Welcome

This document is meant to provide information about your trip to the University of Minnesota as well as the city of Minneapolis. Details about agenda, local resources, transportation and contact information is provided here for your reference.

We are excited to have you and for your participation!
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Addresses

**Courtyard Marriott Hotel**
1500 Washington Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55454

**The Republic – 7 Corners**
615 Washington Ave SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414

**Towne Hall Brewery**
1430 Washington Avenue S.
Minneapolis, MN 55454

**Polar Geospatial Center**
R280 Learning & Environmental Sciences Building
1954 Buford Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55108

**The Commons Hotel**
615 Washington Ave SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414

**The Hubert H Humphreys School of Public Affairs Conference Center**
301 19th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55455

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**MetroTransit:** 612.373.3333

**Blue and White Taxi Service:** 612.333.3333

The MetroTransit number can be used to find out just about anything regarding buses and their schedules in Minneapolis. You can even talk to a live representative if lost and they will direct you. The representatives can also help you plan your trip with the most efficient routes and times days in advance. The MetroTransit website is also a valuable resource: [www.metrotransit.org](http://www.metrotransit.org)
Driving Directions

The Twin Cities campus at the University of Minnesota is one of the largest urban campuses in the country, spanning five miles from East to West. The University is sectioned into three areas; East Bank, West Bank and St. Paul. Campus is within blocks of two major highway arteries- I-35W (North/South) and I-94 (East/West).

Provided below are directions to the Courtyard Marriott hotel coming through the West Bank.

**Directions from MSP Airport to the Courtyard Marriott**
- Start going northwest on Glumack Drive 1.1 mi
- Keep left at the fork, merge onto MN-5 E toward MN-55/St Paul Minneapolis 0.8 mi
- Merge onto MN-55 W/Hiawatha Ave 5.6 mi
- Take the 3rd St/Washington Ave ramp toward U of M 0.4 mi
- Keep left at fork to continue towards Washington Avenue South 0.5 mi
- Keep right at fork to follow signs for U of M West Bank 0.2 miles
- Turn right onto Washington Avenue South 341 ft
  \[You will see Town Hall Brewery (where dinner will be held) on your left.\]
- Turn left to stay on Washington Avenue South and your destination will be on the left 72 ft

**From Courtyard Marriot to PCG**
- Head west on Washington Avenue South toward Cedar Ave 184 ft
- Take the 1st right to stay on Washington Avenue South 344 ft
- Turn right to merge onto I-35W N 4.6 mi
- Take the Cleveland Ave S exit 0.3mi
- Merge onto Cleveland Ave N 1.6mi
  \[The St Paul campus can be seen on your left\]
- Turn left onto Buford Ave 0.3 mi
  \[Mim’s café will be located on right\]

The Polar Geospatial Center is located in the Learning and Environmental Sciences Building in the basement Room 280.
**Airport Taxi Service:** 612.721.000

**Fares:** Both campuses are approximately 10.5 miles from the airport with taxi fees averaging $40 - $50. Since the airport taxi is relatively expensive it is advised to use one of the below transportation options.

**Light Rail Transit Service**

This service connects travelers to 19 destinations. Metro Transit can bring you from walking distance of the Common’s and Courtyard Minneapolis Hotels. The train runs every 10 – 15 minutes. The light rail service takes about 30 minutes. There are many different bus numbers you can take in order to be walking distance from the Common’s & Courtyard Minneapolis hotels and then this bus ride should take about 10 minutes. Otherwise there is the option to call the hotel shuttle service at 612.379.8888 for the Commons and 612-333-4646 for the Courtyard and have their shuttle meet you at the Metrodome Station (first come, first serve). If the shuttle is not available you can take ~1 mile cab ride from the station to the hotel.

**Directions on LRT:** Depending on what terminal you land in follow the signs to the light rail station, they will be displayed all over in the airport. Tickets are sold at the ticket machines at the rail stations. Light rail fares for adults are **$1.75** unless during rush hours (Monday–Friday 6am-9am & 3pm-6:30pm) then fares will be **$2.25**, cash or credit cards are accepted.

**Keep your fare ticket!! This will be used as your transfer if you use the bus**

Information on the stops can be heard on the speaker and seen on the rails interiors.
Downtown East/Metrodome

This is the stop destination that you will need to get off at in order to catch a bus to the Common’s or Courtyard Minneapolis Hotels or where the hotel shuttle would pick you up. The address of this location is 429 Park Ave S. From here you will need to walk to the Metrodome Station Platform:

4th Street South & Chicago Ave (Kirby Puckett)
To get to this bus stop head NE on Park Ave S toward S 4th St and then take the first right onto S 4th St.

