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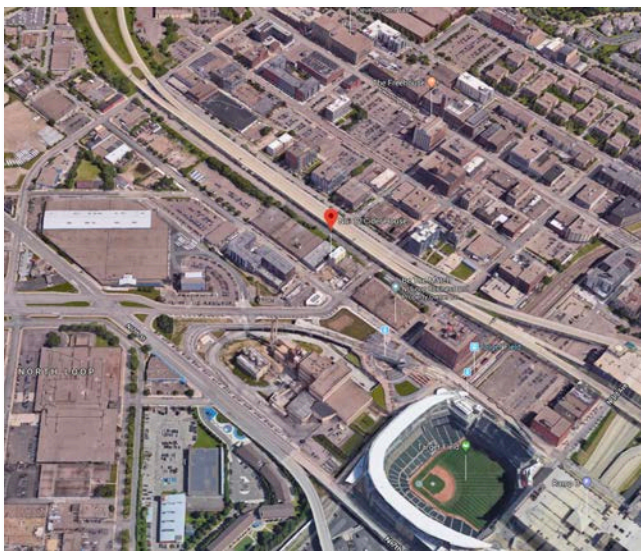
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Ramsey Louder (left) and Joseph Alton (right), co-founders of ONE Fermentary & Taproom in Minneapolis North Loop // Photo by Sam Ziegler



'ONE' of a kind brewpub coming to the North Loop

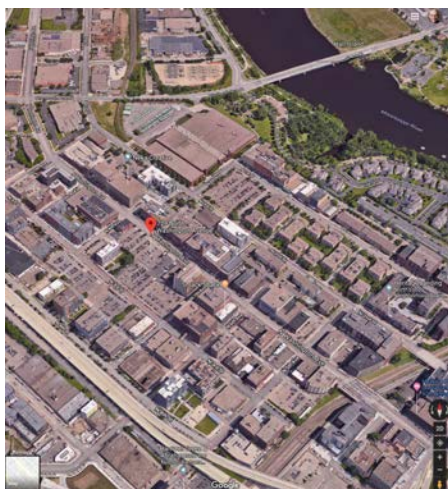
March 23, 2019 by Brian Kaufenberg



Interior rendering of ONE Fermentary & Taproom // Courtesy Wilkus Architects

Two names familiar to Minnesota's beer industry are behind a new brewery project in the North Loop of Minneapolis—ONE Fermentary & Taproom.

Ramsey Louder, formerly a brewer at Dangerous Man Brewing Company and most recently a cellarman at New Holland Brewing in Michigan, and Joseph Alton, the former editor-in-chief of The Growler Magazine, are starting an experimental brewpub at 618 5th St. N., Minneapolis. The space is next door to Number 12 Cider and within a few blocks of Fulton Brewing's taproom, Modist Brewing, and Inbound BrewCo.

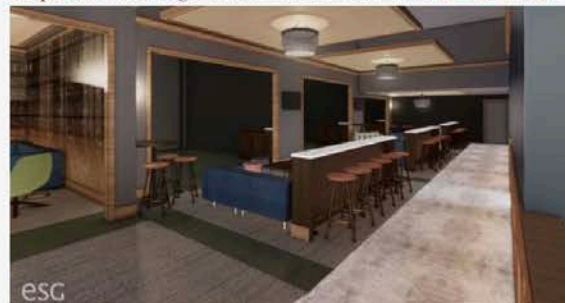


The Development Tracker : April 8, 2019

Golf lovers, we've got a place you're gonna love.

A new restaurant will be opening later this summer that will feature six state-of-the-art indoor golf simulators... and some food and drinks of course. **Thr3 Jack** (pronounced like Three Jack) will be opening on the ground floor of **The Nordic** located at 729 Washington Avenue N in the North Loop.

The space that they will call home will span just over 9,000 square feet and will be located towards the middle of the site in portion of the project that also has a parking ramp on the upper floors. The restaurant will have 200 seats indoors and another 50 seats on an outdoor patio that will face the new "park" like environment that **United Properties** is creating between The Nordic and the **Loose-Wiles** building.

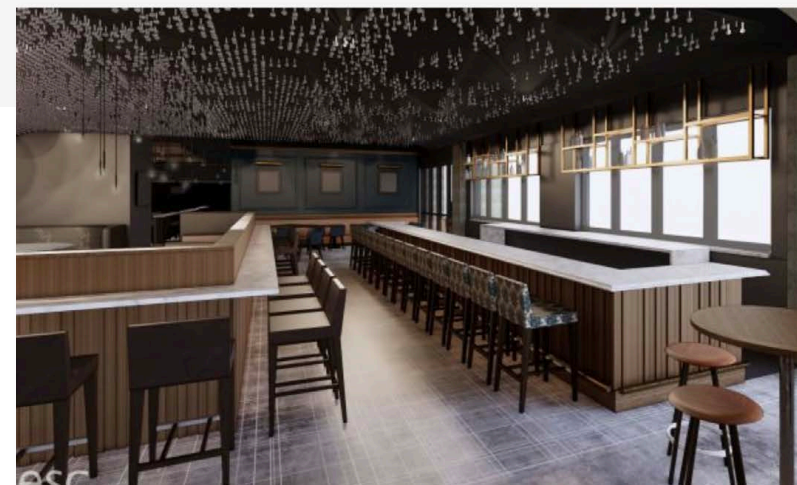


Lucy Robb and her brother Bo Massopust are the creative minds behind Thr3 Jack. The name for the restaurant comes from when a golfer has to take three putts into order to sink the ball into the green's hole. The decision to locate within the North Loop was a no brainer for the duo as they feel that the neighborhood is where most of their target audience likes to spend their time.

While they don't have a chef, yet they've recruited Nathan Rostance (previously with **The Bachelor Farmer**) to get the place up and running along with recruit a full-time chef to take over. Jesse Held of **Jester Concepts** (they're the ones behind **Borough, Parlour, Monello, Constantine, Mercado** and **P.S. Steak**) will create the bar program that'll focus on country club classics that have a twist and also no-proof cocktails (alcohol free).

Construction is already underway on the space that was designed by Minneapolis-based **ESG Architects**. The interior will sport a classic look with large uses of wood and will feature a long bar running parallel to the golf simulators.

Thr3 Jack is anticipated to open in August at 729 Washington Avenue N.



Tractorworks Building

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An aerial view of the Tractorworks Building, a large, multi-story industrial-style building with a flat roof. The building is situated in the North Loop neighborhood of Minneapolis. Surrounding streets include N Washington Ave, N 3rd St, N 4th St, and N 5th St. Other nearby landmarks include the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority, Spyhouse Coffee, Alchemy 365 North Loop, and the Tractorworks Building. The map also shows a parking lot and a streetcar line.

Owners behind 112 Eatery will take over former Be'wicked Deli space in the North Loop

Mar 29, 2019, 11:51am CDT

Isaac Becker and Nancy St. Pierre, the couple behind Minneapolis restaurants Bar La Grassa, Burch Steak, and 112 Eatery, will bring a new concept to the TractorWorks building in the North Loop.

The Star Tribune reports that the couple signed a lease in the former home of Be'Wicked Deli, and plan to turn it into a pizza concept called Snack Bar.

The new concept will have a counter-service slice area, as well as a sit-down, full-service restaurant component. It will also have a full liquor license, and will share a lobby with Bar La Grassa.

Becker's other restaurants are some of the best-regarded restaurants in the Twin Cities. He won a 2011 James Beard Award for Best Chef - Midwest.

A portrait of Isaac Becker, a man with dark hair, wearing a light-colored button-down shirt and a dark apron. He is smiling and standing in front of a wooden wall.

BURCH STEAK & PIZZA

Isaac Becker, chef of 112 Eatery and Burch Steak & Pizza, will open a new restaurant in the North Loop called Snack Bar.

A Minneapolis honky-tonk landmark, Lee's Liquor Lounge is closing after 62 years

The bar is losing its parking lot to make way for the Southwest light-rail line.

By Jon Bream (<http://www.startribune.com/jon-bream/10644496/>) Star Tribune

APRIL 23, 2019 — 5:01PM

Turn out the lights, the party is ending at [Lee's Liquor Lounge](http://www.leesliquorlounge.com/) (<http://www.leesliquorlounge.com/>).

The homey, blue-collar Minneapolis corner bar turned hipster hangout will close May 14 after 62 years in business, and a quarter century as an eclectic live-music venue.

