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Welcome to Minneapolis!



What's happening in Minneapolis?



- Growing population and jobs in a central city
- Maintaining a world-class parks system
- Leadership in sustainability initiatives
- Responding to increasing diversity and changing needs
- Expanding an urban transit network
- Strengthening corridors and neighborhoods
- Regional and major league sports facilities



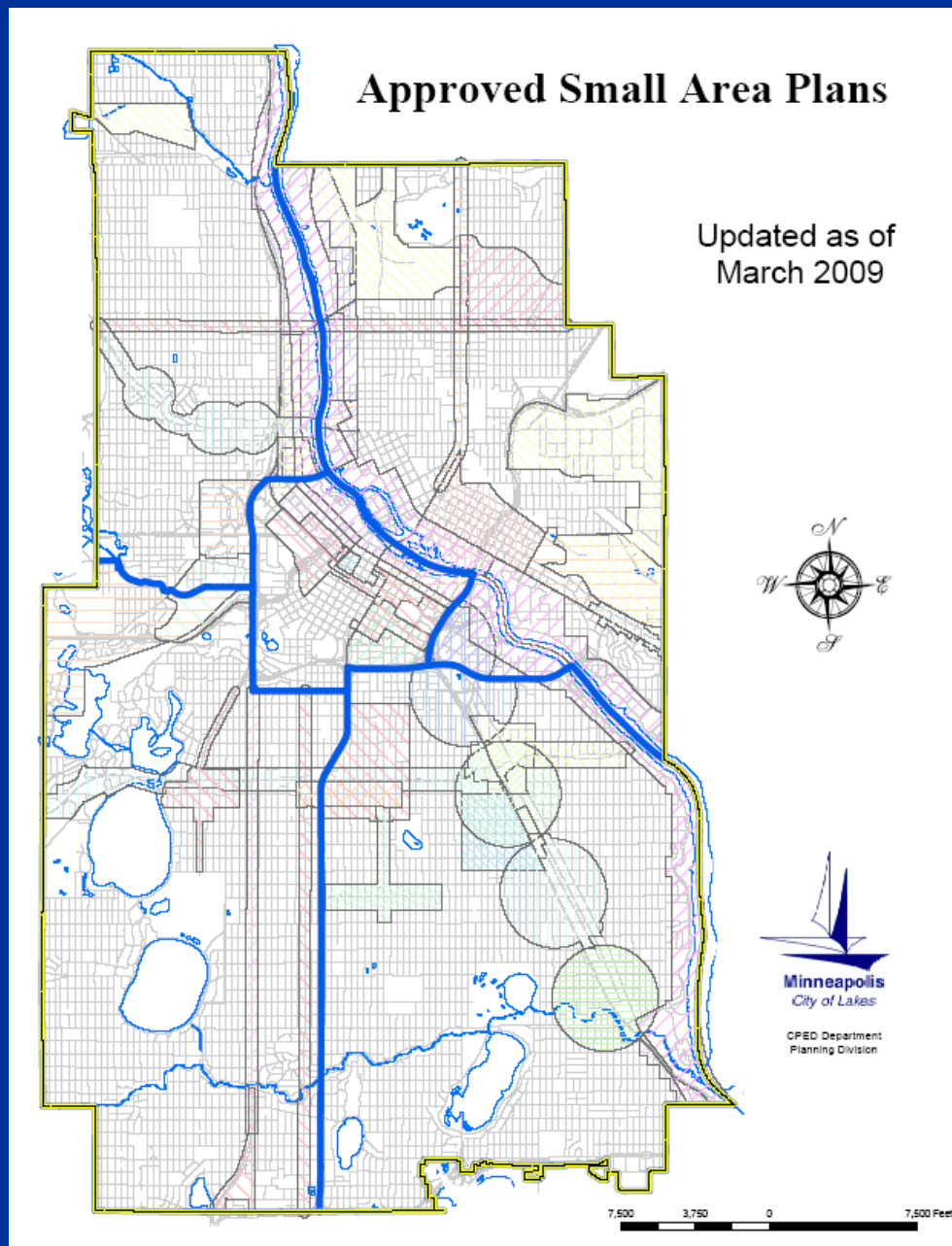
The Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth



- New Comprehensive Plan
- Focus on sustainability: environmental, social, and economic
- Strategy for welcoming and accommodating population and employment growth