To Arrive at the Commons Hotel via Bus:

Bus location: 4th St South and Chicago (Kirby Puckett)
From this bus stop you can take a bus #16 or #50. Both of these buses are extremely frequent and the wait for one at most would be about 10 minutes (except on weekends). When boarding the bus use your fare ticket from the LRT for a transfer. You just have to insert the single-ride ticket into the farebox and then no other payment is required.

Next stop: University Ave and University Recreation Center
Boarding a Bus #16—there will be four stops before the destination of University Ave and University Recreation Center. The fifth stop will be your destination.
Boarding a Bus #50—there will be three stops prior to the destination.
The Common’s Hotel is 0.32 miles from this bus stop.

Walking to the Common’s Hotel:
- Walk approximately 1 block SE on University Ave SE
- Turn right onto Walnut St SE
- Take Walnut St SE approximately 2 blocks SW
- Take a right at the Applebee’s and enter the Common’s Hotel from the front entrance

The following page provides information on buses from the Metrodome Station to the Courtyard Marriott.
To Arrive at the Courtyard Marriott via Bus

The bus stop location that you will need to take a bus from is:

4th Street South & Portland Avenue

To get to this stop walk a short distance NE on Park Avenue S turn left on 4th St. S. and walk approximately one block NW on 4th St S.

Bus location: 4th Street South & Portland Avenue

From this bus stop you can take a bus #3A or #3B. Both of these buses are extremely frequent and the wait for one at most would be about 10 minutes (except on weekends). When boarding the bus use your fare ticket from the LRT for a transfer. You just have to insert the single-ride ticket into the farebox and then no other payment is required.

Next stop: Washington Ramp & Cedar Avenue

Boarding Buses #3A and #3B – there will be one stop before the destination of Washington Ramp and Cedar Avenue

The Hotel is 0.36 miles from this bus stop.

Walking to the hotel:

- Walk approximately 1 block SW on Cedar Ave S to Washington Ave SE
- Bear right on 3rd St S
- Turn right on Cedar Avenue S
- Bear left on Washington Avenue S & walk approximately two blocks NW to the hotel

Blue star represents the Hotel location

Yellow star represents bus stop Washington Ramp & Cedar Ave
Directions to HHH Conference Center

From the Marriott Courtyard Hotel

The Hubert H Humphrey Conference Center is .2 miles from the Hotel.

- Head northeast on Washington Avenue South toward 19th Avenue S
- Turn right onto 19th Avenue S, your destination will be on the left

Map of West Bank Campus once you exit the walking bridge

***Please note, both the Republic and Town Hall Brewery are just a few steps outside of the Courtyard Marriott hotel on Washington Avenue S. ***

Walking Directions from the HHH Center to The Republic/Town Hall Brewery/ Hotel

- Head south on 19th Avenue S toward 3rd St S.
- Turn right onto 3rd St S.
- Turn right onto Cedar Avenue

Directions to HHH Conference Center

From the Common’s Hotel

The Campus Connector can be taken to walking distance from the HHH Conference Center, information on the following page. Also, a hotel shuttle can be reserved at the Commons Hotel by visiting or calling the front desk (612-379-888). The shuttle can seat up to 7 people and you can reserve the shuttle ahead of time. Please note, that gratuity is encouraged and will be given to the driver.
Lastly, a taxi could be ordered from Blue and White (612-333-3333) Taxi Service. The conference center is just over a mile away so if you split the cab fare with a few colleagues it would not be more than a couple dollars per person.

Driving Directions from the Commons Hotel to the HHH Center
- Head south on Walnut St SE toward Washington Ave SE 56 ft
- Take 1st left on Washington Ave SE 387 ft
- Turn left onto SE Oak St 1.1 mi
- Turn left on 10th Ave SE .6 mi
- Continue onto 19th Avenue S, destination will be on your left

Walking Directions from the Commons Hotel to the HHH Center – Total distance 1.1 mile
- Head west on Busway or Washington Avenue toward SE Harvard St .3 mi
- When you arrive on the East Bank Campus you will see Coffman Memorial Union on your left
- Take the Washington Avenue Walking Bridge
- Take a left when you get off of the bridge at Anderson Hall
- Take a right at the Social Sciences Building
- The back entrance to the Humphrey will next to Heller Hall (see photo above)
The Campus Connector is a free shuttle service between all three campuses provided by the University. This public transit service can be picked up extremely close to both the Common’s and Courtyard Marriott Hotels.