The wood-paneled, neon-signed saloon in the shadow of Target Field is losing its parking lot to make way for construction of the Southwest light-rail line.

"It's hard to build when they keep nailing you in the ankles," said James Rhines, Lee's general manager for the past four years.

Rhines said the 84-space unpaved parking lot is essential to the business. The lot is owned by the city, the state and Hennepin County, but Lee's had use of it through a handshake deal with its previous longtime owner, Louie Sirian, and the city. The lot will be used to house construction equipment.

Lee's owner [Craig Kruckeberg](http://www.startribune.com/lee-s-liquor-lounge-in-minneapolis-to-be-sold-to-a-buyer-who-loves-it-as-is/305084821/) (<http://www.startribune.com/lee-s-liquor-lounge-in-minneapolis-to-be-sold-to-a-buyer-who-loves-it-as-is/305084821/>), who bought the 300-capacity bar in 2015, couldn't be reached for comment. Rhines said his boss hasn't decided what to do with the property. The decision to close the bar at 101 Glenwood Av. N. came last Friday.

Fittingly, Texas twanger Dale Watson, who immortalized the place in his 1998 ditty "Louie's Lee's Liquor Lounge," (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gJ55hVd5Atk>) will be the final act, playing on May 12 and 14.

Rhines said business was "up and down but OK."

Meanwhile, he is trying to make sure that bands he'd booked for Lee's this spring will be able to play elsewhere in the Twin Cities. Calls have been made to the Hook & Ladder, Uptown VFW and the Aster, among other venues.

Since he began booking Lee's, Rhines has tried to fill a void left by the 2013 closing of [St. Paul's Station 4](http://www.startribune.com/st-paul-metal-bar-station-4-closed-for-summer/210930611/) (<http://www.startribune.com/st-paul-metal-bar-station-4-closed-for-summer/210930611/>), a home to young metal and punk bands. He also has continued the eclectic tradition of Lee's, with local and regional Americana, blues and country acts plus free swing-dance lessons once a week.



Nate Dungan, left, and Trailer Trash drew big crowds to Lee's Liquor Lounge during the holidays with their "Trashy Little X-Mas" show.

Blarney's owner will put new pub in North Loop

May 10, 2019, 12:22pm CDT Updated: May 10, 2019, 12:59pm CDT

Mike Mulrooney, the owner of Minneapolis restaurants Blarney Pub & Grill and Pog Mahones Pub & Grill, plans to bring a third Irish pub into the former Dalton & Wade restaurant space in the T3 office building .

Mulrooney said he's close to signing a lease for the space at 343 N. Washington Ave. with a bar he calls The Field Irish Pub.

"I really like the T3 building. When this opportunity arose, I just got excited about the space," Mulrooney said. "We can add something to the North Loop area that they don't exactly have."

Mulrooney hopes to get lunch traffic from employees of the 224,000-square-foot T3 office building, which houses at least 150 employees of Seattle-based retail giant Amazon.com.

The menu will be similar to Pog Mahones and Blarney, with burgers, sandwiches and wraps, and entree items like Shepherd's pie and Guinness stew. The menu can be flexible, Mulrooney said, and he'll plan to send surveys to the employees of the office building on what they'd like to see for lunch. He'll also plan to have a delivery and takeout component with the restaurant.

While the restaurant won't have 200 different styles of whiskey like Dalton & Wade, it will have a cocktail menu with plenty of whiskey offerings. The bar will have 14 taps with both local and national beers, and Mulrooney hopes to partner with nearby breweries like Fulton and Modist to bring their beers to the space.

To draw evening and weekend crowds, Mulrooney said he's planning to offer live music from local musicians, like acoustic singer-songwriters.

"This isn't for the party crowd," Mulrooney said. "This is for those who think, let's go to a nice place, have a nice meal, have some cocktails and chill to some really good music."

Previous tenant Dalton & Wade Whiskey Common closed on Dec. 31, 2018 after 18 months in business. It was partially owned by John and Paul Abdo, president and vice president of the Minneapolis fast-casual chain My Burger.

Mulrooney said he's designing the space on his own, and hopes to open the restaurant in early July.



NANCY KUEHN

Mike Mulrooney plans to open a new restaurant in the North Loop's T3 office building.

Downtown's Rockler Fur building could become housing option for Native community

May 8, 2019, 6:27am CDT

Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative wants to convert the historic Rockler Fur Building in the Warehouse District into 50 units of housing aimed at the people who were living in the South Minneapolis encampment last year.

The St. Paul nonprofit is partnering with the Red Lake Nation on the project. It intends to seek a mixture of funding from historic tax credits to housing infrastructure bonds to low-income tax credits.

A preliminary budget pegs the project cost at \$13.4 million.

The goal is to provide housing for people with have a mental illness and have experienced homelessness. Because the Red Lake Nation is directing state and federal funds to the project, preference will be given to members of the Native community, including tribal members besides just the Red Lake Nation.

Beacon Executive Director Lee Blons said the project grew out a relationship with Avivo, which provides supportive housing services at Beacon's properties. Avevo helped place 20 people from the encampment in Beacon's existing supportive housing in St. Paul.

"This came out of the success of being responsible and being succesful and we established our ability to do this work and do it well," Blons said.

But Beacon wanted to provide housing for those people in Minneapolis, where they live. The building was chosen because of its proximity to transit, services and amenities.

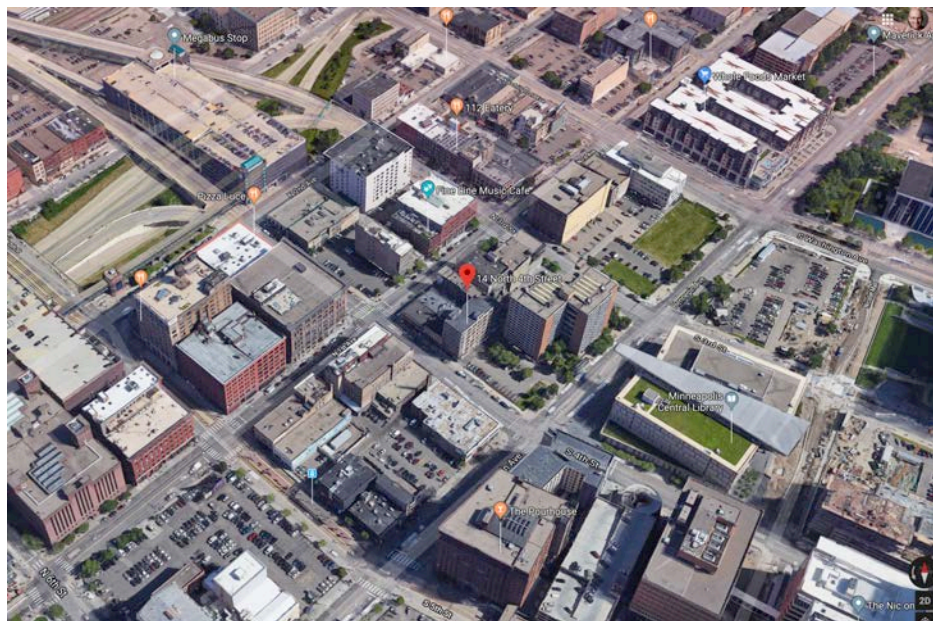
"This opportunity to create homes with Beacon that honor our heritage and our culture is part of Red Lake's broader investment in housing in the Twin Cities," says Alisha Gehlert, Director of Economic Development and Planning for the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians.

The seven-story = building at 14 N. Forth St. was constructed in 1915 and has been home to Rockler Fur since the 1950s, as a retail outlet and offices or the fur coat company.



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The seven-story Rockler Fur building could become 50 units of low-income housing.



Ad firm Fallon leaves downtown for North Loop

Apr 29, 2019, 2:50pm CDT

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Advertising agency Fallon has moved out of downtown Minneapolis and will open a new office in the North Loop.

Fallon parent Publicis Groupe signed a lease for 40,000 square feet in the renovated former Western Container warehouse building at 500 Third St. N. The space was formerly occupied by Arctic Cat before the motorsports company's new owner moved the headquarters to St. Cloud two years ago.

Paris-based Publicis Groupe will also use the offices for its employees. The two groups combined will move 200 employees into the building, with Fallon accounting for 120 to 125 of them.

Fallon had been in AT&T Tower since 2008 and had to quickly move out as the owners leased Fallon's space to Thrivent Financial Corp.'s investment team. Fallon is temporarily working out of the Spaces coworking location in the North Loop's The Washington building.