Small Area Planning

- Providing more detailed guidance for areas of the City facing growth and change
- Closely coordinated with neighborhood groups
- Addressing key issues:
 - Commercial revitalization
 - Directing growth and density
 - Urban design standards
 - Redevelopment opportunities



2008 Capital Plan and Proposed 2009 - 2012 Capital Plan

Implementing adopted plans

- Rezoning studies
- Capital improvements
- Legislative agenda
- Finance proposals
- Program and service design
- Strategic Consultation and Minneapolis Development Review

New and Expanded Civic Landmarks

Guthrie Theatre The Children's Theatre Company
Minneapolis Central Library Walker Art Institute Schubert Theatre
Minneapolis Institute of Arts McPhail School for the Arts
Orchestra Hall and Peavey Plaza



Regional sports facilities

- University of Minnesota Gopher stadium
- Minnesota Twins ballpark
- Minnesota Vikings stadium



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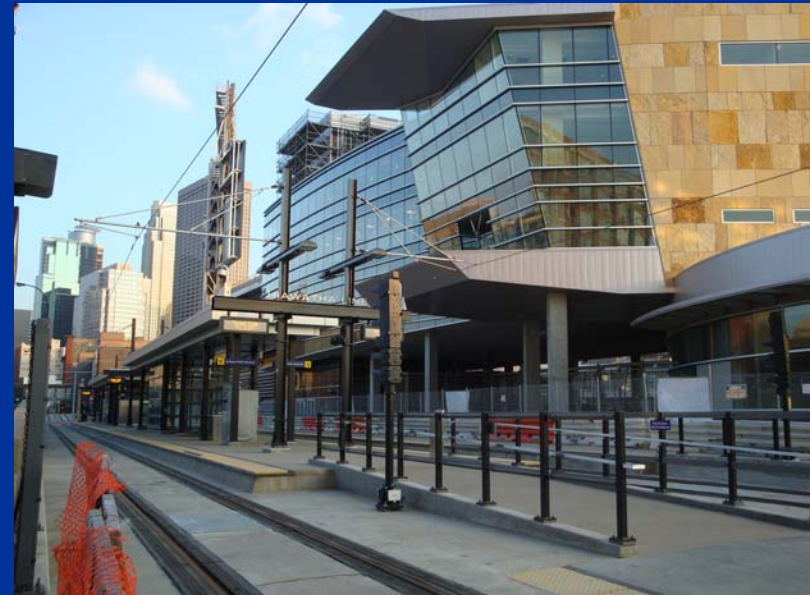
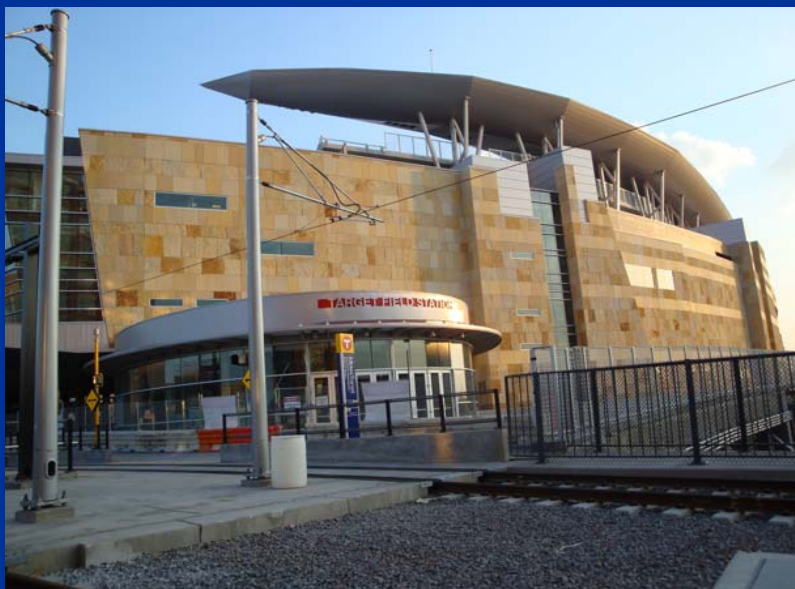
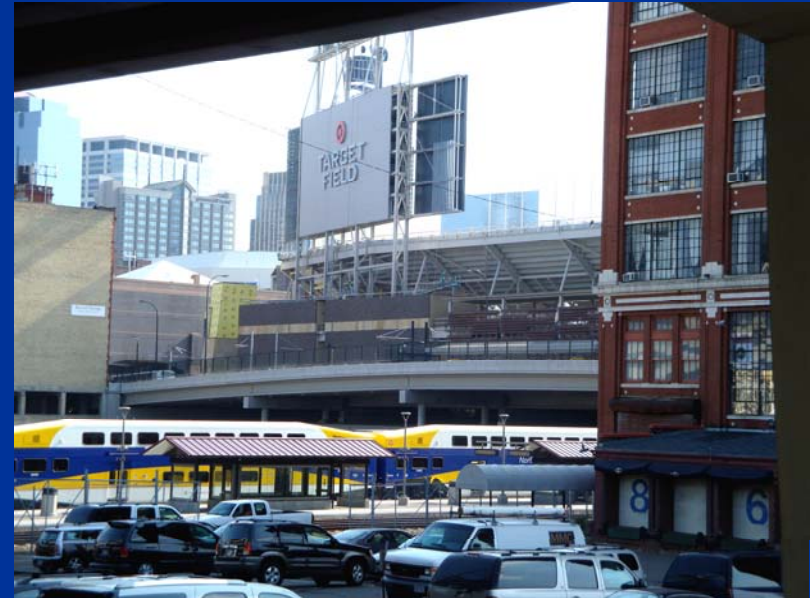
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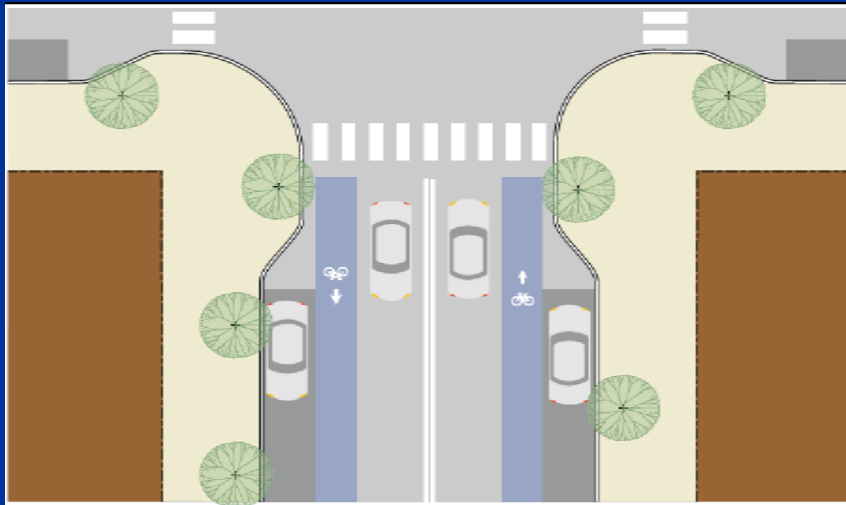
Minnesota Twins Target Field



