

BUY SMART. BUY NEAR TRANSIT.

Buying a home near transit makes economic sense and offers higher quality of life.

The Economics

- **Save your car and gas money and put it into your house.**
 - Many Twin Cities suburban households pay more in transportation expenses than for housing.
 - Households living near the Hiawatha Light Rail Transit Corridor are spending anywhere from \$4,000 to \$7,000 less per year on transportation than other households in the region.
 - That level of savings could free up another \$50,000 to \$80,000 for investing in your home (or anything else you'd like to invest in)!
- **Enhance the value of your property.**
 - Property values along the Hiawatha LRT are increasing 22% more than City of Minneapolis property values overall. Nationally, property values typically increase with fixed-rail and bus-rapid-transit service.
- **Buy your house through the Smart Commute Program and save even more.**
 - Find a house within ½ mile of bus or rail transit service.
 - Call Bremer Bank at 651-734-4327 to ask about the Smart Commute program (limited availability).
 - Get up to \$200 more per month credited to your income for loan underwriting (based on transit savings).
 - Get a free six-month bus/rail pass.

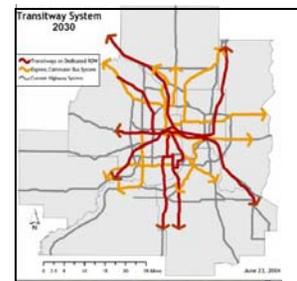
Your Quality of Life

- **Live healthier.**

With a home near transit, biking, walking, and transit use can all be viable alternatives to driving, enabling a healthier and more active lifestyle.
- **Live easier.**

Instead of staring at a string of taillights every rush hour, you can sit back and read a newspaper while someone else navigates the traffic. Metro Transit is now committing to [high-frequency service](#) on many routes. Transit service has never been more reliable and convenient.
- **Live greener.**

Riding transit to work enhances Twin Cities regional air quality, reduces Minnesota fossil fuel consumption and dependence, and helps address global climate change.



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