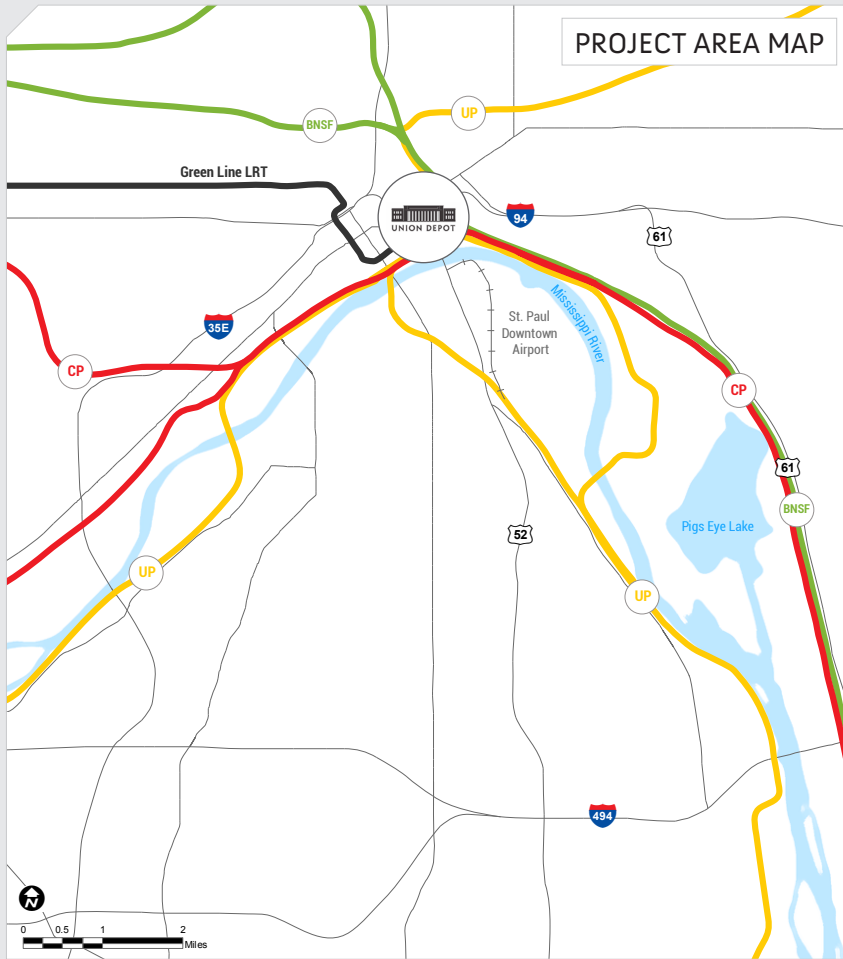


# EAST METRO RAIL

## YARDS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



### WHAT IS THE PROJECT?

The **East Metro Rail Yards Improvement Project** is located in Saint Paul, just south and east of Union Depot. The study area extends from Union Depot southeast to approximately I-494. This area includes freight track and rail yards owned by BNSF Railway, Canadian Pacific Railway, and Union Pacific Railroad. The map at left shows the three national rail lines converging at Union Depot.

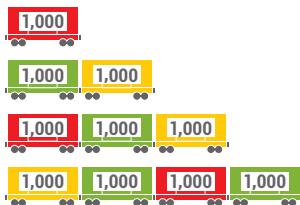
### WHY IS THIS NEEDED?

Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority and stakeholder railroads recognize that upgrades are needed to improve the movement of existing trains, and make way for future freight growth and passenger rail connections to Union Depot. These improvements will be a benefit to the regional economy, and will help keep freight on the rail instead of putting more trucks on our roadways.

### WHAT IS NEXT?

The East Metro Rail Yards Improvement Project will confirm and refine improvements identified in the 2012 East Metro Rail Capacity Study. Project elements include an environmental analysis and conceptual engineering. This phase of the project will be complete in 2018. There will be opportunities for community engagement throughout the process.

### DID YOU KNOW?



The East Metro area moves **10,000** rail cars per day, accommodating **5%** of the total national freight rail volume **every day.**