**Shuttle Pick-up Location for the Common’s Hotel:** *4th Street SE at Mariucci Arena*

To walk to this stop head north on Walnut St SE, turn left onto University Ave SE and turn right onto SE 4th St. If you are using the Campus Connector to get to St Paul, you will get off at the **Saint Paul Student Center**. If going to the HHH Conference Center from the Common’s Hotel you will get off at the **19th Avenue S & 2nd Street SE** stop and walk .1 miles heading south on 19th Ave S. The HHH Conference Center will be on your left.

**Shuttle Pick-up Location for the Courtyard Marriott Hotel:** *19th Avenue S & 2nd Street SE*

This stop is located extremely close to the hotel. To get to this stop turn left on Washington Ave South. For going to St Paul (where the PGC office is located), you will get off at the **Saint Paul Student Center** as well.

**Shuttle Hours:** Monday - Friday from 7am – midnight

- From 7 – 6:30pm the shuttle runs every 5 minutes,
- 6:30 –10pm every 15 minutes & 10pm –midnight every 20 minutes

**Weekends:** 9:30am – midnight every 20 minutes

The Polar Geospatial Center is located extremely close to the Saint Paul Student Center. Continue down Buford Ave, passing the Magrath Library on your right. The Learning and Environmental Sciences building will be on the corner of Buford Ave and Gortner Ave.

**The Polar Geospatial Center is located in the basement Room 280.**
Next Bus

This allows riders to find the predicted time of bus arrivals.

By Texting: text umnbus [Stop #] to 41411 (ex- umnbus 43)  *There must be a space between umnbus and stop number*

By Calling: 763.567.2453 when prompted, enter your stop #

Stop numbers can be obtained from bus stop signs or online at www.umn.edu/pts

Bus Stop Numbers:
19th Avenue S & 2nd Street SE→ Stop34
Saint Paul Student Center→ Stop10

The 19th Avenue S & 2nd Street SE is the location in which you can take a Campus Connector back to the East Bank Campus/the Common’s Hotel or St. Paul. Depending on where you want to get off there are a variety of spots within walking distance of the Common’s Hotel. The University Avenue and Recreation Center serves as the closest stop to the Common’s hotel. 19th Avenue S & 2nd Street SE serves as the closet stop and pickup location for the Courtyard Marriott.

Parking at PGC

There is a parking section just past the intersection of Buford and Gortner Ave on your left that can be used for your visit. Otherwise there is the Gortner Avenue Ramp.

This ramp has hourly parking that is paid upon exit. Rates are as follows:

$3 – 1st hour
$6 – 1-2 hours
$7 – 2-3 hours
$8 – 3-4 hours
Nearby points of interest

**Weisman Art Museum**
333 East River Parkway
Hours: Tuesday – Sunday
11 – 5  * Free Admission

**Bell Museum**
10 Church St SE
Hours: Monday – Friday 9 – 5
Saturday: 10 – 5    Sunday: 12 - 5
* $6 Admission, free on Sundays

**Guthrie Theater**
818 South 2nd St
Minneapolis, MN 55415
* If interested in seeing a play, give this number a call to see what is available. 612.377.2224

The Guthrie Theater Yellow Viewing Room is another place of interest for many visiting Minneapolis. This viewing box often called the Amber room is located on the 9th floor and offers a spectacular view of Minneapolis.  
* Free of charge

**Walker Art Center**
1750 Hennepin Ave
Hours: Monday: Closed  Thursday: 11am – 9pm
Daily: 11am- 5pm

**Sculpture Garden**
725 Vineland PL
Directly across from the Walker Art Center is the:  
* Spoonbridge and Cherry

* Free on first Saturday of every month & Thursday from 5 -9pm

The Sculpture Garden showcases more than 40 works from the Walker Art Center’s collection.

**The Stone Arch Bridge**
This bridge is only 0.9 miles from the Courtyard and only about 2 miles from Common’s.

**Resturants along the Riverfront (St. Anthony Main):**
- Wilde Roast
  Updated Victorian feel
- Tuggs Tavern
  Huge outdoor patio
- Aster Café
  Sunday Jazz Brunch with Patty & the Buttons 11am- 2pm
- Vic’s Dining
  Known for their wine list
- Pracna on Main
  Oldest restaurant on the oldest street in Minneapolis
  Late night Happy Hour 9pm – 11pm
  $3 micro brews
Restaurants/Bars West Bank

All the below places are within walking distance from the Courtyard Marriott Hotel.