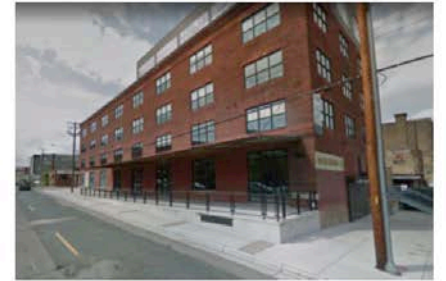
CEO Rocky Novak said the decision to move out of downtown after decades was debated inside the agency.

"We have been the downtown agency for so long," Novak said. "When we last made a move 11 years ago, being [in the core of] downtown made sense for all of the conveniences and amenities. But since then, the North Loop neighborhood has not just come to life, but it's built itself up. So for transportation and what's available in that neighborhood, it makes it a super viable option."

Novak added: "It's a young, killer neighborhood and it's time for a little bit of a change. Our workforce is so young and they are heavy bike commuters. It's so easy to get into the North Loop on bike. The building has everything from bike storage to showers and lockers."

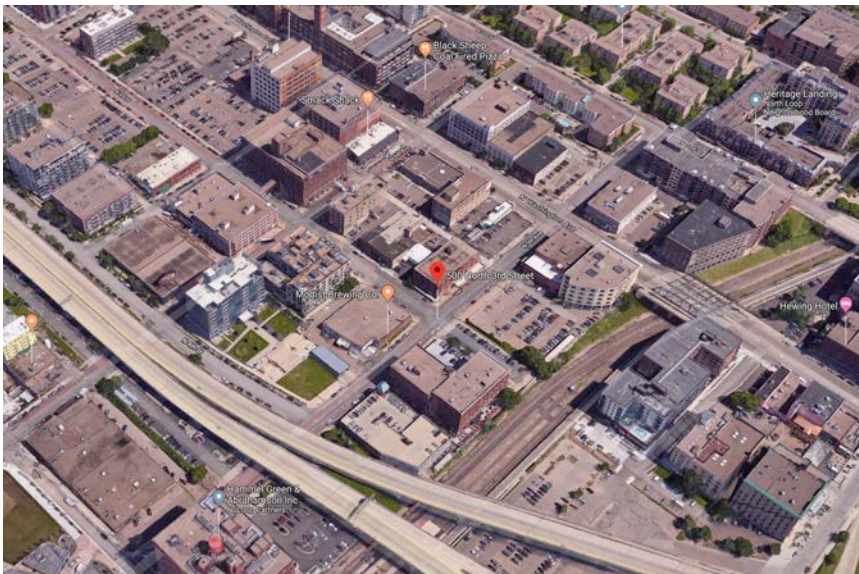
Minneapolis-based Studio BV is designing the new office for Fallon, and Novak hopes to move in before the end of the summer to take advantage of the building's rooftop patio.

Novak said the building is in nice shape since Swervo Development renovated it just a few years ago. So the buildout will mostly be tailoring the spaces to Fallon and adding some things that the agency needs, like a sound booth, studio and conference rooms that feel more like living rooms than boardrooms.



GOOGLE

Fallon will move into the Western Container building, occupying the top four floors.



North Loop apartment development becomes condos geared toward short-term rentals

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A North Loop apartment development has turned into condos that are geared toward buyers who would use them for short-term rentals.

United Properties and Greco, both of Minneapolis, are nearly finished building their 57-unit Sable project, which was originally slated to be apartments. The nine-level Sable building is attached to The Nordic, an office and retail project at 729 Washington Ave. N.

The switch came as United Properties and Greco were studying the booming apartment construction trend in Minneapolis and looking at what younger people want.

"It's a better outcome for us financially to be selling the condos versus renting them as apartments," said Gordy Stofer, vice president of development for United Properties. "There's lot of apartments coming online in the market and we see not a huge softening, but a slight softening in the rental market."

UP and Greco hired Joe Grunnet of Downtown Resource Group to sell the condos. Nearly 70 percent of them have been reserved, Stofer said. The remaining units will be available on MLS this week.

Stofer said the units are marketed toward millennial buyers who have been priced out of the market.

Prices range from \$250,000 for a 450-square-foot studio to \$975,000 for a 1,500-square-foot two-bedroom unit. Units in the middle — like a 650-square-foot on-bedroom — are priced in the upper \$300,000s.

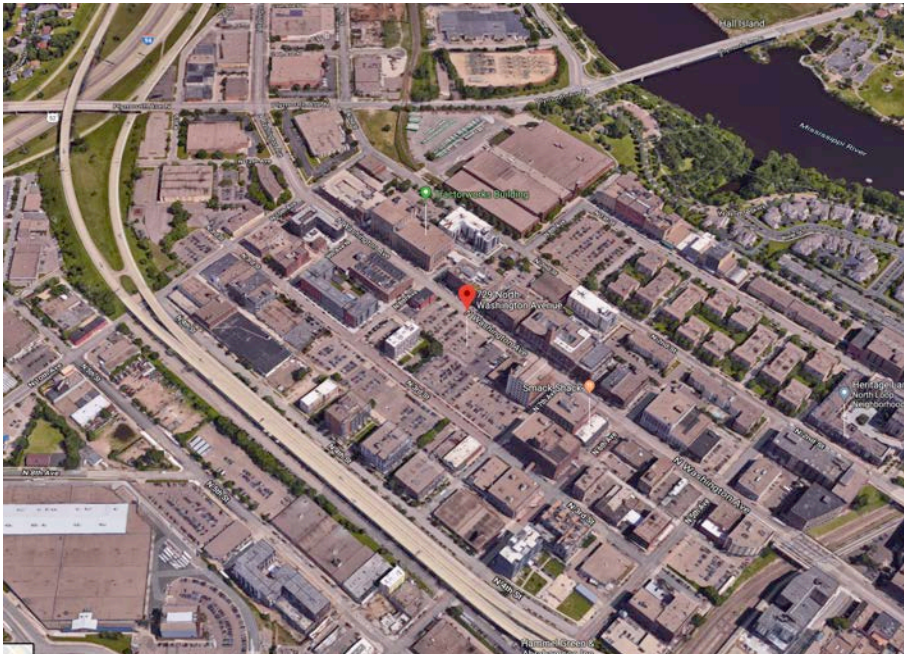
Sable has a rooftop deck with fireplaces, kitchens and downtown views. The first floor has a members' lounge and fitness center. Since most of the units wrap around a parking garage, owners will be able to park on the same floor as their home.

Sable will offer flexible homeowner association terms that allow buyers to rent out their units on platforms like Airbnb and VRBO. That model has been used in other markets, as well as in properties in northern Minnesota.

"We are not the first people to do this, but in the Twin Cities we are not aware of anyone else who is doing it," Stofer said.



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North Loop parking shortage causes luxury clothing retailer to offer rare valet service

By John Ewoldt | APRIL 26, 2019 — 6:28AM



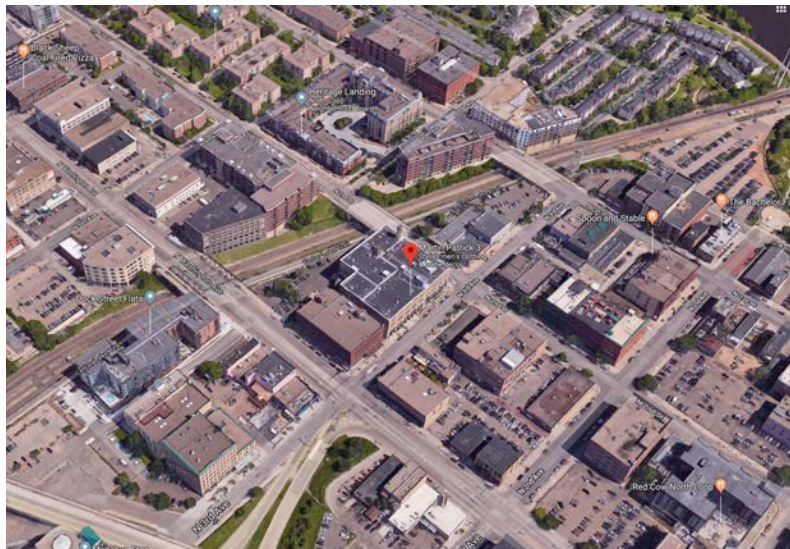
Push came to shove in the North Loop's ever tightening parking situation. The owners of **Martin Patrick 3** (<http://www.martinpatrick3.com>), the luxury menswear and home furnishings retailer, took matters into their own hands last week and began offering valet parking in front of the store at 212 3rd Ave. N. in Minneapolis. "Whatever your ride is we'll park it," the retailer advertised in an email.

