

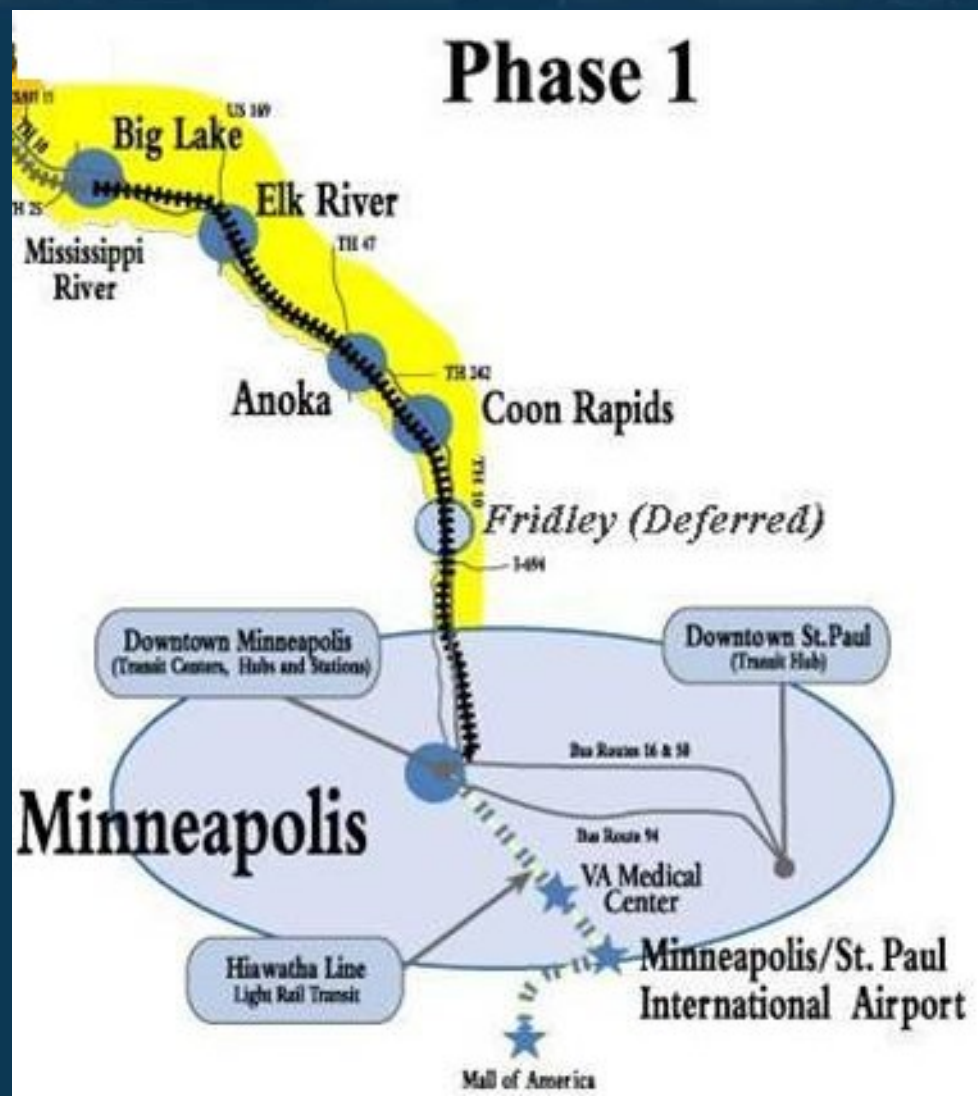


Northstar Commuter Rail Update

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Project Schedule History – 2007

- March 2007 MnDOT and BNSF executed Purchase and Sale Agreement
- March 2007 NCDA paid BNSF \$10M
- April 2007 FTA issued LONP for locomotives
- April 2007 Met Council executed contract for locomotives
- May 2007 NCDA paid BNSF \$24M
- May 2007 Met Council and BNSF executed Joint Use Agreement and Commuter Services Agreement
- May 2007 Northstar funding partners approved budget of \$320M
- June 2007 FTA issued LONP for construction contracts #1 and #2
- June 2007 MnDOT awarded construction contract #1 – downtown Mpls.



