



## Project at a glance

**Current status:** Locally Preferred Alternative Selection / Alternatives Analysis Completed on May 26, 2010; Draft Environmental Impact Statement and request to enter Preliminary Engineering under review by FTA

**Preferred mode:**  
Light Rail Transit

**New Starts or Non-New Starts:**  
New Starts

**Cities served:** Eden Prairie, Hopkins, Minneapolis, Minnetonka, St. Louis Park, Edina

**Length of transitway:**  
15 miles

**Number of stations served:**  
17

**Annual number of rides:**  
9,817,460 (2030)

**Total estimated cost:**  
\$1,250,000,000

## Timeline/Phases

**2011-2012:** Preliminary Engineering

**2013:** Final Design

**2014-2016:** Construction

**2017:** Revenue Operations

## Southwest Light Rail Transit

Metropolitan Council and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority

### Southwest Light Rail Transit supports jobs in the corridor

- The Southwest Light Rail Transit line will connect to the Hiawatha and Central Corridor Light Rail Transit lines, the Northstar Commuter Rail line, and high-frequency bus routes in downtown Minneapolis, providing connections to the Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport, Mall of America, University of Minnesota, State Capital and downtown St. Paul.
- The line will serve over 240,000 jobs and connects the region's top job center, downtown Minneapolis, with the region's sixth largest job center, Opus/Golden Triangle.
- Southwest LRT construction will create an estimated 1,000 jobs per year during 2014-2016.

### A good investment

- Ridership on the line is expected to be in excess of 29,000 trips per day (2030).
- Local chambers of commerce representing southwest metro area businesses formed a business coalition called the Southwest Transitway Alliance to promote the development of a Southwest LRT line. Led by the TwinWest Chamber of Commerce and the Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce, this coalition provides a unified business voice for the project.
- The average American consumes more than 500 gallons of gasoline each year. At \$3.50 a gallon, that's an average of \$1,750 each year. (Energy Information Administration)
- It is estimated that the average person going to work in the Twin Cities wasted 54 hours in congestion in 2000. This contributed to a per commuter loss of \$1,000 in time and fuel, which equates to \$1.2 million for the region. (Minnesota Department of Transportation)

*"With more congestion and traffic, businesses would like to be able to help employees get to and from their jobs, and to help move products more quickly through the metro area. The public mind set has changed tremendously in the last few years--it's grown in support for a Southwest Light Rail Transit line."*

*-Dan Duffy, Duffy Architects*

*Map of corridor on reverse side.*

## Counties Transit Improvement Board Centers of Activity / Employment

