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TO: NORTHSTAR PROJECT LEADERS AND STAKEHOLDERS
FROM: JOY MICIANO, PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR
DATE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2009
SUBJECT: NORTHSTAR CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

News

Northstar Commuter Rail will celebrate its grand opening on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009, with regular commuter service beginning the following Monday. The public is invited to the Nov. 14 events at each Northstar station from Big Lake to downtown Minneapolis.

Go to www.metrotransit.org/Northstar/tickets.asp or call 612-349-7479 to enter a drawing for up to four grand opening train ride tickets. The drawing will close at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9. Free train rides to a limited number of people will be available Nov. 14 at the Fridley, Coon Rapids-Riverdale, Anoka, Elk River and Big Lake stations. No rides will be provided in downtown Minneapolis that day. However, people may tour a Northstar train at the Target Field Station and receive a free Metro Transit ride coupon good for travel on Northstar at a later specified date.

Free ticket recipients will be notified by email or phone during the week of Oct. 12. A limited number of additional tickets will be available on Nov. 14 at the suburban stations.

For more information about Northstar Commuter Rail, operated by Metro Transit, go to www.metrotransit.org/northstar. To learn about Northstar Link Commuter Coach service between St. Cloud and Big Lake, operated by St. Cloud Metro Bus, go to www.CatchTheLink.com.

Station safety

Please keep in mind that although the stations look completed, punchlist work and system testing still remains. For your safety, please do not attempt to access the station areas until service starts late this year.

The schedule provided in this update is tentative, weather dependent and subject to change.

DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS – LRT CONNECTION

- LRT and Northstar system testing continued this week. Testing will continue next week.
- Painting and striping of the streets in the project area was completed.
- Punchlist work is ongoing at the Northstar and LRT stations.

CITY OF COON RAPIDS, ANOKA, ELK RIVER AND BIG LAKE – NORTHSTAR STATIONS

- Punchlist work continues at the suburban stations this week.

FOR YOUR SAFETY, PLEASE REMEMBER:

Maintain a safe distance between you and the tracks – Never walk along or on railroad tracks. While Northstar station platforms look inviting, they are still under construction and will not be ready for public use until Northstar launches service this fall. Stay away from platform areas.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Northstar Project, please contact Joy Miciano at 651-366-5829 or visit the Northstar website at www.mn-GetOnBoard.com.

If you would like to schedule a Northstar Commuter Rail presentation for an organization, group or meeting, please contact Joy Miciano.

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS – LRT STATION:



Hiawatha LRT ballpark station (September 8, 2009)