"North Loop parking was already tight and we've recently lost two parking lots, one by Industrial Lighting and other one by Alliance Francaise," said Martin Patrick 3 co-owner Dana Swindler. "Too often we were hearing from customers who said, 'I would've stopped by but we couldn't find a place to park.'"

It's not unusual for restaurants to offer valet parking, but MP3 is the first individual retailer in recent memory to offer it. In Minneapolis, Spoon and Stable, Capital Grille, P.S. Steak, Alma and Burch restaurants offer it. Mall of America offers valet parking year round and other malls offer it during special events and the holidays.

Other indie retailers may soon be taking up MP3's lead. Karl Benson, co-owner of **Crocus Hill** (<http://www.cooksofcrocushill.com>) stores in North Loop Minneapolis, St. Paul and Stillwater, is considering adding valet parking for his store in June or July. "We hear complaints from customers nonstop," he said. "People in Minneapolis aren't accustomed to parking being this tight. This isn't Manhattan. Parking is key."

Swindler said he agonized over the price, which is \$5. "We wanted it to be free, but it's expensive for us and the city is raising their parking meter rates," he said. "This is not a money maker for us. It's a loss for us every time we park a car, but we want to make it easy for people to park." The fee will not be waived with a purchase, Swindler said.



United Properties prepares to break ground on biggest downtown project in years

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The skyline-altering Gateway Tower project in Minneapolis will soon be under construction as developer United Properties has pulled permits for utility work and soil disruption.

A sign at the site – which is a 1.7-acre surface parking lot — said the lot will close on May 7.

“Our final closing on the purchase of the land from the city of Minneapolis is currently scheduled for May 13 ... with groundbreaking to commence after the close date,” United Properties spokeswoman [Sheila Thelemann](#) said in an email.



UNITED PROPERTIES

The 37-story Gateway Tower project will begin construction this month. It's the largest real estate project for downtown in five years.

The 37-story tower, at the corner of Nicollet Mall and Washington Avenue, will be a true mixed-use project, with a 280-room Four Seasons Hotel, 532,000 square feet of office space, 22 residential units, retail and 455 parking spaces below ground. [RBC Wealth Management](#) will lease more than 300,000 square feet and move from its current home, in nearby RBC Plaza.

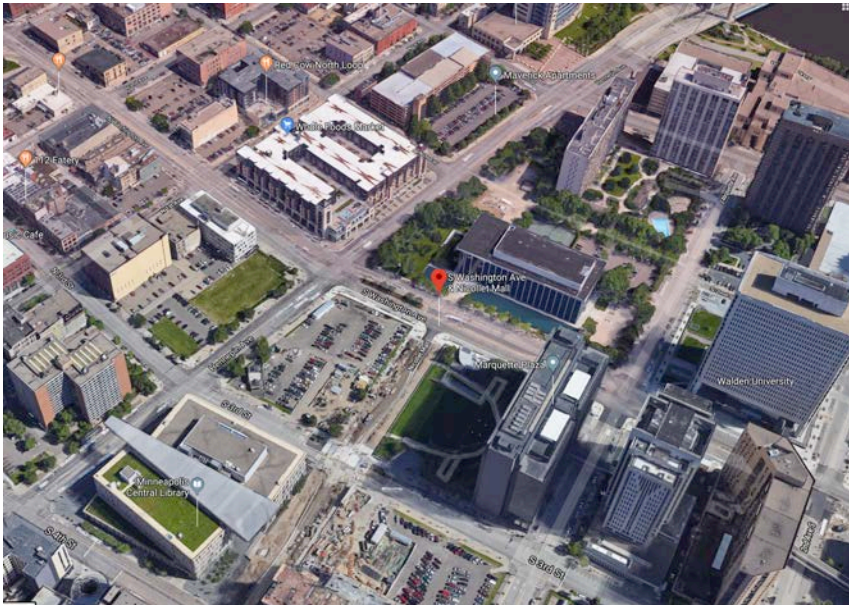
At a previously estimated cost of \$330 million, it will be the largest project in downtown Minneapolis since Ryan Cos. US Inc. broke ground on the \$400 million, five-block Downtown East project; and the \$1.1 billion U.S. Bank Stadium that broke ground a few months before that.

Standing 503 feet tall, the Gateway Tower will slot into the top 10 tallest buildings in the city, about on par with RBC Plaza, Ameriprise Financial Center and the taller of the Fifth Street Towers.

It will also have a complete glass curtain wall, which is a similar design feature to IDS Center and RBC Plaza.

United Properties is the real estate firm owned by the Pohlad family that also owns the Minnesota Twins. The architect on the project is Smallwood, Reynolds, Stewart, Stewart of Atlanta.

Momentum continues to build this spring in downtown Minneapolis, as the Wilf family [broke ground on an 18-story tower](#) near U.S. Bank Stadium and Lennar Multifamily Communities began a [333-unit project just across the river](#), in Northeast Minneapolis.



Ned Abdul plans to convert warehouse to offices on Glenwood Avenue

Mar 21, 2019, 1:51pm CDT

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A group led by prolific Minneapolis developer [Ned Abdul](#) wants to convert a warehouse near International Market Square on Glenwood Avenue into office space.

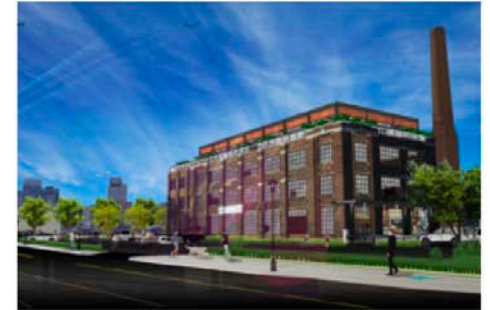
Abdul's group, called Colwell Partners LLC, had previously planned to turn the building into a charter school. But new Planning Commission documents call for a multi-tenant office building with a fourth-floor addition and a rooftop patio.

The three-level building is at 1015 Glenwood Ave. It was built in 1925 for the Twin City Milk Producers Association, which operated there until the 1960s. It was later used for A&L Laboratories, according to city documents.

The developers plan to demolish a two-story metal shed on the site to make way for more parking. When completed, the building will have 60,000 square feet of total space, most of which would be for office users, except for ground floor retail.

[David J. Kelly](#) is the architect on the project. He has done several other projects for Abdul.

Abdul has a knack for redeveloping old buildings in up-and-coming neighborhoods. [He's done several projects in the Warehouse District and North Loop.](#) [He redeveloped the Minneapolis Armory as well.](#)



DAVID J. KELLY VIA CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

A Ned Abdul-led group is planning to convert a 1920s warehouse into an office building on Glenwood Avenue.



MINNEAPOLIS

Nonprofit opens new wellness facility in north Minneapolis to combat obesity

It is part of a growing effort to address health disparities in the neediest parts of the city.

By Kelly Smith (<http://www.startribune.com/kelly-smith/101372379/>) Star Tribune

APRIL 19, 2019 — 9:55PM

Melvin Anderson is tackling obesity and diabetes in north Minneapolis one family at a time.

The former Gopher football and NFL player is opening a new wellness facility off Plymouth Avenue N. and Lyndale Avenue to fill a void in fitness classes and nutrition counseling in the community.

"There's a growing demand for our type of service," said Anderson, executive director of the nonprofit Youth & Families Determined to Succeed. "We're trying to meet people where they're at."

It's part of increasing efforts by nonprofits to combat health disparities in the neediest parts of the city. North Minneapolis is a federally designated food desert — a low-income census tract where a significant portion of the population lives more than a mile from a supermarket. And its Near North and Camden neighborhoods have among the highest obesity rates in Hennepin County, with 32% of residents reporting they were obese in a [2018 survey \(https://www.hennepin.us/your-government/research-data/shape-surveys/\)](https://www.hennepin.us/your-government/research-data/shape-surveys/).

But nonprofit leaders are hopeful they can reduce obesity and decrease diabetes and high blood pressure over time. On Monday, the Minneapolis nonprofit Pillsbury United Communities will install a new outdoor farm on a grassy North Side field to grow fresh food for its [North Market \(http://www.startribune.com/north-market-serves-up-community-goodness-in-minneapolis/411259155/\)](http://www.startribune.com/north-market-serves-up-community-goodness-in-minneapolis/411259155/), a community wellness center and grocery store that opened two years ago.

