Metropolitan Council:
Building infrastructure to support a growing region

Metropolitan Council Chair Adam Duininck
The Region’s Infrastructure
Regional transit

- Nearly 100 million rides in 2015
- 14% increase over 10 years
- Connects people to jobs, school, services, entertainment and more
- Provides reliable choices
Wastewater services

- Award-winning treatment operations
- Rates 40% below similar systems nationwide
- 600+ miles of large sewer pipes serving 108 communities
Metro HRA

- Council partners with nearly 100 cities

- Administers 9 federal and state rent assistance programs
  - $53 million annual budget
  - Benefitting 7,000 people a year
Regional parks

- More visitors than to the Mall of America – 44 million/year
- $556 million invested in regional parks since 1974
- 54 parks and reserves, over 54,000 acres of land
- 340 miles of hiking and biking trails
Regional trends - by 2040

The region’s population is expected to grow to almost 3.5 million by 2040.
Regional trends - by 2040

The percentage of people of color in the region will grow from 26% to 40%.

- Ridership surveys show that people of color are twice as likely to use transit.
Regional trends – Millennials

• In 2014, Millennials surpassed Boomers as the largest generation
• Employers need to attract Millennials to maintain a competitive workforce
Regional trends – Millennials

• Rockefeller Foundation Survey of young professionals
  ➢ 66% consider high-quality transit when considering a move
  ➢ 54% would move to another city with better transit options
Regional trends – by 2040

• 1 in 9 residents are senior citizens today

• 1 in 5 residents will be senior citizens by 2040
Regional treads - by 2040

Retiring seniors:

- Downsize their homes
- Look for housing that is convenient to services, shopping and entertainment
- Would like to have the choice to remain in their community
Transit: Stimulates Growth

Home along the Green Line
On Minneapolis-St. Paul border, apartment project aims at light-rail commuters

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With a saltwater swimming pool, a workshop for bicyclists and a cyber cafe, an Indianapolis-based developer hopes to create a one-of-a-kind apartment building on the border of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Flaherty & Collins Properties will break ground Tuesday on 2700 University, a $54 million mixed-use apartment building in an up-and-coming area at the corner of University and Emerald avenues along the Green Line.

“Our location speaks for itself,” said Ryan Cronk, the vice president of development for Flaherty & Collins, which also developed the Residence at the Cor, a 230-unit apartment building near a Northstar commuter rail stop in Ramsey.

“We’re not in the North Loop and we’re not in Uptown, but I think we can compete with those locations by offering a similar product at a lower price.”

The six-story building is beside the Westgate light-rail station and will have 248 apartments, 3,000 square feet of retail space and two levels of underground parking.

Wellington Management of St. Paul, which developed hundreds of apartments and condos in the area, planned to build a $24 million apartment building near the Green Line's Westgate station.

- Green Line: $3 billion in development
- Red Line Bus Rapid Transit: $273 million
By 2040:

- 47 new bus routes
- 76 expanded routes