Transportation planning



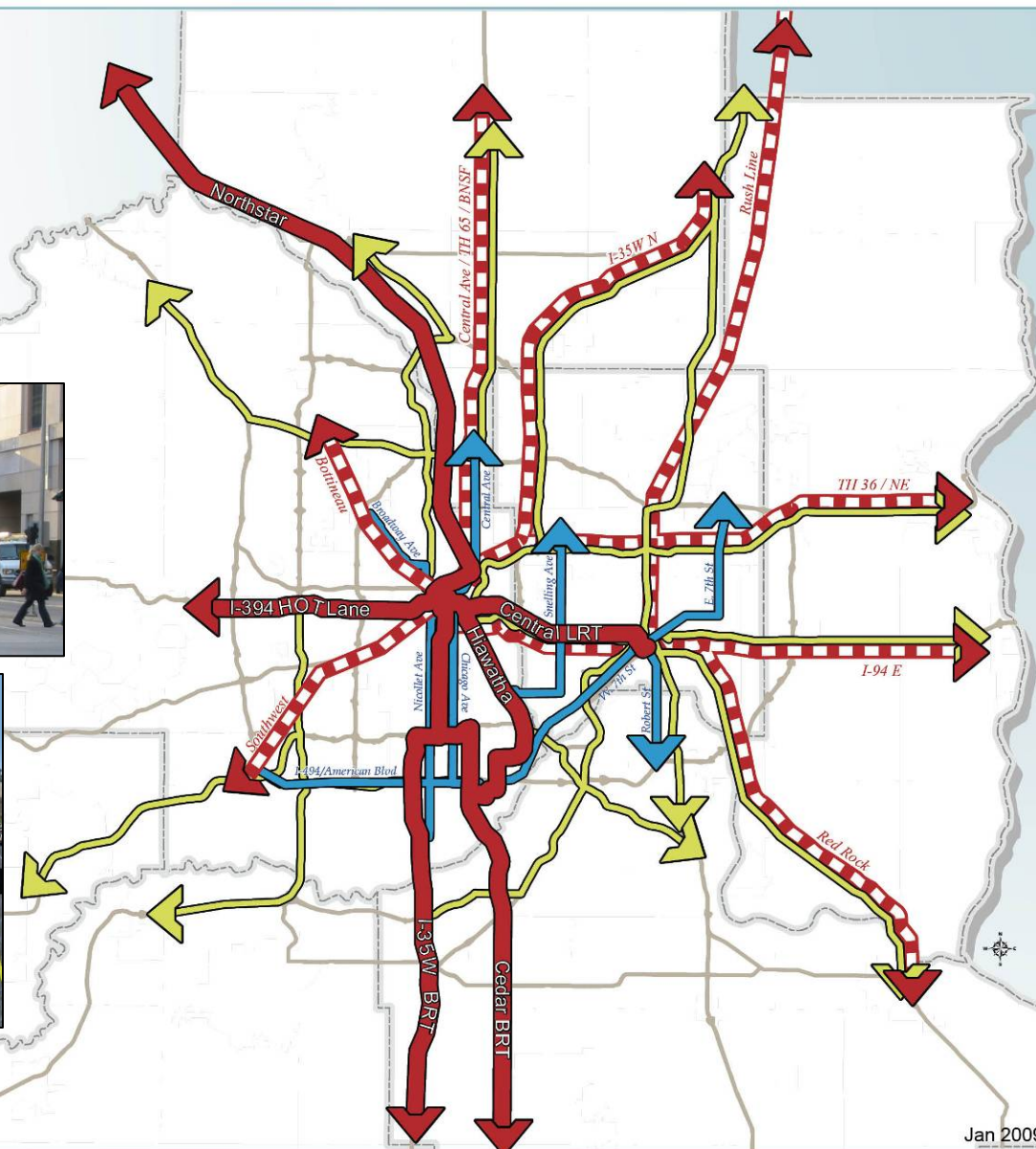
- Focus on intermodal connectivity
- 10-Year Action Plan + Regional Plan
- Interstate 35W Bridge rebuilt
- Hiawatha LRT (2004)
- Hiawatha LRT extension (2009)
- Northstar Commuter Rail (2009)
- Central Corridor LRT (2014)
- Southwest Corridor LRT (2017)
- Bottineau LRT (alt analysis)
- Northern Lights – Duluth to Minneapolis
- High-speed rail – Chicago to Minneapolis
- Bus rapid transit plans (BRT)



2030 TRANSITWAY SYSTEM

Transitways

-  Complete / Construction / Final Design / Prelim. Engineering
-  Develop as LRT / Busway / BRT / Commuter Rail
-  Develop as Arterial Street BRT
-  Express Bus Corridors with Transit Advantages