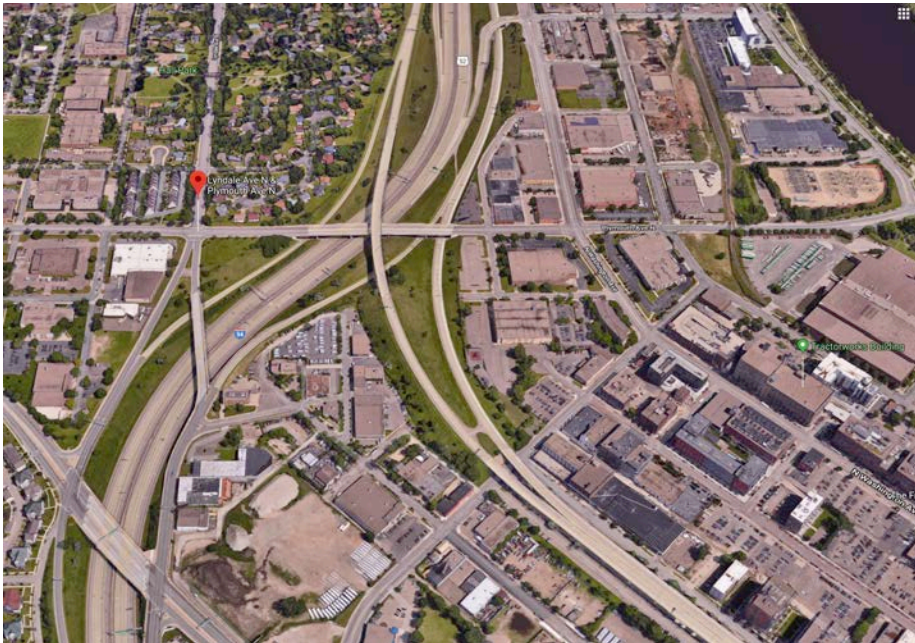
Nearby, Northpoint Health & Wellness' nonprofit arm provides free fruits and vegetables at an outdoor market that opens for the season in May.

It also launched a delivery truck five years ago to bring free food to North Side and Robbinsdale residents in need who aren't able to get to their food shelf.

Anderson's nonprofit is housed in a formerly shuttered bookbinding building that V3 Sports, a nonprofit triathlon program, bought for \$4.7 million in 2017, with plans to open a \$44 million training complex such as a track, training space for wellness programs for the neighborhood and an Olympic-sized pool, which would be north Minneapolis' only public indoor pool.

"I think [fitness is] definitely beginning to be an area recognized as a quality of life thing like affordable housing," said Erika Binger, a former triathlete and philanthropist who founded V3; her great-grandfather, 3M executive William McKnight, started the McKnight Foundation. "[Triathlon is a] really racially segregated sport. We're trying to open it up and give opportunities."

It's part of the growing momentum behind diversifying sports, such as programs at Theodore Wirth Regional Park that [introduce snowboarding and other winter activities \(http://www.startribune.com/minnesota-snowboarders-push-to-diversify-the-sport-with-free-classes-at-theodore-wirth-park/505909852/\)](http://www.startribune.com/minnesota-snowboarders-push-to-diversify-the-sport-with-free-classes-at-theodore-wirth-park/505909852/) to more women and people of color.



JERRY HOLT - STAR TRIBUNE

Logan Webster, 10, left, Amani Powel, 10, and Zach Weiner, 14, worked out at the Youth & Families Determined to Succeed facility.



JERRY HOLT - STAR TRIBUNE

Melvin Anderson, executive director, at the Youth & Families Determined To Succeed facility Wednesday in Minneapolis.

Transit and Access Update

Urban Land Institute Technical Panel on ABC Ramps

MnDOT has engaged the Urban Land Institute of Minnesota (ULI MN) to conduct a Technical Assistance Panel from April 15 – 17, 2019. This unbiased, multi-disciplinary, professional panel of real estate and placemaking experts will provide guidance on the future utilization of MnDOT owned ABC Ramps in Downtown Minneapolis. The panel will evaluate ways to create a thriving mobility hub in the heart of downtown, identifying innovative ways to revitalize areas within the ABC Ramps to enhance safety and mobility while promoting art, placemaking, private leased spaces and increased activity.











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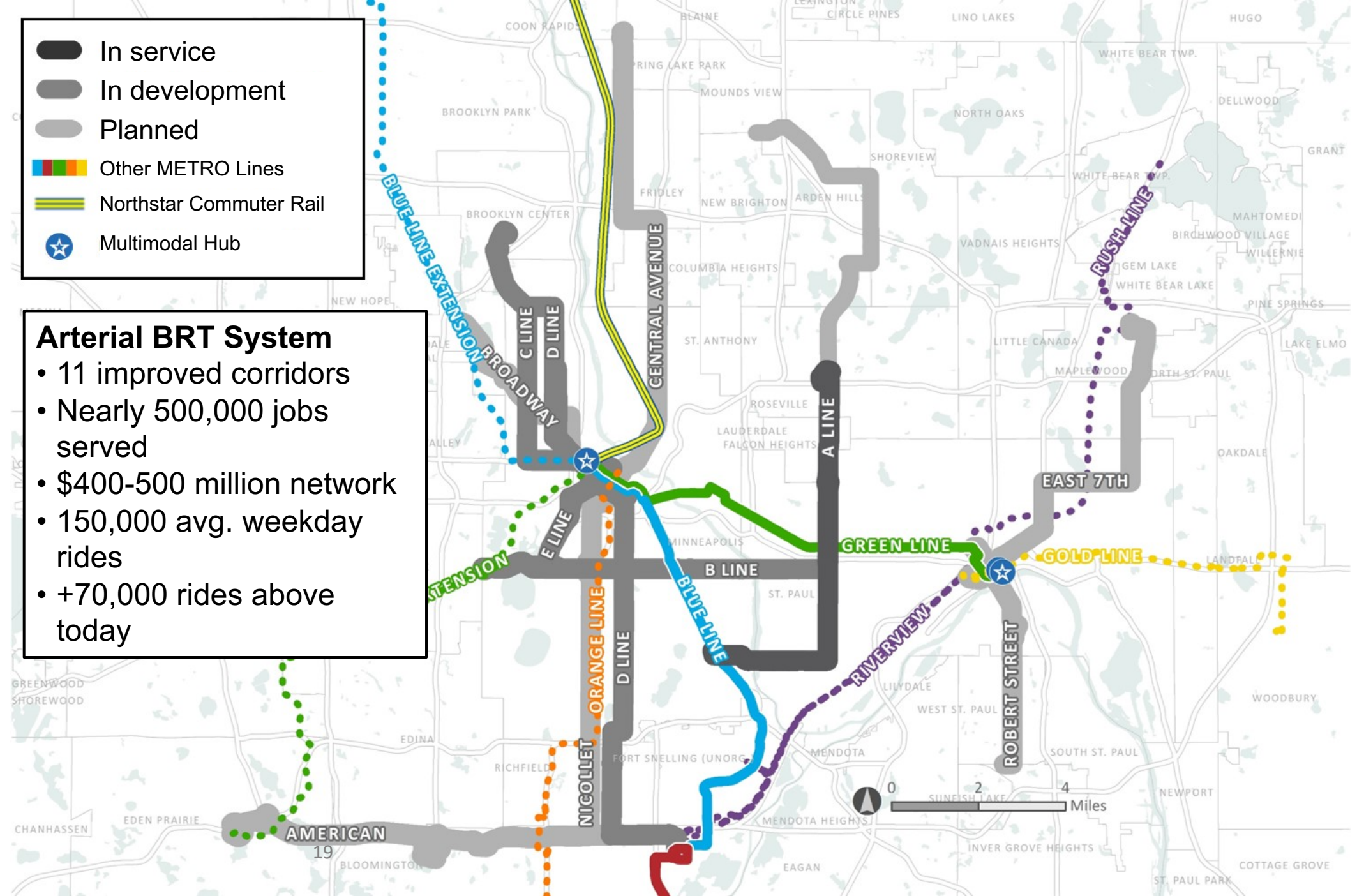
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-  In service
-  In development
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-  Other METRO Lines
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Arterial BRT System

- 11 improved corridors
- Nearly 500,000 jobs served
- \$400-500 million network
- 150,000 avg. weekday rides
- +70,000 rides above today



Project Goals



- A faster, more reliable ride that's 20-25% faster than existing local bus
- Frequent, all day, every day access to a network of destinations
- A dignified, improved experience at the station and on board

What makes BRT better?

