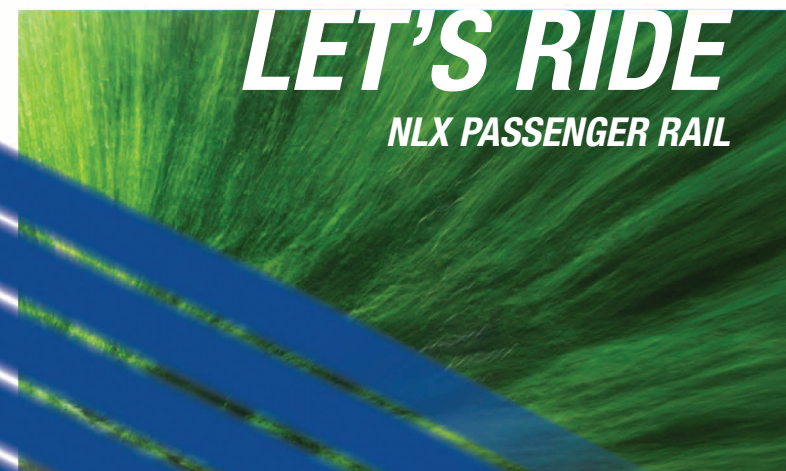
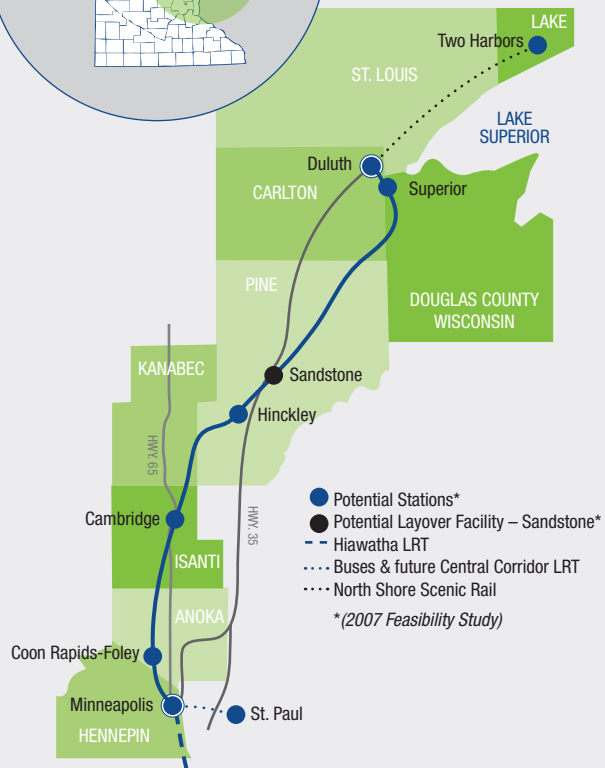
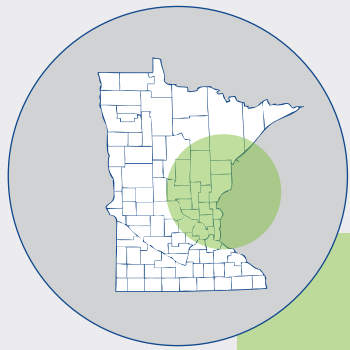


NLX FAST FACTS

- Top speeds of up to 110 miles per hour
- About a two hour ride between Minneapolis and Duluth
- \$2 billion in development potential and 13,833 jobs
- Four to nine round trips per day are being explored
- Up to 80% federal funding may be available
- Can be up and running within three years of securing funding, with your help

Northern Lights Express (NLX) is a passenger rail proposal in an existing 155 mile corridor near Highway 65 and Interstate 35 between Minneapolis and Duluth/Superior.



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Work on your laptop. Do a crossword puzzle.
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Visit with your fellow travelers. Snooze. Enjoy the beautiful scenery.

Leave the highways and their congestion behind.
Enjoy the smooth ride on NLX (Northern Lights Express). Arrive refreshed.

Whether you're a commuter, a student, a shopper, or a tourist, NLX is for you. NLX needs you.

Let your elected officials know you support public investment in passenger rail. Sign up as a supporter at www.NorthernLightsExpress.org.

MOMENTUM IS BUILDING

Elected officials from local, state and federal levels have gone to bat and secured initial funds. The National Passenger Rail Study Group identified this corridor as one of eight priorities for nationwide development.

In a 2010 survey of corridor residents, 71% said transportation improvements are needed to spur economic growth and meet future needs. Familiarity of NLX is high and 54% of residents say they likely will use it. The most common uses for NLX will be to attend sports, arts and entertainment events, and to travel to the airport via Hiawatha Light Rail Transit. Nearly 30% will use NLX for work and another 6% for school.

Numerous businesses and community groups have endorsed the project because NLX will save time and help the environment, while providing a safe, reliable way to travel. Add your organization's support or your own name at www.NorthernLightsExpress.org.

GET CONNECTED

Planners at proposed stations are working on transit connections. In the downtowns of Minneapolis and Duluth, intermodal studies are underway.

Hiawatha LRT and Northstar Commuter Rail intersect at Target Field Station, next to the new ballpark in downtown Minneapolis. Buses and access to the downtown skyway are a quick block away. Soon Central Corridor LRT and other lines will be pulling in, most notably NLX, making the Interchange a convenient access point to the region with more than 500 trains each day. Want to go to the airport, the Veterans Administration Center, the Mall of America, the University of MN, or St. Paul? No problem.

Plus, NLX will provide a connection to future rail projects, like the Midwest High Speed Initiative to Milwaukee, Chicago, St. Louis and Detroit.

ABOUT THE MINNEAPOLIS–DULUTH/SUPERIOR PASSENGER RAIL ALLIANCE

NLX is spearheaded by a joint powers board, called the Minneapolis–Duluth/Superior Passenger Rail Alliance. It was formed in 2007 to explore options for renewing passenger rail service in the 155 mile corridor. The Alliance works with community partners and elected officials at the local, state and federal levels to move NLX forward. Already the Alliance has completed a feasibility study, begun working with BNSF Railway and launched work on the environmental study.

Alliance members include: the regional rail authorities of Hennepin, Anoka, Isanti, Pine, St. Louis and Lake Counties, and the cities of Minneapolis and Duluth. Also participating are Douglas County in Wisconsin, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, the cities of Coon Rapids, Cambridge, Hinckley, Sandstone and Superior in Wisconsin, and other agencies along the corridor. The group is led by St. Louis County Commissioner Steve Raukar, chair, and Anoka County Commissioner Dan Erhart, vice-chair.

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