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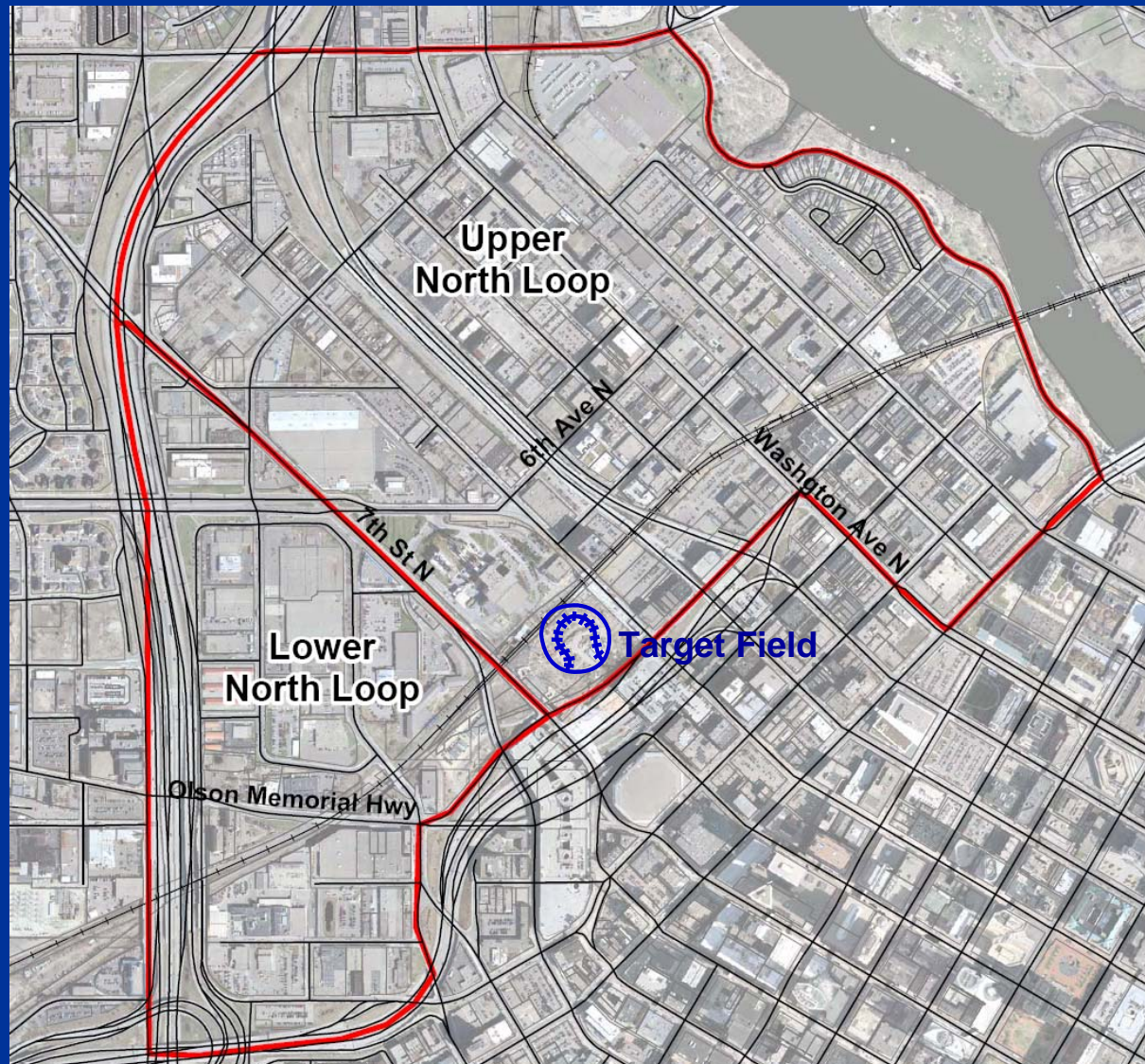


Access Minneapolis: Ten Year Transportation Action plan

- Consistent with Policies in Comp Plan
- Links land use, transportation thru design and function
- Promotes multi-modalism, transit-first
- City-Wide Ten Year Plan
- Downtown Ten Year Plan
- Design Guidelines for Streets and Sidewalks
- Pedestrian Plan
- Bike Plan
- Streetcar Plan

North Loop Small Area Plan

Setting the stage for continued success



Key Recommendations

- Repair the street grid wherever possible, particularly by creating a continuous north-south route through the neighborhood.
- Design light rail routes to leave streets and connections better than current conditions.
- Balance the preservation of historic ROW infrastructure (street pavers, loading docks) with an improved pedestrian environment.
- Increase overall development intensity consistent with a Downtown neighborhood.
- Maintain the eclectic mix of industrial, residential, commercial, and public uses.
- Hold public and industrial properties to a high standard of building and site design.

Vision for Lower North Loop



Challenges and Opportunities

- Stronger connections and public realm improvements
- Additional parks and green spaces
- Good urban design
- Heritage preservation
- Vacant store fronts
- Safety and security
- Infrastructure investments
- Underutilized land – surface parking lots



Enjoy your visit!!