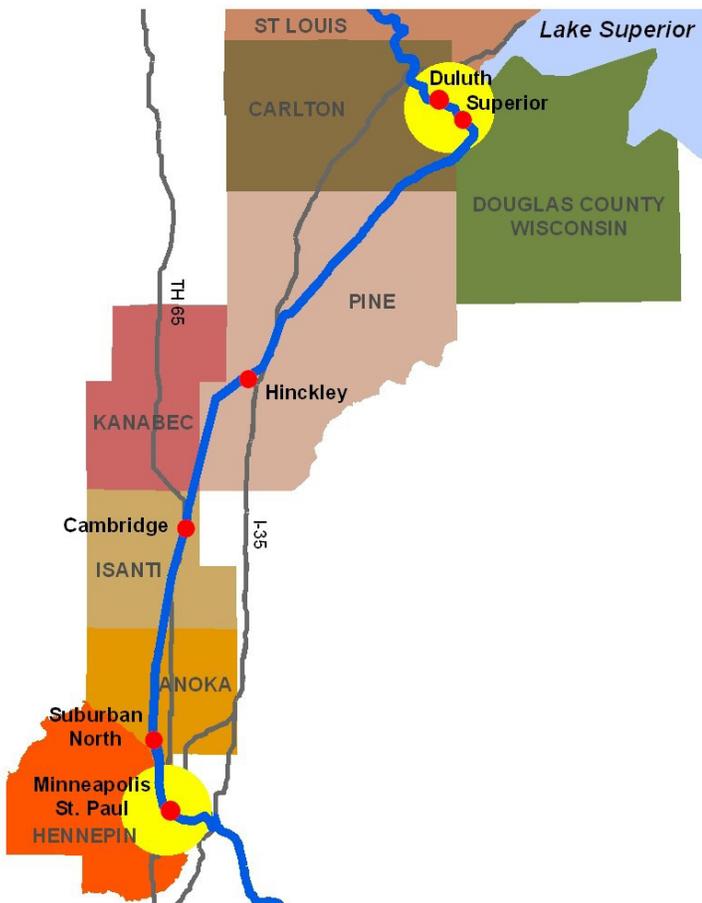


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Minneapolis-Duluth/Superior Intercity Passenger Rail System



The Minneapolis-Duluth/Superior Intercity Passenger Rail System provides a major opportunity to enhance northern Minnesota's intercity transportation network. Its implementation will increase mobility in the state, and be an engine of economic growth for the cities and towns along the corridor connected to the system. It will provide significant environmental benefits in terms of improved emissions and reduced energy use.

By incorporating new technology and improving existing transportation connectivity, the proposed system will be comparable to the existing rail service in the Northeast Corridor (in terms of average train speeds), and other potential rail systems being developed in California, Midwest, Ohio, Pacific North West and Carolinas.

This visionary approach to passenger rail service will not only serve as a vital component of the Minneapolis transportation system, but also will maintain the quality of life of residents, ensuring prosperity to regional business by providing business and leisure travelers alike with efficient and effective self-sustaining intercity travel. The system will generate a sound public investment that will leverage private sector investment and improve both passenger and freight movement in the region.

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The Minneapolis-Duluth/Superior Intercity Passenger rail system is a 155-mile system that links the City of Minneapolis with the northern cities of Duluth and Superior at speeds up to 110-mph to give a two hour service. The line will have six stops. In Minneapolis the system will use Northstar station, and connect to the Northstar commuter rail and LRT system. The second stop, Coon Rapids/Foley Boulevard will serve the rapidly growing suburban population of Anoka County and the National Sports Center. The Cambridge station will serve the independent and expanding towns of Cambridge, Edgewood, and Isanti together with the surrounding areas of Isanti, Kanabec, and Chisago counties. In Hinckley the station will serve the Grand Casino, which draws over 4 million visitors per year and is one of the largest attractions in the state. In Superior and Duluth the system will stop in the downtowns, and connect to local transit and rail, such as the North Shore Scenic railroad.



The Intercity Rail Will:

- Feature fast modern, comfortable trains that will travel at speeds of up to 110 miles per hour with a frequency of 8 trains per day.
- Use an existing rail corridor to provide fast, efficient downtown-to-downtown travel.
- Radiate from a Minneapolis hub to the cities and communities of northern Minnesota and northwest Wisconsin.
- Provide an effective alternative to auto and air travel for trips over 50 miles in the corridor.
- Provide connectivity to the region's major attractions, including Minnesota sports stadiums (Metrodome, Twins Ball Park, and National Sports Center), leisure attractions (Grand Casino Hinckley and the Mall of America), as well as health, educational, and cultural facilities (VA Hospital and University of Minnesota).
- Provide access to regional airports (MSP), as well as transit and high speed rail systems (MWRRI).
- Improve freight operations by specific infrastructure improvements in track, signals, and grade crossings that improve capacity safety and operational flexibility.
- Stimulate over \$0.5 billion of local, state, federal, and private investment in the freight and passenger rail systems and stations of the Minneapolis-Duluth/Superior corridor.
- Generate over \$3 billion of economic benefits to the region.
- Stimulate economic development by generating some 500 construction jobs, 250 rail industry jobs, and nearly 14,000 new permanent jobs in related industries and the economy in general.
- Promote and support public/private downtown and suburban development and urban renewal on the order of \$2 billion in the corridor.

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