



The Honorable Mark Dayton, Governor of Minnesota
The Honorable Tom Bakk, Minnesota Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Kurt Daudt, Speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives

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2020 Partners is a forum to facilitate the continuing transformation of a vital and unique place. Its goal is to lay the foundation and attract investment for future development by knitting together communities and leveraging the assets of Target Field, Minneapolis Farmers Market, transit and energy.

The participants in 2020 Partners have realized the economic and public benefit of transit with the extremely successful Blue and Green lines. Many of our business investments are predicated on transit. The hundreds of new apartments, condos and developments like the newly-opened Be The Match with 900+ employees, Arctic Cat's new offices, and other office buildings developed by United Properties, Hines, and Shafer Richardson amongst others all market the high quality transit options that exist nearby. Building out a system that includes the Bottineau and Southwest LRT lines will provide our customers, staff, and residents critically needed additional smart transportation options.

Because of our collective experience and the importance of continuing our growth, we recognize the need for and fully support a statewide transportation bill that assures the prompt completion of the Southwest and Bottineau LRT lines and other elements of the regional transit system. We consider building the Southwest and Bottineau LRT lines an important legislative priority for our organizations and encourage your support for necessary legislation to bring both of these lines to completion as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Nick Koch, Chair
The 2020 Partners Steering Committee

cc: Tax Committee Members
Finance Committee Members
Ways and Means Committee Members
Transportation Committee Members
Capital Investment Committee Members

The 2020 Partners membership includes the following stakeholders,
along with many individual participants:

Minnesota Twins Baseball Club	Minnesota Ballpark Authority	Minnesota Timberwolves Lynx
Target Corporation	Hines Interests	United Properties
CenterPoint Energy	Covanta Energy Corporation	NRG Energy Center Minneapolis
North Loop Neighborhood Association	Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association	Warehouse District Business Association
	HGA Architects & Engineers	