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Central Corridor Light Rail Transit

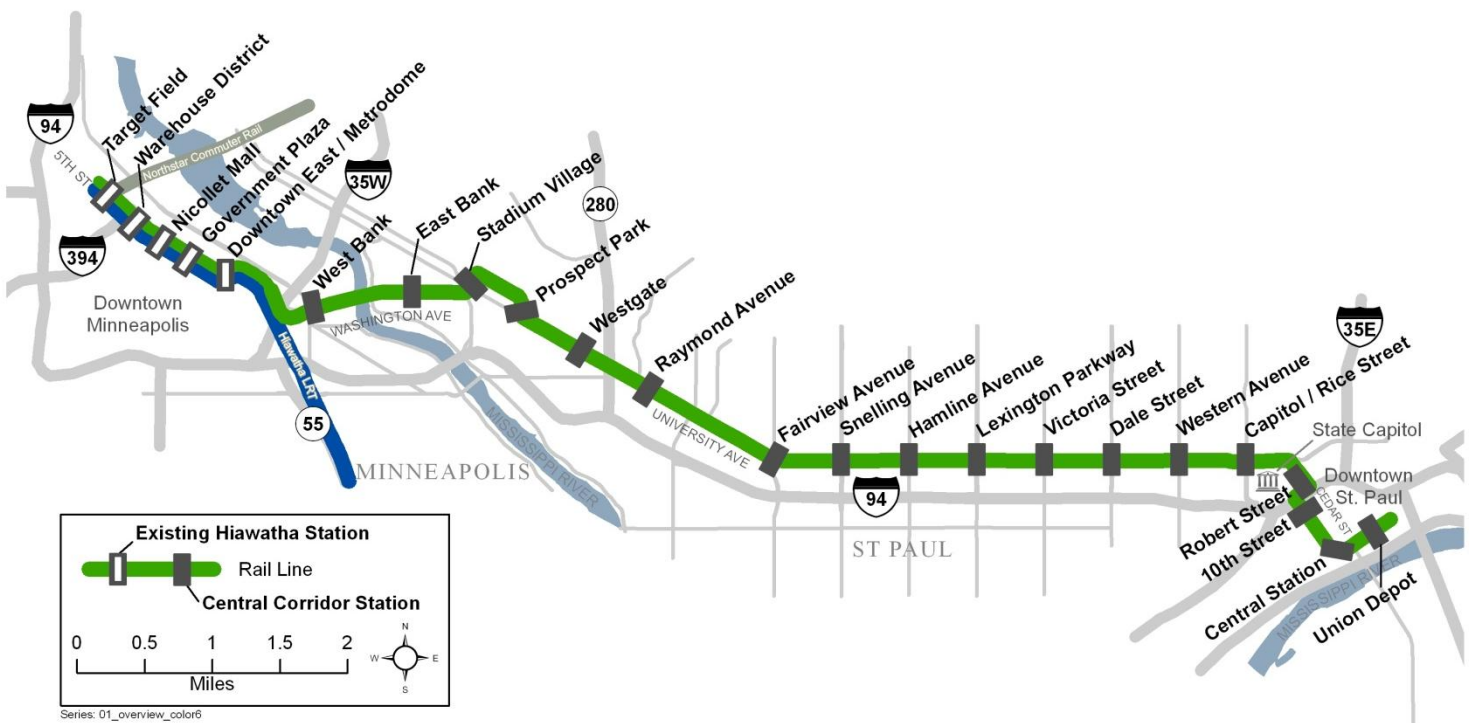
Project Profile and Facts

A new way to move

Light rail transit will provide a fast, safe, new transportation choice in one of our region's most heavily traveled corridors - the 11-mile Central Corridor linking downtown St. Paul and downtown Minneapolis via Washington and University avenues.

LRT will mean improved access to five major centers of economic activity - the two downtowns, the University of Minnesota, the Midway district, the state Capitol complex and many neighborhoods in between. Together, they contain almost 280,000 jobs - a number that is expected to grow to 374,000 by 2030.

It will build on the success of the Hiawatha LRT line in increasing transit ridership and making our region more economically competitive.



Facts about the project

Stations: 18 new stations plus five stations shared with the Hiawatha line in downtown Minneapolis.

Service: Trains operating every 7.5 minutes during peak travel periods, with a travel time of 36 minutes between the two downtowns.

Projected weekday ridership: Over 40,000 by 2030.

Cost: \$957 million. State's contribution is \$92 million.

Timeline: Construction of the line will occur during 2010-2013 and open for service in 2014. Heavy construction around the Capitol will begin in May/June 2012 and will be complete in late 2012. Systems and testing will begin in 2013.

Jobs and Payroll

- Delivery of Central Corridor LRT will create an estimated 150 design, engineering and management jobs and 3,100 construction jobs resulting in \$252 million in payroll. Operations and maintenance of the Central Corridor LRT line will create an additional 175 permanent jobs for a total of 3,425 jobs created.
- Central Corridor LRT construction experience shows workers come from all over the state to build the line. Central Corridor's 2011 construction crew included residents from 85% of the state's Senate districts and all 8 Congressional districts.

Project Partners

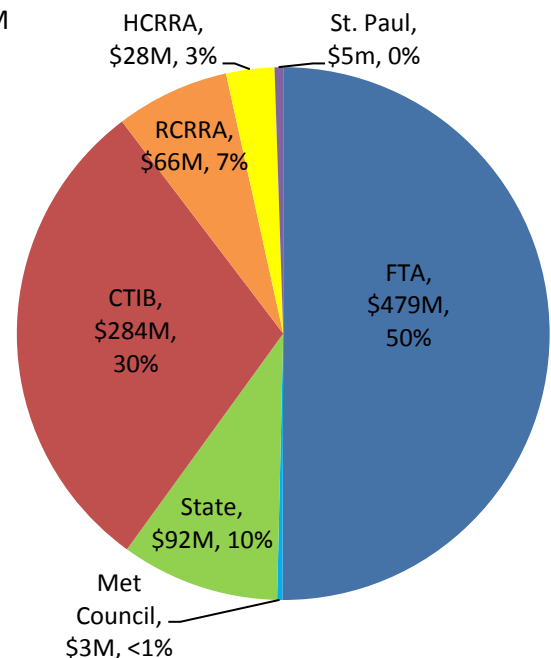
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More Information

Available on our website at:
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Funding Sources

Project Budget:
\$957M



\$1 State leverages \$9 Federal and Local funding