Final Design Packages

- Downtown Minneapolis Hiawatha LRT connection and Northstar Station
- Big Lake Vehicle Maintenance Facility and Yard
- Commuter Rail stations and park/rides
- Locomotives – remanufactured
- Passenger coaches



Construction Package 1 – Downtown Minneapolis

- County Rail Authorities commit \$24.2M funding
- MnDOT contract award to Graham-Penn Co
- MnDOT Notice to Proceed this week
- Contractor mobilization July 2
- Bridge demolition week of July 9



Hiawatha LRT Downtown Minneapolis Terminal





Utility Relocation - Complete





Hiawatha LRT Downtown Minneapolis Terminal





Construction Package 2 – Vehicle Maintenance Facility

- County Rail Authorities commit \$21.7M funding
- MnDOT preparing contract award to MorCon
- MnDOT Notice to Proceed mid-July
- Contractor mobilization mid-July
- Contractor site preparation late July



Big Lake Vehicle Maintenance Facility





Construction Package 3 – Stations

- Invitation for Bidders – July
- Open Bids – August
- MnDOT awards contract immediately after FFGA



Coon Rapids Station





Elk River Station





Locomotive Contract

- Met Council commits \$10.7M funding
- Met Council initial award to MotivePower Inc. (MPI)
- Met Council Notice to Proceed
- MPI delivers schedule, management plan and 75% engineering drawings



MPI Remanufactured Locomotives





Coach Contract

More detail shortly





Northstar Sources of Funding – in millions

Source	Original Amount	Revised Amount
FTA New Starts (49.0%)	\$151.8	\$156.8
Other Federal	\$5.1	\$5.1
State of Minnesota	\$153.0	\$158.1
NCDA Funding Partners		
Metropolitan Council		
Total	\$309.9	\$320.0



Local Funding Partners – in millions

Source	Original Amount	Revised Amount
State of Minnesota	\$98.6	\$98.6
NCDA Funding Partners	\$49.3	\$51.0
Metropolitan Council	\$2.5	\$5.9
Twins Ballpark	\$2.6	\$2.6
Total	\$153.0	\$158.1



Joint Use Agreement

BNSF is responsible for all rail traffic in this corridor. Accordingly, BNSF will provide:

- Dispatching
- Track maintenance
- Signal and switch maintenance
- Regular inspections



Joint Use Agreement

Met Council is responsible for:

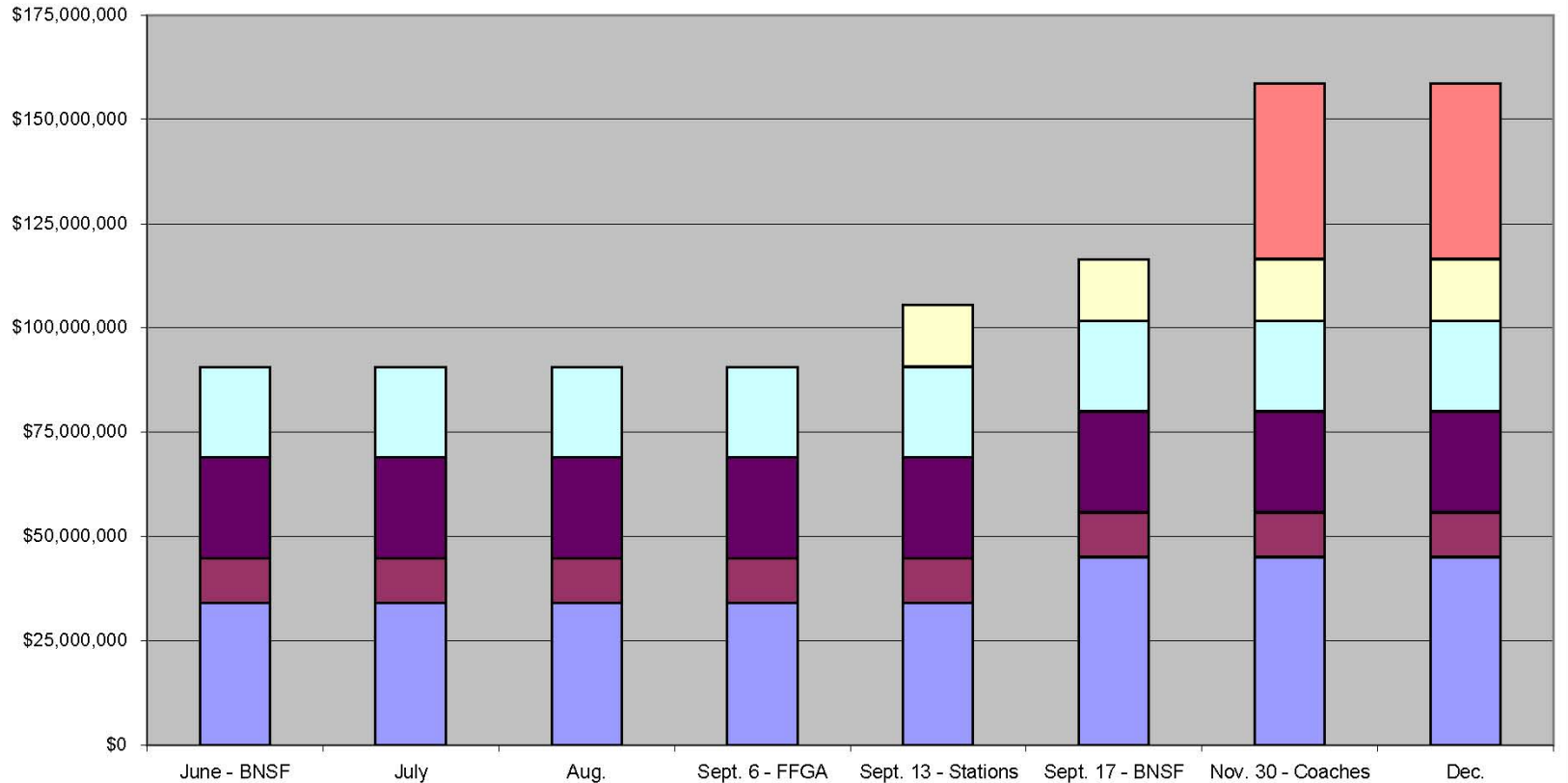
- Maintaining all “rolling stock”
- Maintaining stations and platforms
- Providing passenger security
- Establishing and collecting fares
- Marketing
- Customer relations



Northstar / Twins Ballpark Agreement

- “But for” the Ballpark
- Ballpark pays for vertical circulation
- Ballpark pays to realign BNSF tracks
- Ballpark pays to extend Northstar storage

Schedule of Northstar Contract Commitments



■ BNSF - \$45,000,000	■ Locomotives - \$10,700,000
■ Downtown Mpls. - \$24,200,000	■ Veh. Maint. Facility - \$21,700,000
■ Stations - \$14,900,000	■ Coaches - \$42,100,000



Northstar Path to the FFGA

Nov. 2006	Draft FFGA Application Part 1
Jan. 2007	Draft FFGA Application Part 2 (financial)
April 2007	Project Execution Strategy Workshop
May 21, 2007	FFGA Letter Inviting Application
May 31, 2007	FFGA Application Part 1
June 22, 2007	Response to Financial Capacity Analysis Questions
July 3, 2007	FFGA Application Part 2 (financial)
Sept – Nov 07	FFGA Execution
Nov. 2009	Revenue Service Begins!