Less frequent stops

Pre-boarding fare payment for faster stops

Transit signal priority for fewer red light delays

Higher-capacity buses & boarding through all doors

Enhanced, high-amenity stations

Frequent, all-day service

C Line Opens June 8



- 8.5 miles from downtown Minneapolis to Brooklyn Center
- 23 stations
- \$37 million project cost including new stations and BRT buses
- 7,600 daily rides today, 9,300 by 2030

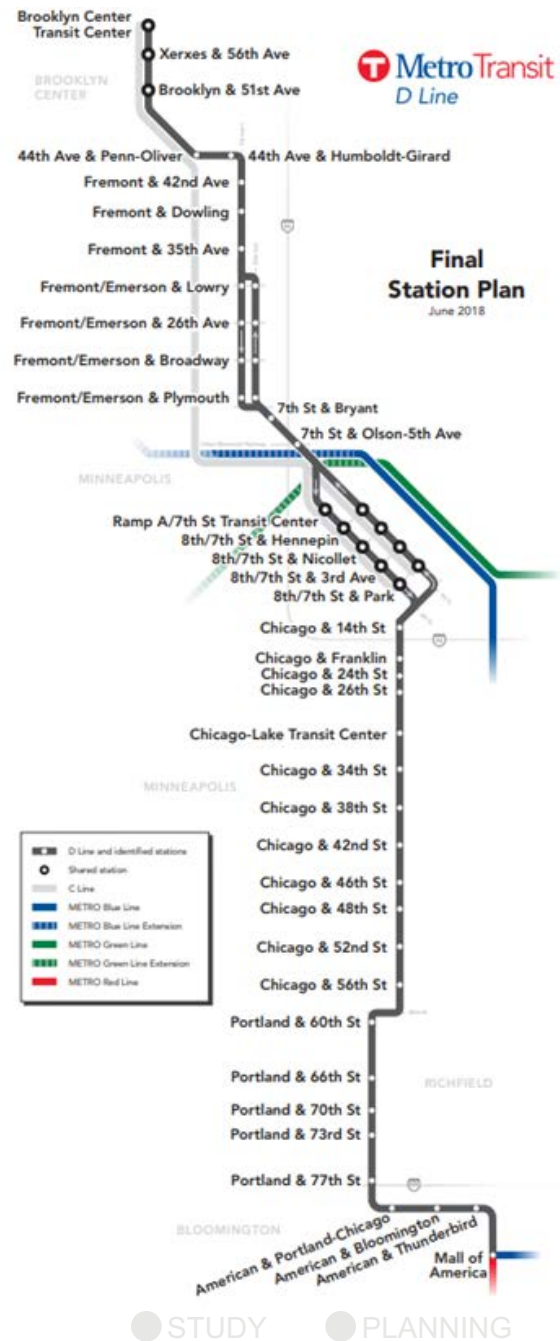


C Line Opens June 8



- Metro Transit's first electric buses (>50% of C Line fleet)
- Serves the North Loop (Olson and 7th)





D Line (Chicago / Fremont)

- 18 miles from Bloomington to Brooklyn Center, substantial replacement of Route 5
- Approximately 40 new stations
- **Intersect at Olson + 6th BRT Stop**
- 16,000 daily rides today, 23,500 by 2030
- 2020-2021 construction, pending full funding
- \$75 million project budget
 - \$55 million identified
 - **\$20 million remaining need**

Current Arterial BRT Project Status

- A Line (Snelling Avenue) Open 2016
Ridership up about 40%
- C Line (Penn Avenue) Opening June 8, 2019
- D Line (Chicago/Fremont) Engineering
Planned operations 2022
- B Line (Lake/Marshall) Planning
Planned operations 2023
- E Line (Hennepin Avenue) Corridor study
Planned operations 2024

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Current Projects

North Loop Paving Project

The proposed project will reconstruct portions of 3rd St N, 5th Ave N, 7th Ave N, 8th Ave N and 9th Ave N adding up to approximately 0.8 miles of street within the North Loop neighborhood. The project is a reconstruction project involving the entire right-of-way and will include new sidewalks, ramps, pavement, curb and gutter, and utility improvements. The project will also include signal improvements, new signage, and new pavement markings, as needed.

Construction will begin in April 2019 and complete in Spring 2020.

Sign up for email updates for the North Loop Paving Project:

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To sign up for updates or to access your subscriber preferences, please enter your contact information below.

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Project Location

North

Project Status

Engagement

Design

Construction

Completed

Project Details

Project Location

- 3rd St N (5th Ave N - 10th Ave N)
- 5th Ave N (5th St N - Washington Ave N)
- 7th Ave N (4th St N - Washington Ave N)
- 8th Ave N (3rd St N - Washington Ave N)
- 9th Ave N (3rd St N - Washington Ave N)

Construction Date

Construction is scheduled to begin May 6, 2019.

Construction Duration

Construction is expected to be substantially complete in Fall of 2019.

See also the related [North Loop Pedestrian Improvement project](#).

Detour Route

We recommend the detour below for stage 1 of the project.

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Current Projects

North Loop Pedestrian Improvement Project

Improvements will be made to intersections along 1st St N, 2nd St N, 4th St N, 10th Ave N and West River Parkway.

See also the related [North Loop Paving project](#).

The project will improve safety for pedestrians at 16 intersections in the North Loop area by adding a combination of curb extensions, Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS), ADA compliant curb ramps, durable crosswalk markings, and upgrades to existing signals.

Project Location

Updated February 25, 2019

North

Sign up for email updates for the North Loop Pedestrian Enhancements Project:

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Project Materials

[Open House 1 Boards - Introduction](#)

[Open House 2 Boards - Preliminary Design](#)

[Open House 2 - Preliminary Layout](#)

[Metropolitan Council Transportation Advisory Board packet materials](#)

[FINAL RECOMMENDED Layout](#)

Project Details

Project Location

The project area is generally bounded by 10th Ave N on the north, 1st Ave on the south, West River Parkway on the east, and 4th St N on the west.

Construction Date

This project is scheduled to start in June 2019.

Construction Duration

The project is expected to be substantially complete by October 1, 2019.

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CONSTRUCTION



Last updated on May 10, 2019.

Construction Activity Updates

The Metropolitan Council will provide information on construction activities every Friday throughout construction. Subscribe to receive construction activity updates by email or text in the signup box in the right column.

Weekly updates

- [SWLRT Civil Construction Update - May 10, 2019 \(PDF\)](#)
- [SWLRT Civil Construction Update - May 3, 2019 \(PDF\)](#)
- [SWLRT Civil Construction Update - April 26, 2019 \(PDF\)](#)
- [SWLRT Civil Construction Update - April 22, 2019 \(PDF\)](#)

Construction Update: May 10, 2019

Corridor-wide Activities: Eden Prairie, Minnetonka, Hopkins, St. Louis Park, Minneapolis

In May, expect to see the following activities commence throughout the alignment as crews prepare for construction:

- Surveying and staking
- Erosion control
- Utility locates and potholing to pinpoint the exact location of underground utilities
- Utility relocation and/or removal by private utility companies (electric, gas, communication)
- Construction equipment and material delivery
- Removing trees, vegetation, roots, shrubs, grinding and stump removal
- Fence installation around work areas

Conditions are changing along the corridor and we want you to be safe. Construction areas and work zones are considered restricted property and trespassing laws/fines will be enforced. Please observe signage around construction areas and note conditions may change. Safety is our number one priority during construction. Stay alert. Stay safe.

Southwest LRT Construction Activities and Freight Trains

Please note, with portions of the SWLRT construction corridor located immediately adjacent to active freight rail lines, freight trains will follow their standard operating rules when approaching a construction area. Freight trains are required to sound their horn as the train approaches a construction area that is occupied by workers or equipment adjacent to the freight line, until the front of the train has passed the construction area. This will mean additional train horn soundings during construction.