The Republic, **recently named one of the top 100 craft beer bars in the country by draft magazine, 2013, outdoor patio, everything is made from scratch-including the ketchup
- 221 Cedar Ave S
- **Hours:** 11am – 1am Daily       **Kitchen Hours:** open until midnight
  Seasonal rotation of local and emerging American craft, Belgian and German beers
  **Happy Hour Deals at Republic:**
  Daily from 4pm – 6pm
  $2 off all Domestic Beers

Corner Bar, located across from the Republic
- 1501 Washington Ave S
- **Hours:** Monday – Friday 11am – 2am       Saturday – Sunday 5pm – 2am
  **Corner Bar Happy Hour Deals:**
  Monday – Friday 4pm – 7pm
  $2.50- $4.50 Taps, $3-$3.75 Rails, $3 House Wine, $3 PBR Tallboys, and $5 Select Appetizers

Town Hall Brewery, where dinner will be held
- 1430 Washington Ave S
- **Hours:** Monday – Thursday 11am – 1am       Friday – Saturday 11am – 2am
  Sunday 11am – Midnight
  **Town Hall Brewery Happy Hour Deals:**
  Monday – Friday: 3pm – 6pm $1 off any Town Hall Pints (some exceptions)
  9pm – 12am $1 off any Town Hall Pints and $3.75 Rails
  **Tuesday:** 4pm – 11pm
  $1 off Single Malt Scotch
  **Wednesday:** 5pm – 6pm
  Pick a Pint: $2.50
  **Sunday:** 4pm – 11pm
  Chili Night: $8 buys you a bottomless bowl of chili and any Beer

Other Food Options in West Bank:
- Chipotle
- Jewel of India
- Quizno’s Subs

Transantarctic Mountains Science Meeting – September 23-24, 2013
Dinkytown

Located on the North side of East Bank Campus.

Centered at 14th Avenue SE and 4th Street SE Dinkytown offers a wide selection of restaurants as well as student housing. Dinkytown is definitely a spot that shouldn’t be missed when visiting Minneapolis. Though there are several theories, the origin of the area’s name is uncertain. There is a parking lot along 5th Street, between 13th Ave and 16th Ave. The Dinkytown parking lot is $2 an hour. Metered parking is also available throughout Dinkytown.

The Campus Connector can be taken into Dinkytown. The stop location you would want to get off at is University Ave & Pleasant Street SE.

- **Al’s Breakfast**, serving no-frills hardy breakfast since 1950. It is located in a tattered, 10-ft wide shack that seats 14, right next door to Espresso Royale.
  * Paul says it is a must for breakfast while here! *
  - **Hours:** M – Th 6am–1pm F– Sun 9am–1pm
  - 414 14th Ave SE

- **Annie’s Parlour**, great rooftop patio and homemade milkshakes
  - **Hours:** M –Th 11am – 11pm F – Sa 11am – 12am Su 11am -11pm
  - 313 14th Ave SE

- **Espresso Royale**, Free WI-FI
  - **Hours:** M – F 6:30am – 12am Sa 8am – 12am
  - 411 14th Ave SE

- **Mesa Pizza**, Popular among many University of Minnesota students. 50 varieties of specialty pizza, order by the slice or full pizza, pickup and delivery also offered 612.436.3006
  - **Hours:** M – W 11am – 2:30am Th – Sa 11am – 3am (Su until 12am)
  - 1323 4th St SE

- **Pagoda**, Chinese
  - **Hours:** 11am – 11pm
  - 1417 4th St SE

- **Potbelly**, also known for their milkshakes, great sandwich spot with occasional live music (Tu & Th 11:30am – 1:30pm) (Su 12pm – 2pm) *Free WI-FI
  - **Hours:** M – Su 10am – 9pm
  - 326 14th Ave SE
• **Shuang Cheng**, Chinese restaurant with free tea served
  - **Hours**: M – Th 11am – 10pm    F – Sa 11am – 11pm    Su 4-10pm
  - 1320 4th St SE    * Pick-up and delivery offered 612.378.0208

• **Tony’s Diner**, breakfast menu and 2-4-1 beer deals last all day
  - **Hours**: M – Th 9am – 10pm    F – Sa 9am – 3am    Su 9am – 8pm
  - 1327 SE 4th St

• **Vesico’s**, Italian
  - **Hours**: Tu – Th 11am – 9:30pm    F – Sa 11am – 10pm    Su 3 –9:30pm
  - 406 14th Ave SE

• **Walley’s Falafel and Hummus**
  - **Hours**: M – Su 11am – 11pm
  - 423 14th Ave S

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**Helpful Maps**

Downtown Minneapolis has a wide range of shops and restaurants available. The **Nicollet Mall** strip is a common shopping and dining spot used by many. There is a farmers market located here every Thursday from 6am – 6pm.

Provided below is a map to help you navigate around the Nicollet Mall strip. Following this there is a map of **Downtown Minneapolis** and the **Warehouse District**, where a variety of accommodations can be found.