

How can we use
transportation investments
as a tool for economic recovery?

Lessons from Minnesota and the US

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When we
spend / invest,
what happens?

- **Lessons from the previous
'Stimulus'**
- **Lessons from Minnesota**

Overall national data

- Transit
 - 31% more jobs/\$
than new road construction.
- Road repair
 - 16% more jobs/\$
than new roads.

What we learned from the last 'stimulus'

The states reported:

- A dollar spent on public transit produced far more job hours than a dollar spent on highways.
- A dollar spent on road repair produced more jobs than a dollar spent on new road construction.
- Minnesota spent the least in the category that produced the most jobs/\$.

Why is that?

- Building transit requires a wide variety of jobs, from heavy construction to fine electrical work.

- New roadways and expansions almost always require buying right-of-way.

Buying land creates no construction jobs.

- *Road repair* falls in between.

Who gets these jobs?

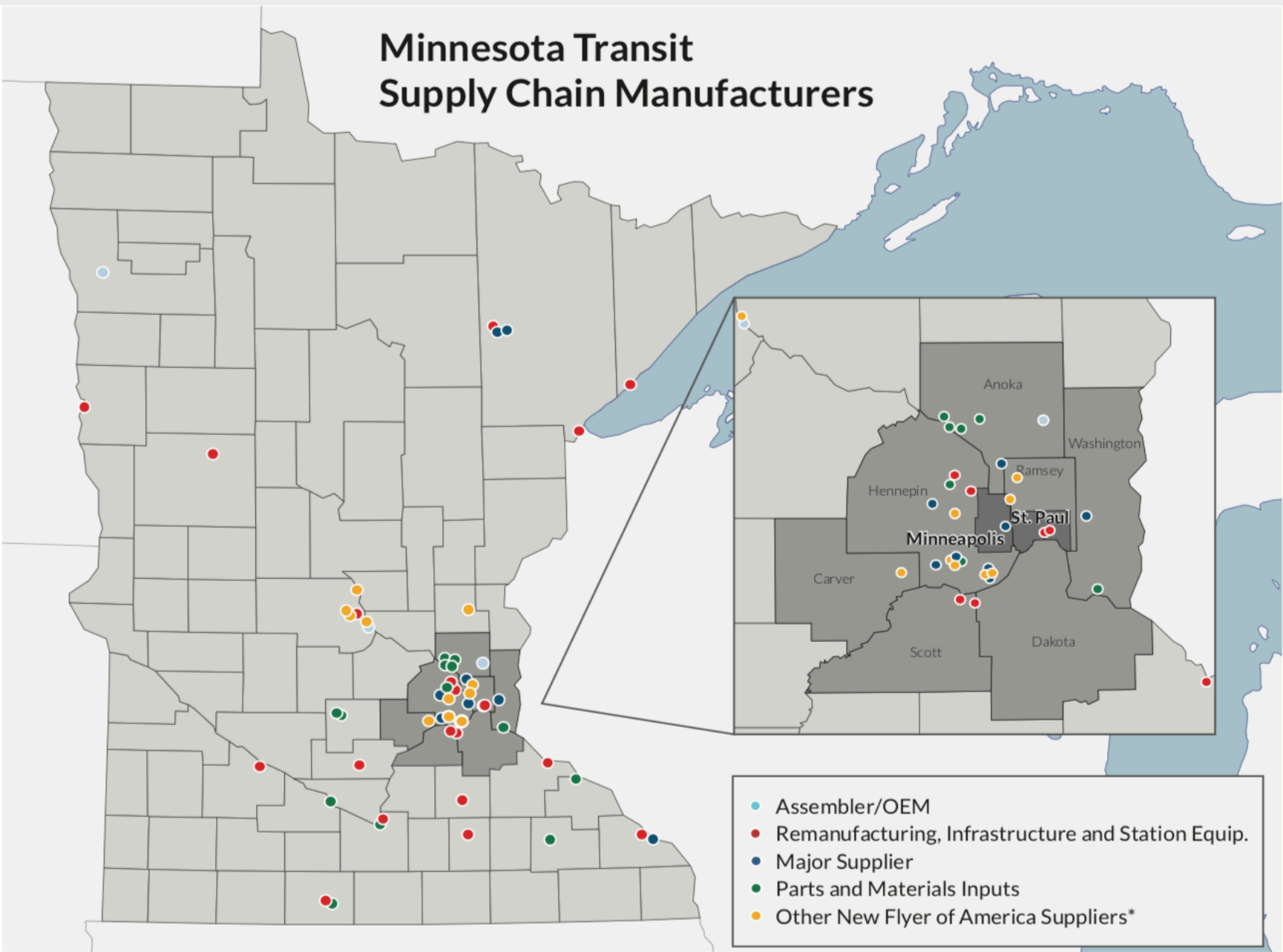
Minnesota has many manufacturers in the transit supply chain, so transit investments create jobs here in Minnesota.

More than 60 employers around Minnesota manufacture transit equipment:

- Smaller transit vehicles used by agencies throughout Greater Minnesota,
- Buses used by agencies in the MSP metro.



Minnesota Transit Supply Chain Manufacturers



How can we use
transportation \$ to
help Minnesotans
succeed?

- Invest in projects that connect people to jobs & education.
- Those needs & opportunities exist statewide

“Public transportation is increasingly important to people in Greater Minnesota to access economic and social opportunities.” - MnDOT

Thank you

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