

# FACT SHEET | Jobs Bill: Downtown Investments

*Building a Better Minnesota*

This year, Governor Dayton signed into law important investments for Minnesota's downtown areas and regional centers. When our downtowns thrive, all Minnesota communities do better. These new investments will support thousands of new jobs across our state, strengthen our critical public infrastructure, and build on the momentum of Minnesota's economic growth.

## Critical Investments in Downtown Areas and Regional Centers

- **Rochester Civic Center.** This venue currently attracts a wide variety of sporting events, fine arts exhibits, and business conferences. The jobs bill signed by Governor Dayton will expand the Rochester Civic Center, and help it compete for conferences and events.
- **Nicollet Mall.** Over 140,000 Minnesotans work around Nicollet Mall, and every year hundreds of thousands of people visit its shops and businesses. After decades of wear and tear, it is time to build a space that will attract visitors and businesses, and help downtown thrive for decades to come. The jobs bill signed by Governor Dayton will help rebuild Nicollet Mall.
- **NorShor Theatre.** The historic art deco NorShor Theatre in downtown Duluth has fallen on hard times, even suffering from a fire this winter. The jobs bill Governor Dayton signed into law will support major renovation efforts – helping restore the theater to its former glory and providing a great place for cultural events in Duluth.
- **Minnesota Children's Museum.** The museum is a top destination for families, attracting more than 400,000 visitors every year. To enhance the educational experience for children, and ensure the Children's Museum remains a top attraction for years to come, the jobs bill signed by Governor Dayton will help renovate and expand the museum, and provide new educational exhibit space.
- **Grand Rapids Performing Arts Center.** The Myles Reif Center hosts dance performances, educational activities, and workshops for area artists. The jobs bill signed by the Governor supports needed improvements and will support the revitalization of downtown Grand Rapids.
- **Red Wing River Renaissance.** The jobs bill signed by the Governor helps fund the reconstruction of the Levee Road in Red Wing, which will improve the ability of agricultural producers to move their goods. The project also will create additional space for pedestrians along the Mississippi River.
- **Duluth Wade Stadium.** Already more than 70 years old, Duluth's Wade Stadium is in desperate need of structural improvement. The jobs bill signed by Governor Dayton includes funding to begin repairing the historic stadium.
- **Mankato Civic Center.** This multi-use arena hosts hockey games, youth activities, and conventions – all of which attract thousands of people to downtown Mankato. The jobs bill signed by Governor Dayton will help expand the center and ensure the Mankato Civic Center remains a great facility.
- **St. Cloud River's Edge Convention Center.** The St. Cloud Convention Center is a major regional asset, drawing conferences, trade shows, and millions of dollars to central Minnesota. The jobs bill signed by Governor Dayton will help improve the convention center's parking facilities, riverfront features, and other necessary renovations.
- **Historic Palace Theatre.** The Palace Theatre, built in 1916, has been vacant since 1984 and has suffered significant damage in recent decades. The jobs bill signed by Governor Dayton will help renovate the facility, attracting new visitors to St. Paul, and supporting nearby restaurants and businesses.