

Living Options

With the Covid pandemic have come sweeping workplace changes, presenting both challenges and interesting opportunities. The proposed Northern Lights Express (NLX) higher speed train project offers a future, reliable transit option for employees wishing to work remotely.

For employees, working from home results in less time on the road or using public transit. It may offer more family connection time, less stress in starting their workday and reduced costs for gas and parking.

The loss of in-person interaction between colleagues can sometimes be a loss for employers, but some are realizing staff can be more productive without the stress of a congested work commute or trying to support their family needs around the workday, lengthened by travel.

While employees in restaurants, retail and other businesses might not have remote work options, they may wish to move to areas outside the metro and utilize the NLX to reach jobs in or near station cities of Duluth, Superior, Hinckley, Cambridge or Coon Rapids.

Four round trips per day are planned, making the NLX a practical transit option that supports living in “the country.” Employees may no longer need to live near an urban highway or bus stop to reach their workplace.

We are currently able to seek remaining funding to complete this project, which is one of the most shovel-ready transit project in the country, according to high-ranking Amtrak officials.

If the NLX option interests you, ask your elected officials at the local, state and federal levels to fund this project and a future with more choices about where to live, work and play.