2010 InterCity Visit
Building a Vibrant Downtown to Live, Work & Play
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MINNEAPOLIS NORTH LOOP
quarter mile radius from N 5th Ave/Washington Ave
Target Field is now here, with the Transportation Interchange adjacent.
Creating A New Transportation Interchange

Building on our assets, creating connections

Next Steps

Alternate forms of transportation are no longer a luxury but a necessity. The transit infrastructure recommended here is vital to our future—it will support a vibrant regional economy, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and increase mobility.

To create a transportation interchange, strategic elements need to be built and local amenities need to be connected. The interchange will be one of two new regional urban centers spawned by transit investment and will:

- Serve as a gateway to the city
- Orient commuters and visitors
- Support the vital links between modes of transportation on multiple levels
- Connect to destinations adjacent to the interchange and surrounding neighborhoods
- Stimulate economic development around the center, into adjacent neighborhoods and beyond

Through creative planning, engineering, architecture and urban design, a unique place can be created that attracts a diversity of people and activities 365 days a year. The interchange can serve as a model of environmentally responsible development, incorporating established best practices and innovative strategies for energy efficiency. It will represent the best of the community spirit and innovation of Minnesota, now and into the future.

Partnership

The combined energy, advocacy and resources of many partners are being mobilized to realize the full potential that this opportunity presents. To date, public and private partners—including the MN Ballpark Authority, MN Twins, Target, Federal stimulus funding, Hennepin County, City of Minneapolis and MN-DOT—have invested over $53 million in public realm improvements in and around the interchange to begin making it a reality.

Hennepin County is requesting $5 million in state bonding funds in 2010 and a $130 million federal authorization. Rep. Keith Ellison secured a $500,000 federal appropriation for the interchange in the House Transportation Appropriations bill, now pending. Funding would support preliminary planning, design, demolition and environmental cleanup for the interchange.

The proposal is also consistent with the new federal Interagency Partnership for Sustainable Communities which aligns the policies and resources of HUD, EPA and US DOT.

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Minneapolis Warehouse Historic Districts
North Loop Neighborhood Street Tree Phasing Plan

Legend
- Street Tree Planting Option A
- Street Tree Planting Option C
- Street Tree Planting Option D
- Existing Street Trees
- Phase 1 Street Tree Plantings
on-going adaptive mixed-use and streetscape improvements in north loop

a vision study for the new WASHINGTON BOULEVARD
12 trees have been planted so far
And 20 more trees will be planted this fall.
Minneapolis Parks Foundation, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board, North Loop Kids, National Recreation and Park Association, Minnesota Society of Landscape Architects, Landscape Structures Inc.

The play area for 5- to 12-year-olds, as approved by the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board in February.
this park is a demonstration stormwater treatment area
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