

it's about time

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Transit “Makes Cents”

- Working collaboratively for the past decade, the Counties Transit Improvement Board, its predecessor organization, and its members have secured more than \$900 million in federal funds for Twin Cities metropolitan area transitways.
- Since its creation in 2008, the Board has awarded more than \$160 million in grants to fund transitway development, construction and operations. The Board is currently considering funding approximately \$149 million in capital and operating grants in 2011.
- The Counties Transit Improvement Board has committed up to \$300 million for the design and construction of Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (LRT) and \$17.7 million for the completion of Phase I of the Cedar Avenue Transitway.
- High ridership on the Hiawatha LRT and Northstar Commuter Rail lines resulted in a \$1.2 million operating grant refund to the Counties Transit Improvement Board from the Metropolitan Council. The refund was the result of high ridership on both rail lines and other cost-saving measures taken by the Metropolitan Council, making 2009 operating costs lower than expected.

Rolling Along

Twin Cities metropolitan area transitways are experiencing better than expected usage and growing everyday!



Hiawatha LRT

- Completed its fifth year of service in 2009, with current ridership exceeding projected ridership for 2020.
- Total ridership for 2009 was 9.9 million rides, with average weekday ridership of 29,786, and average weekend ridership of 20,697 rides .
- 25% of baseball fans rode the Hiawatha LRT line to Target Field during June and July ball games in the 2010 season.
- Recovers 40% of its operating costs from fares compared to a national average of 29.3%.
- LRT ridership represents 13% percent of all Metro Transit rides.



Northstar Commuter Rail

- Has logged more than nine million passenger miles.
- Serves almost all of the regular season Minnesota Twins games, with 5% of baseball fans riding Northstar to Target Field during June and July ball games in the 2010 season.
- Requires eight car trains for Twins fans, versus the typical daily four car trains, with fare revenues exceeding operating costs.
- Will provide service to all Minnesota Vikings home games in the 2010-2011 season.



Metro Transit Bus System

- The Metro Transit bus system recovers 32% of its costs compared to a national average of 26.3%.

Commuters and Mass Transit

- 40% of people working in downtown Minneapolis ride mass transit.
- 20% percent of people working in downtown St. Paul ride mass transit.

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