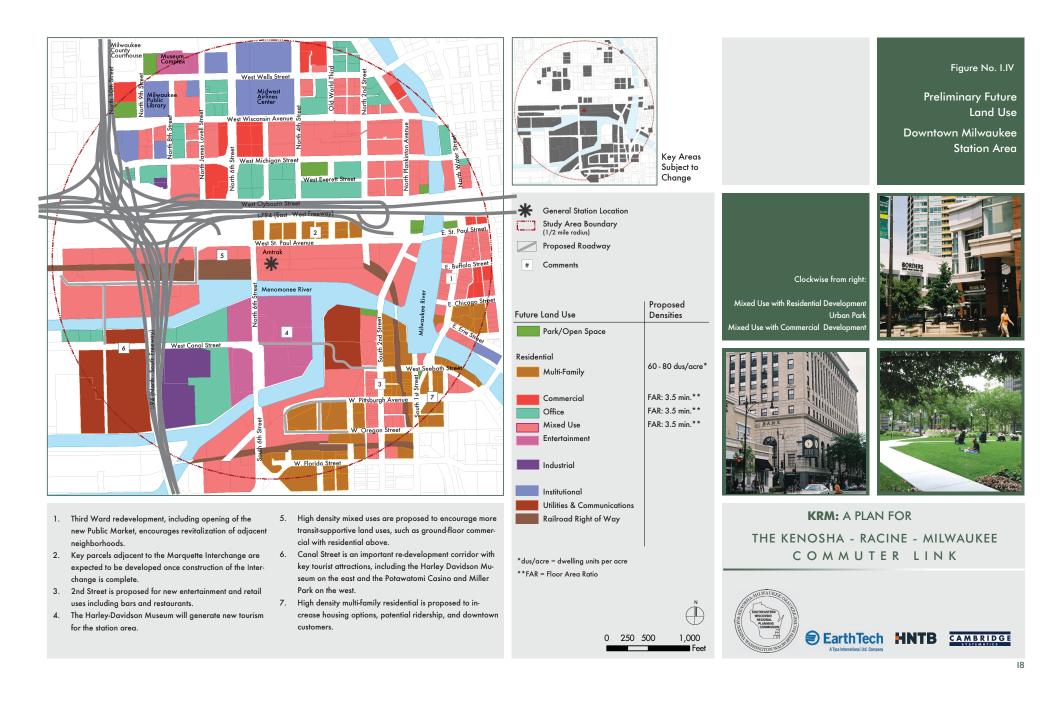
### The Downtown and South Side area plans

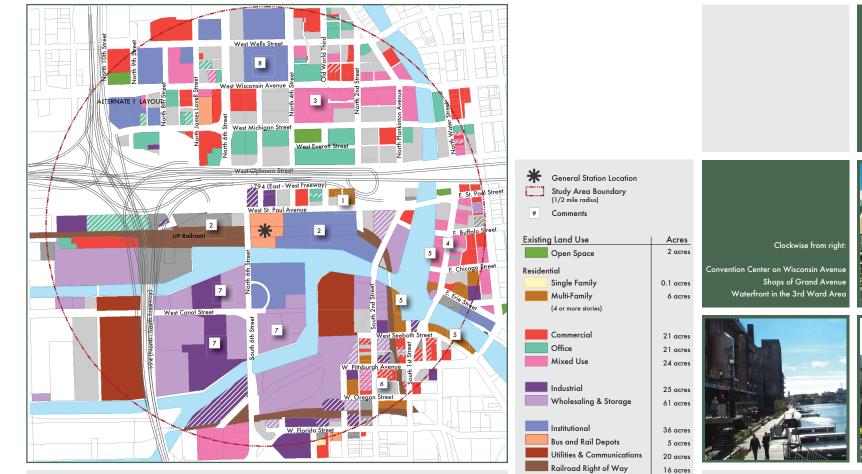
- Based on, and consistent with, City's existing plans
- Developed by working closely with City staff
- Product of a series of neighborhood meetings with residents and businesses

## Potential development and redevelopment

- 9,000 residential units
- Over 3 million square feet of office and retail space







- 1. Converted warehouse condominiums near freeway indicate demand for residential uses in the immediate station area.
- 2. Lands adjacent to the Amtrak Station offer opportunities to future development.
- 3. "The Shops of Grand Avenue" is a mixed-use destination and a focal point for the West Town District.
- 4. The revitalizing 3rd Ward District provides diverse shopping, working, and living environment near the station.
- 5. New warehouse conversions and condominiums focus on the Milwaukee River as a key amenity.
- 6. This former warehouse district is transitioning due to its unique urban environment and proximity to the 3rd Ward.
- 7. This area will become a travel destination with the completion of the new Harley-Davidson Museum.
- 8. Convention Center is a major trip generator three blocks north of the station.





Parking

Vacant

Vacant Buildings



Figure I.I

**Existing Land Use** Downtown Milwaukee

**Station Area** 







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