

## **COME SEE THE INTERCHANGE PROJECT URBAN DESIGN CONCEPTS ON SEPTEMBER 8TH**

The Interchange in downtown Minneapolis will unite transit and development creating a civic space connecting multiple transportation options, supporting a vibrant regional economy, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing mobility. Currently, more than 240 trains arrive and depart daily via Hiawatha Light Rail Transit and Northstar Commuter Rail. An additional 240 trains are expected in 2014, when Central Corridor LRT opens. The Interchange Project is located just outside of Target Field's left field corner and the Minnesota Ballpark Authority is a Cooperating Agency to the Project.

### **Design-build construction process**

On Tuesday, Aug. 16, pursuant to State Statute, Hennepin County authorized the implementation of design-build implementation procedures for The Interchange project, which includes a two-phase best-value procurement for the design-build team. The design-build contracting method allows for the selection of the designer and the contractor in a single procurement and allows construction to begin earlier, as opposed to the more traditional design-build procurement process.