

The Northstar Commuter Rail Line opened in 2009 and travels with maximum speeds of 79 mph across its 40-mile length. The commuter-oriented trains offer comfortable seating, free Wi-Fi, onboard restrooms, work tables, electrical outlets and onboard bicycle storage. Service includes six southbound and six northbound trips per weekday, limited weekend service and additional service for special events. Northstar makes critical connections between northwest suburbs and Minneapolis, linking them with the METRO Blue and Green Line light-rail lines.

Northstar Commuter Rail serves these stations:

- Big Lake
- Elk River
- Ramsey
- Anoka
- Coon Rapids-Riverdale
- Fridley
- Target Field

By the Numbers

- 40 miles long
- 52 minutes from end to end
- 7 stations; 7 cities
- 711,167 annual ridership in 2016
- 14,500 live within 1/2 mile of the stations
- 2 fixed transitway connections (METRO Blue Line and Green Line LRT)

Source: Metropolitan Council 2016 Population and Household Estimates



Northstar train at Target Field multimodal station.



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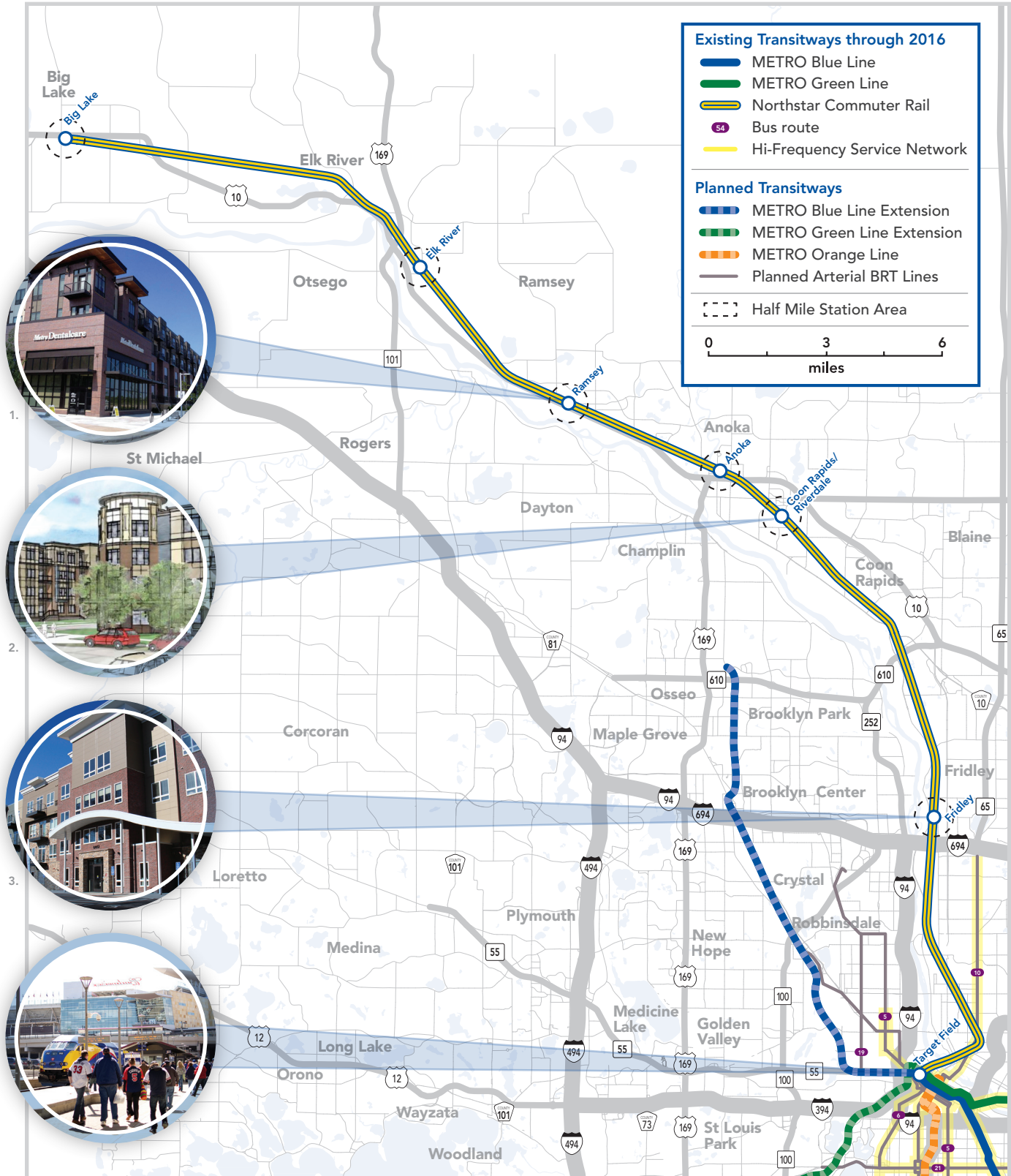
The Cielo: Phase 1 of this project includes 101 units, opened in 2016. Phases 2 and 3 include an additional 158 units to be open by 2019. This project is located near Fridley Station.

(Image: City of Fridley.)



Residences at COR: 230 apartments connected to Ramsey Station.

Minnesota's first commuter rail line, Northstar, offers rush-hour service between Big Lake and downtown Minneapolis where it connects to the METRO Blue and Green lines at Target Field Station.



1. Image from City of Ramsey
2. Image from Sherman and Associates
3. Image of The Cielo from the City of Fridley.