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Central Corridor Light Rail Transit

Project Facts

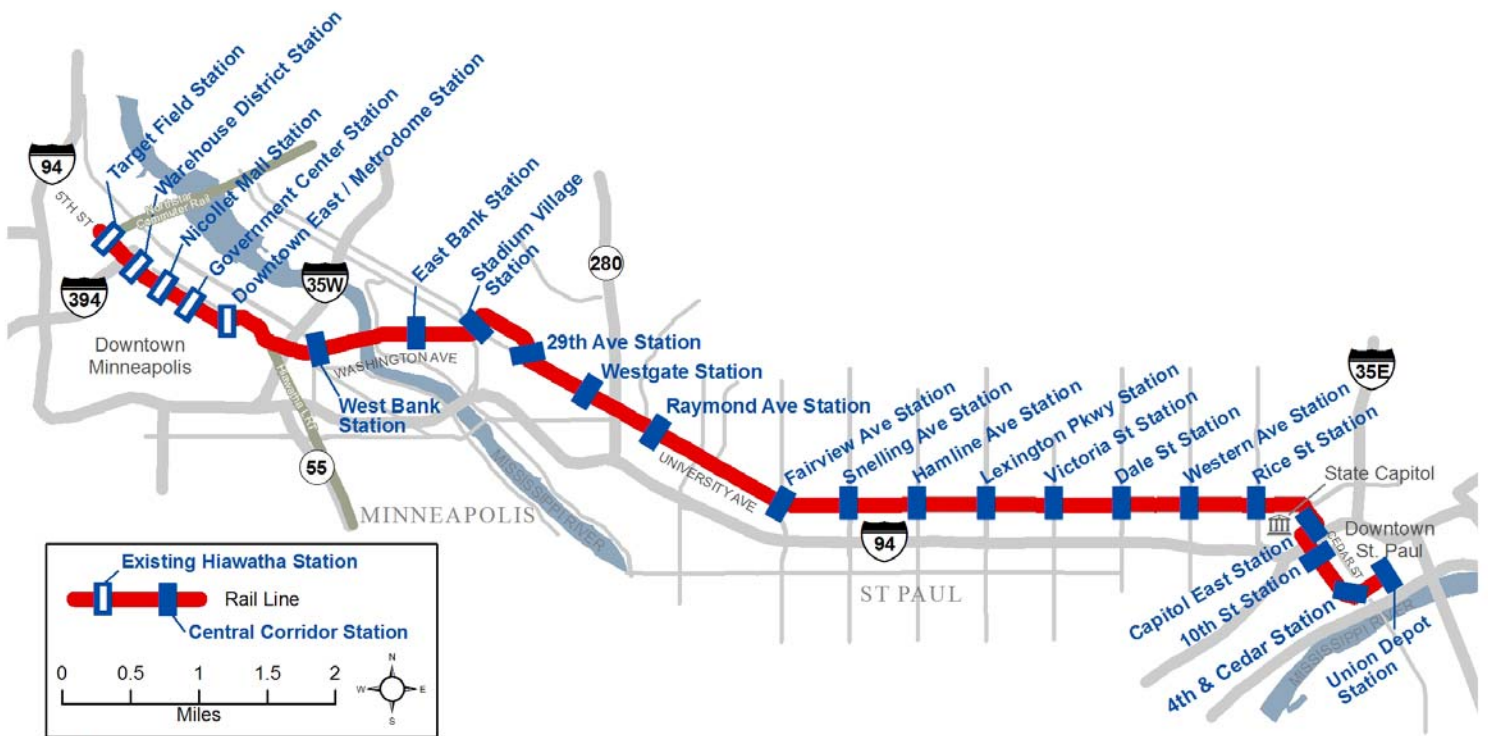
A new way to move

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 345,000 by 2030.

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

The planning process for the line will provide substantial opportunities for residents, business owners and community groups to contribute their ideas and input on station design, safety, construction mitigation and other critical issues.



Facts about the project



Corridor: The 11-mile line will run on University and Washington avenues between downtown St. Paul and Minneapolis, linking there with the Hiawatha LRT line and the new Northstar commuter rail line.

Trains: 31 new light rail transit vehicles, each with 66 seats and comfortable standing room for an additional 70 people.

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.

Timeline: Following final design, the line will be built in 2010-2013 and open in 2014.

Bus Service: The corridor will continue to have Route 16 buses on University Avenue, running at 20-minute intervals, for riders traveling to and from locations not immediately served by rail stations, as well as express buses on Interstate 94 between downtown Minneapolis and downtown St. Paul. The LRT line will be served by an expanded network of connecting bus routes to provide access to commuters traveling from outside the corridor.

Project Partners

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Minnesota Department of Transportation
Ramsey County
Hennepin County
Counties Transit Improvement Board
City of St. Paul
City of Minneapolis
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