



Minnesota Passenger Rail Presentation Transportation Finance Advisory Committee



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Your Destination...Our Priority





Presentation Overview

- **Passenger Rail Office**
- **State Rail Plan Vision / Implementation**
- **Project Programming and Funding**
 - State, federal and local funding
 - Sustainable funding option
- **Wrap up**





Passenger Rail Office

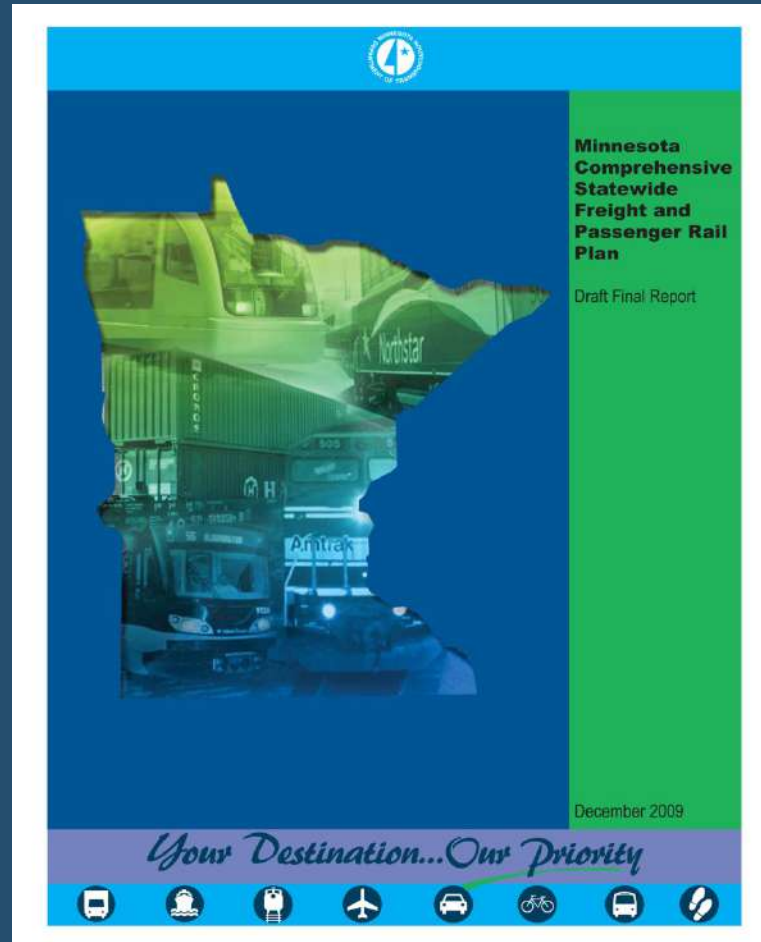
- **Planning and development/ project funding**
 - Involved with all passenger rail planning activities in Minnesota
 - Represent Mn/DOT with national, regional, and local coalitions/advocacy groups
 - Serve as a resource on passenger rail issues
 - Pursue federal funds
 - Manage the use of state bond funds identified for passenger rail activities





State Rail Plan- Minnesota's Passenger Rail Vision

- First statewide freight and passenger rail plan developed in Minnesota
- Extensive public involvement
- Submitted to FRA in February 2010



- Awarded 2010 National Transportation Planning Excellence Award from the U.S. DOT and the American Planning Association in July 2010



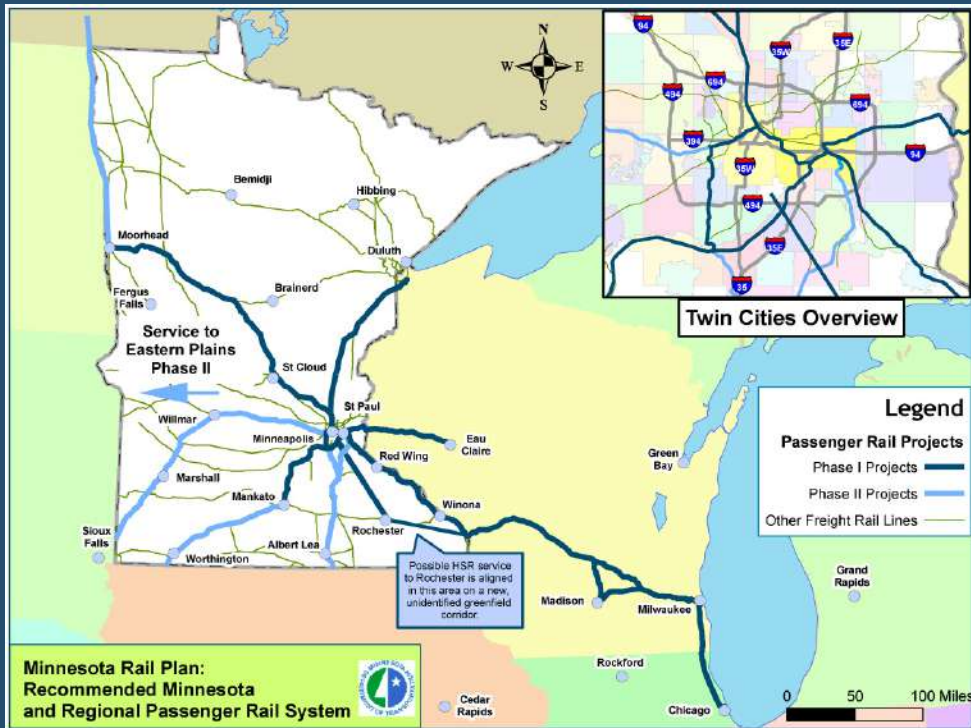
Intercity Rail is:

- **Traditional Rail**
 - Less than 80 mph
- **Incremental Improvement**
 - 80 mph to 110 mph
- **High Speed Rail**
 - 110 mph and higher (150-220 mph)
 - Grade separation required above 124 mph
 - Electrified corridor



Accomplishing the Passenger Rail Vision

- Develop High Speed Rail service to connect the Twin Cities to the Chicago Hub Network, intrastate passenger rail network connecting Minnesota regional centers, and connect to national passenger rail system





Programming Process

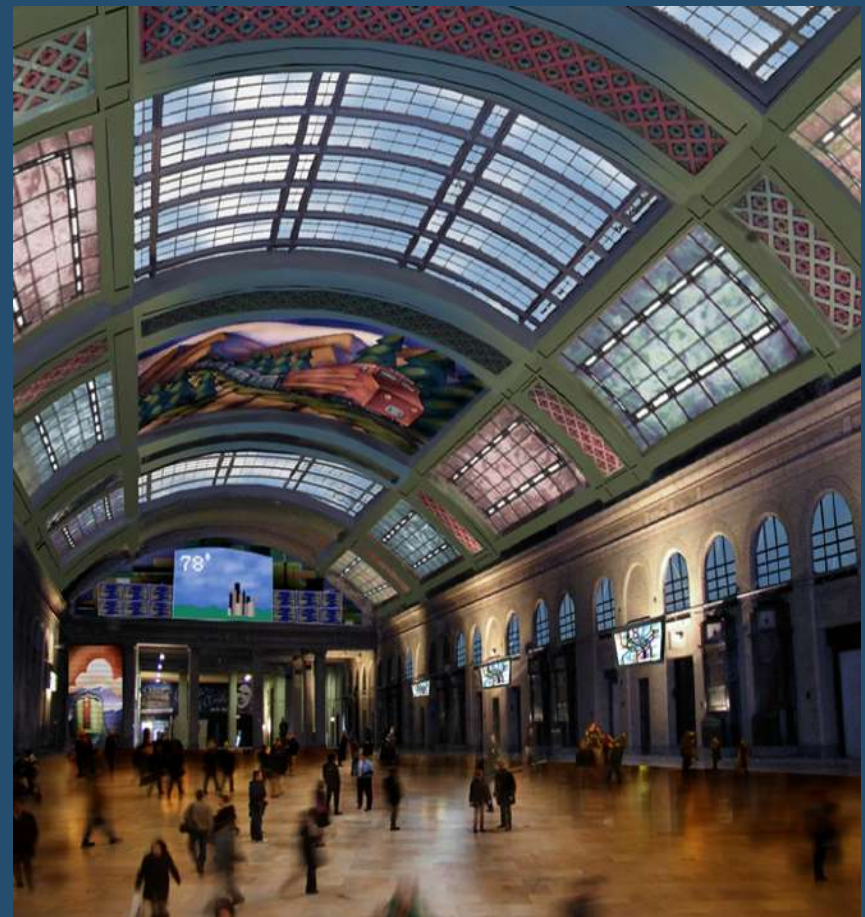
- **Projects identified in State Rail Plan**
- **Advance system incrementally to develop network connectivity and grow ridership in timely manner**
- **Prepare initial planning and environmental assessments on all identified corridors**
- **Pursue federal funding applications for all projects that are in state of readiness**





Passenger Rail Funding

- **State passenger rail funding**
 - General funds, no gas/ vehicle tax revenues
 - 2009 - 2011 appropriations
- **Federal passenger rail funding**
 - 2008 HPRIA, 2010 ARRA
 - 2009 – 2011 TIGER program
- **Local funding**
 - Regional Railroad Authorities



Passenger Rail Funding, FYs 2012–13

All dollars in millions

Type	Source	FY 2012	FY 2013
Direct appropriations	General Fund	\$0.5	\$0.5
Federal funds		\$1.6	\$0.5
Total Funding		\$2.1	\$1.0

Uses of 2009 General Obligation (GO) Bonds	
St. Paul Union Depot	\$9.8
Northern Lights Express	\$9.7
Minneapolis Transportation Interchange	\$3.7
Rochester Corridor	\$2.0
Twin Cities to Chicago HSR Corridor	\$0.8
TOTAL	\$26.0

Notes:

- Direct appropriations from Minnesota Session Laws of 2011, 1st Special Session, Chapter 3
- Federal funds from FY 2012–13 operating budget agency narrative for Transportation



Questions ?

