UNION DEPOT

A MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION HUB AND URBAN MARKETPLACE

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SITE OVERVIEW

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Once called St. Paul’s “living room.”

HISTORY AND CONSTRUCTION
At its peak in the 1920s, there were 282 train movements daily.

1919 – Construction of the current Union Depot
The train deck had 10 platforms serving 20 tracks and 20,000 passengers daily.

1971 – The last passenger train leaves St. Paul Union Depot.

1974 – The Union Depot is designated on the National Register of Historic Places.
HISTORY

• 2005-2009 – RCRRA purchases The Union Depot property from United States Postal Service and other owners, securing ownership of 33-acre facility.

• 2010 – RCRRA approves contract and design.

• 2011 – Major construction renovation begins to renew Union Depot for the 21st century.
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Achieving “brand new 1924”

RESTORATION AND REVITALIZATION
FUNDING

• Funding is a mixture of federal sources, state bonds and RCRRA levy dollars.
  – SAFETEA LU, 1301 federal funds $45.3 million
  – Federal Railroad Administration $40 million
  – TIGER 1 federal funds $35 million
  – Federal Transit Administration $4 million
  – State bond funds $13.7 million
  – Expended RCRRA levy (as of 9/10) $51.5 million
JOBS, JOBS, JOBS

- Project will create 3,000 jobs for all companies involved on-site and off-site.
- On-site trades jobs estimated to be 1,200, totaling 750,000 work hours.
- Peak on-site workforce will be 300, more than 95% local trades people.
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CONSTRUCTION

Plaza and light rail platform construction.
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HISTORIC RESTORATION

Restoration of the Great Hall.
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Marble column cleaning.

Returning to historic color palette.
AS OF OCT. 2011: 35 PERCENT COMPLETE

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A new vision for a new era
THE DEPOT AS A 21ST CENTURY DESTINATION

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The Big Picture

[Diagram showing transportation routes and locations such as The Interchange, Union Depot, and connections to various towns and areas like St. Cloud, Big Lake, and Minneapolis.]
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LONG-TERM RIVERFRONT STRATEGY

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Step 1: Union Depot activation & development

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Transportation use grows over time

**Phase I**

2012 opening
- Amtrak
- Greyhound
- Jefferson Lines
- Metro Transit

**Phase II**

2014 opening
- Central Corridor LRT

**Phase III**

2015-2030 opening
- Red Rock
- Rush Line
- Gateway
- Riverview
- Robert Street
- High-speed rail to Chicago
- Intra-state passenger rail

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Developing Union Depot

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THREE-PRONGED APPROACH

1. Multimodal transportation hub
   will grow over time.

2. Unique marketplace
   to drive traffic and establish as a destination.

3. Flexible space for cultural programming
   to draw and celebrate the history and legacy
   of Lowertown.
CONCEPTUAL BUILDING PROGRAM

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SUSTAINING THE COMMUNITY’S VISION

Make it **Transit-complementary**

Make it **Local**

Make it **Beautiful**

Make it **Connected**

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