



NORTHERN LIGHTS EXPRESS

Minneapolis--Duluth/Superior Passenger Rail Alliance

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About the Minneapolis--Duluth/Superior Passenger Rail Alliance

NLX is spearheaded by a joint powers board, called the Minneapolis--Duluth/Superior Passenger Rail Alliance. It was formed in 2007 to explore options for renewing passenger rail service in the 155 mile corridor. The Alliance works with community partners and elected officials at the local, state and federal levels to move NLX forward. Already the Alliance has completed a feasibility study. It continues to work closely with BNSF Railway. The Alliance is working with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, and FRA on an environmental study anticipated to be completed by the end of 2010.

Alliance members include: the regional rail authorities of Hennepin, Anoka, Isanti, Pine, St. Louis and Lake Counties, and the cities of Minneapolis and Duluth. Also participating are Douglas County in Wisconsin, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, the cities of Coon Rapids, Cambridge, Hinckley, Sandstone and Superior in Wisconsin, and other agencies along the corridor. The group is led by St. Louis County Commissioner Steve Raukar, chair, and Anoka County Commissioner Dan Erhart, vice chair.



Please join us!

Come hear about progress on the Northern Lights Express (NLX) Minneapolis to Duluth/Superior high speed passenger rail project since December's public meetings. Learn more about ongoing study results, a recent public opinion survey, agency coordination activities, and connections to other transit options and destinations.

Duluth

Tuesday, July 27, 5 to 7 p.m.

The Depot, Great Hall
506 W. Michigan St.

Parking available in ramps

From I-35, take Mesaba Avenue exit and turn onto Fifth Avenue West.

The Depot is one block west.

Minneapolis

Wednesday, July 28, 5 to 7 p.m.

Hennepin County Environmental Services Building
417 N. Fifth St.

Located next to Target Field and easily accessible by transit

Enter from Sixth Avenue (see www.NorthernLightsExpress.org for a map)

Free parking available after 5 p.m.

Sandstone

Thursday, July 29, 6 to 8 p.m.

Sandstone Senior Center
206 N. Main St.

From I-35, take Sandstone exit and turn east onto Highway 23 and proceed to Highway 123 and turn to the right, which becomes Main Street.

The Senior Center is inside the American Legion.

Cambridge

Tuesday, Aug. 3, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Armed Forces Reserve Community Center
505 Spirit River Drive (County Road 70)

From Highway 65, take exit for Highway 95 (First Avenue) and turn west onto Highway 95. Drive through Cambridge and take a left on County Road 70 (Spirit River Drive).

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