Rail Delivery in St. Louis Park: As early as Monday, May 13

As early as Monday, May 13, regular freight rail trains will not be running because a special train will deliver and unload new rail. Freight rail delivery will occur from 6:00 AM – 4:00 PM and take between two to four days to deliver the new rail segments. As of today, the rail delivery dates are Monday, May 13 through Tuesday, May 14 and if needed, Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19. Approximately 54 rail segments, each roughly 1,600 feet long, will be unloaded and placed adjacent to the existing freight rail track between TH 100 and Beltline Blvd in St. Louis Park. The rail delivery train will be moving very slowly and repeatedly stopping and reversing throughout the delivery process. Signal

OUTREACH EVENTS
Friday, April 26, 1–5 pm Trail pop-up at the nexus of Kenilworth Trail and Midtown Greenway
Saturday, May 11, 9 am–noon Trail pop-up along the Kenilworth Trail
Thursday, May 16, 6–9 am Pop-up on the Cedar Lake Trail at Hopkins Depot
Friday, May 17, 6–9 am Pop-up on the Cedar Lake Trail at Beltline Blvd.

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SOUTHWEST LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT

METRO Green Line Extension – Eden Prairie to Downtown Minneapolis

The Southwest Light Rail Transit (LRT) project (METRO Green Line Extension) will operate on a [route](#) from downtown Minneapolis through the communities of St. Louis Park, Hopkins, Minnetonka, and Eden Prairie, passing in close proximity to Edina. The line will include 16 [new stations](#) and will be part of an integrated system of transitways, including connections to the [METRO Blue Line](#), the [Northstar Commuter Rail line](#), many [bus routes](#), and proposed future transitways. The total estimated project cost of \$2.003 billion will be funded by a mix of federal, county, state and local sources, with federal funds making up approximately 46 percent of the total. At Target Field Station in Minneapolis, Green Line Extension trains will continue along the [METRO Green Line](#), providing one-seat rides to the University of Minnesota, State Capitol area and downtown St. Paul.

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Latest News

SWLRT CIVIL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE
5/10/2019
Construction activity update for May 10, 2019

SWLRT CIVIL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE
5/3/2019
Construction activity update for May 3, 2019

SWLRT CIVIL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE
4/26/2019
Construction Activity Update for Friday, April 26 2019

SWLRT CIVIL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE
4/25/2019
Southwest LRT construction activities are scheduled to begin throughout the corridor over the next few weeks

Officials hold joyous groundbreaking for Southwest light rail project
12/3/2018
After almost 20 years of planning, the groundbreaking marks the work of partnerships with federal, county and local governments and organizations and members of the communities all along the line.

Project Status

The Southwest LRT Project is currently in the Engineering phase of the Federal Transit Administration's [New Starts funding process](#). All five cities along the proposed alignment and Hennepin County have approved preliminary design plans for Southwest LRT. Heavy construction is scheduled to take place between 2019 and 2022. The Project will begin passenger service as an extension of the METRO Green Line in 2023.

Local Area Visualizations

These [local area visualizations](#) show features of the Green Line Extension including passenger stations, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and street intersections.



Eden Prairie Visualization

This visualization shows the design of METRO Green Line Extension's SouthWest Station, Golden Triangle Station, and City West Station. More visualizations are available in the [Project Videos area](#).

Market District Development Work Group Update

Re-Imagining the Farmer's Market District Design Workshop and Tour

Thursday, June 13, 1:00pm-5:00pm

Facilitated by the City of Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development Department and Minnesota Design Center

Convened by NūLoop Partners (formally 2020 Partners) and Hosted by Hennepin Made and Parallel Café (145 Holden Street North, Minneapolis, MN 55405)



WORKSHOP AGENDA

1:00-1:30pm Exhibit of current conditions and past planning efforts – Parallel Café

A self-guided exhibit of prior planning work providing framing and context of the area.

1:30-2:00pm Introductions and overview

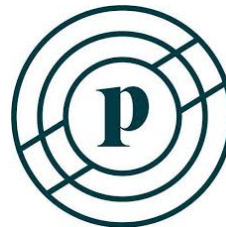
2:00-4:00pm Biking/Driving/Walking tour

A facilitated walking tour to explore and document the experiences and relationship to the spaces in the future Royalston station area.

4:00-5:00pm Group reporting out and next steps (60 minutes) - Parallel Café

Mapping exercise of walking tour, group report out on experiences, and next steps

5:00pm Happy Hour Reception



CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

Market-Royalston Station

Planning Study and Workshop
May 2019

Roles and Responsibilities

- CPED Long Range Planning Team:
 - Adrienne Bockheim and Rattana Sengsoulichanh
 - Technical assistance
 - Work with group to define gaps/additional information needed
 - Produce an Executive Summary Document that can be used by NuLoop for implementation
- MN Design Center
 - Tim Griffin
 - Technical assistance
 - Leverage resources from McKnight Foundation and University
- NuLoop Partners
 - Dan Collison
 - Leverage stakeholder relationships and communication
- Parallel
 - Jackson Schwartz
 - Leverage relationships and provide space



June Workshop

- Tentative Date: June 13, 1 – 5 pm
- Attendees: All stakeholders in and around station area
- Goals:
 - Inventory and establish “on the ground” conditions
 - Produce 'cognitive map' of how people experience and feel space
 - Determine specific planning needs that are absent in existing documents
 - [Any other outcomes?]



Work Product Proposal

- Executive Summary, to include:
 - Review and analysis of existing planning documents
 - Gap analysis
 - Strategies for implementation – Short-term and long-term
 - Legislative strategies
 - Work Plan recommendations
 - [other?]



Further Information

- www.Minneapolis2040.com
- <https://www.swlrtccommunityworks.org/explore-corridor/stations/royalston-station>
- Heather Worthington
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- Exhibit of current conditions and past planning efforts (30 min) – Parallel Café

- *A self-guided exhibit of prior planning work providing framing and context of the area.*
- Materials: Posters and maps - timeline of adopted plans, historical aerials, snapshots of key ideas from prior plans, maps

- Introductions and overview (30 mins) – Start at Parallel Café, leave for various locations

- *Overview of walking tour and exercise*
- Materials: 8.5 x 11 map of tour destinations, scribe to record input, map collected feedback

- Walking tour (120 mins)

- *A facilitated walking tour to explore and document the experiences and relationship to the spaces in the future Royalston station area.*

- Group reporting out and next steps (60 minutes) - Parallel Café

- *Mapping exercise of walking tour, group report out on experiences, and next steps.*

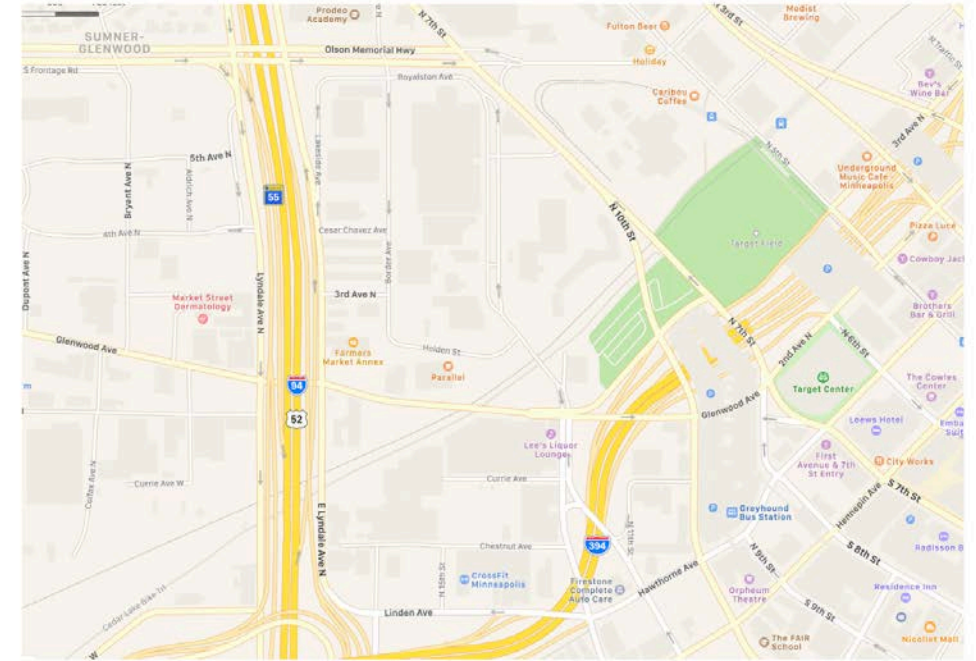
FARMERS MARKET DISTRICT WALKABOUT [OR BIKE]

1:00 - 5:00 pm Thursday, June 13, 2019

Originating and ending at Parallel Cafe

145 Holden St N

Minneapolis



12 noon

Lunch on your own at Parallel Cafe

1:00 - 2:00

Orientation

2:00 - 4:00

Walk [or Bike Ride]

