Freight
18 freight railroads, including Class Is like BNSF, Canadian Pacific and Union Pacific and short line railroads like I Rapid City Pierre & Eastern Railroad and Minnesota Commercial Railway move more than 3.8 million carloads of metal, food, farm products and other types of freight over 4,200 miles with 4,270 employees.

Amtrak
MN has 1 long distance train the Empire Builder, which runs from Chicago through Minneapolis and on to Portland and Seattle. More than 128,000 train riders are served at MN stations each year. Amtrak spent more than $63 million on goods and services in MN in 2017.

Commuter
MN is home to the Northstar commuter rail line, which operates from Big Lake to downtown Minneapolis. It provides more than 787,000 passenger trips each year on 40 miles of track to 7 stations.

Suppliers
The rail supply industry contributes more than $1.4 billion to MN’s GDP and supports more than 15,200 jobs, including 2,941 direct jobs in MN through manufacturing, transportation and business services.

Did you know?
It would have taken approximately 14 million additional trucks to handle the 252 million tons of freight that originated in, terminated in, or moved through MN by rail in 2017.