

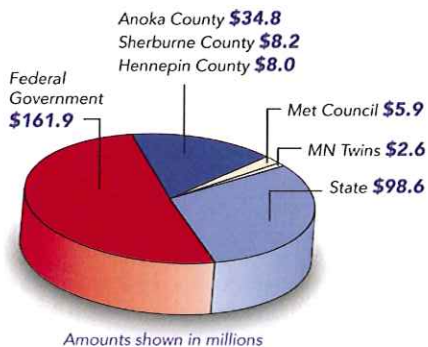
Northstar Commuter Rail



Get ready to ride the line in late 2009!

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Costs to build Northstar:
\$320 million (2008 dollars)



Northstar is gaining speed—moving closer to the opening of Minnesota's first commuter rail line.

Funding Secured

Northstar cleared its final financial hurdle on December 11, 2007, when it received a commitment for \$156.8 million in federal matching funding for construction and trains via the Full Funding Grant Agreement. This also triggered the release of \$97.5 million in state bonding funds dedicated to the project.

The state and federal funding, combined with the significant commitment of the regional rail authorities for Anoka, Hennepin and Sherburne counties, as well as contributions from the Metropolitan Council and the Minnesota Twins, allows Northstar construction to get fully underway.

Design of Locomotive Unveiled

Metro Transit recently unveiled the new look of Northstar Commuter Rail trains. The blue, red, yellow and white are reminiscent of the Hiawatha Light Rail trains, while the design keeps the bold yellow "Northstar" icon that has become well-known during a decade of project development. Passenger cars will have a similar look.



The design features interlocking arcs of red, yellow and white on a blue background, leading to a bold yellow star.

Work Continues

- Multimodal Station and LRT Extension, Downtown Minneapolis — Two Fifth Street North bridges are being rebuilt to allow for the Hiawatha Light Rail Transit extension to meet up with Northstar adjacent to the new Twins' ballpark.
- Northstar Vehicle Maintenance Facility, Big Lake — Construction is well underway at County Road 43 and U.S. Highway 10. Construction will be complete in 2009.
- Locomotives are on order and will begin to be delivered in fall 2008.
- Construction of commuter rail stations will begin in spring 2008.
- The first order of passenger cars is expected to be delivered in 2009.

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