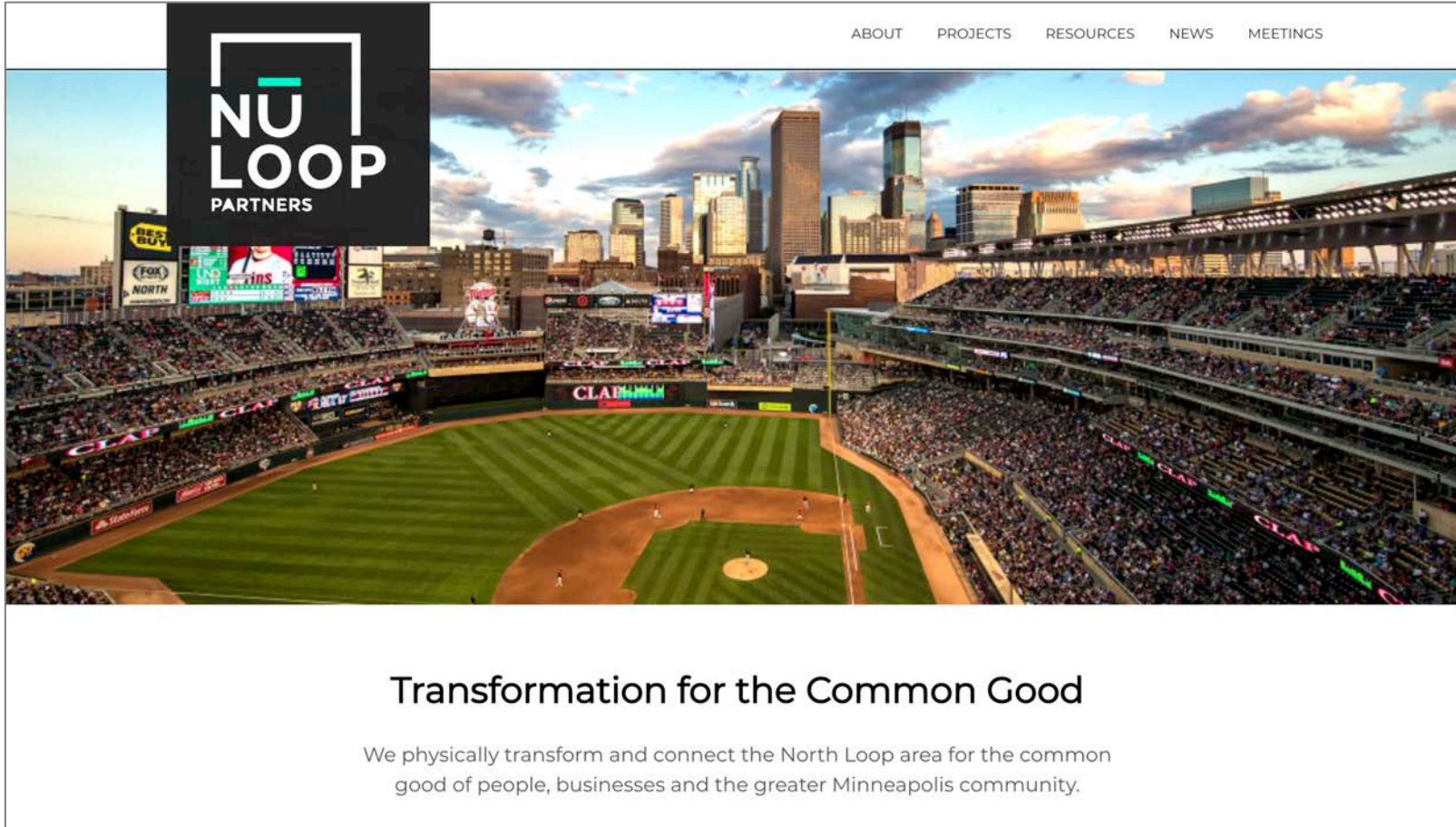
- ☐ Holden to Border
- ☐ Border to Cesar Chavez
- ☐ Cesar Chavez, under I-94, to 4th Ave N
- ☐ 4th Ave N to International Market Square
- ☐ Glenwood to Currie Avenue to Lyndale to Glenwood to Target Field
- ☐ N 5th Street to Olson
- ☐ Olson to Royalston
- ☐ Royalston to Holden to Parallel Cafe

4:00 - 5:00

Walk observations scribed on large map.

5:00 - 6:00

Reception Conversation



NūLoop Partners ANNUAL MEETING

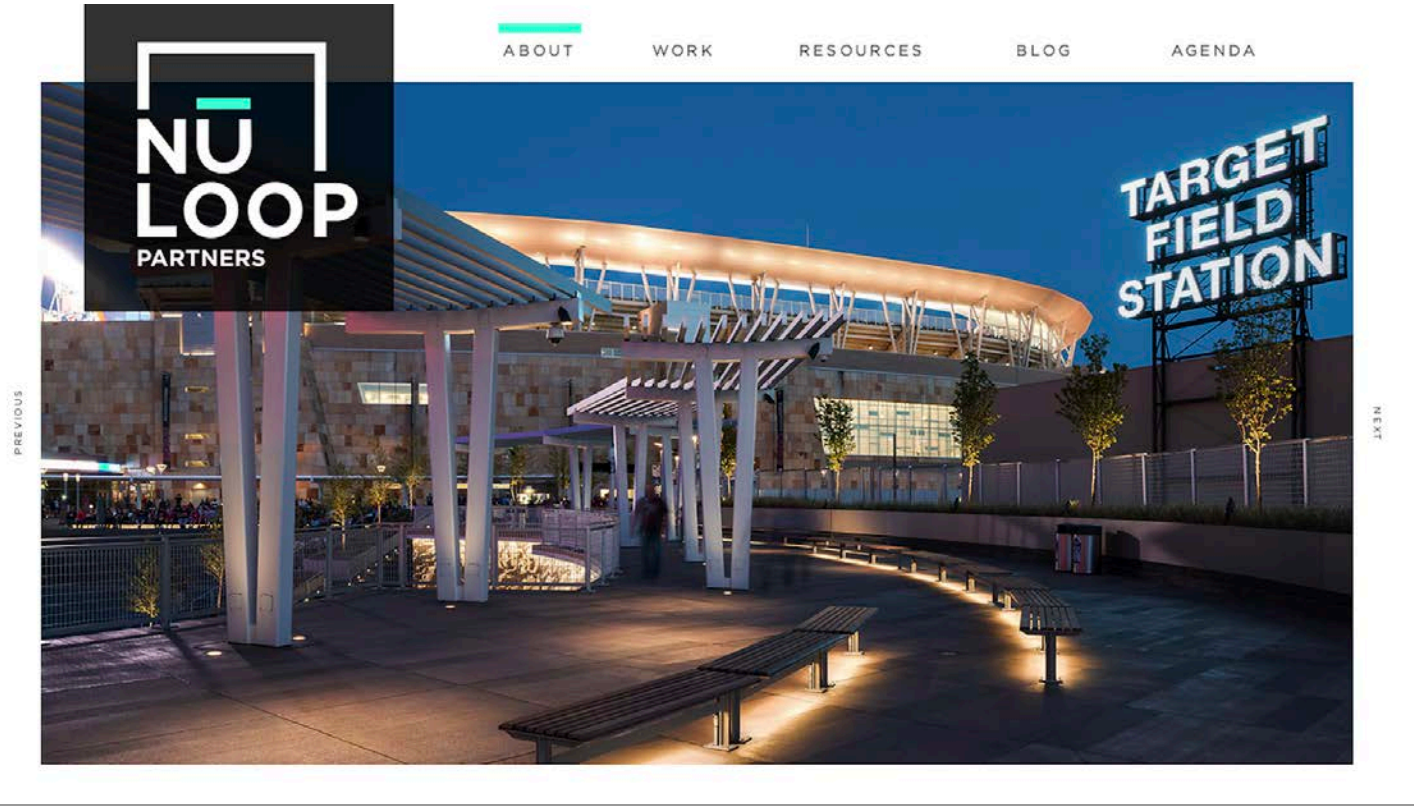
Tuesday, July 16

5:00-6:30pm Meeting

- Pizza Dinner
- Special Presentations
- Annual Report of Progress

7:10pm Twins vs. New York Mets





Executive Director's Report
My 21, 2019

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