

Minnesota Railroad Radio Frequencies

BNSF

15	160.335	West Hump Dispatcher
26	160.500	Signal Department
32	160.590	Car Department
36	160.650	Northtown yard, Willmar yard
48	160.830	Engineering / MOW
54	160.920	Wayzata to Fargo Dispatcher
61	161.025	Midway Intermodal
66	161.100	Hinckley, Lakes, Appleton, and Watertown subdivisions
70	161.160	West Hump Mississippi St or Saint Anthony to Coon Creek, Brainerd Sub, Marshall sub
76	161.250	East Hump Dispatcher
85	161.385	Staples Sub west of Big Lake, east of Staples
87	161.415	Staples Sub west of Staples
96	161.550	Midway Intermodal

Canadian National Lines Canadian National Railway

Warroad to Baudette

87	161.415	Ch 1
55	160.935	Ch 2 Dispatcher
23	160.455	Ch 3

Canadian National Lines Cedar River Railway

Albert Lea to Lyle and south into Iowa

72	161.190	Road
54	160.920	
43	160.755	

Canadian National Lines former Duluth Missabe and Iron Range Railway

46	160.800	Ch 1 Road Dispatch North
16	160.350	Ch 2 Road Dispatch South
08	160.230	Ch 3 Yard / Ore Docks
78	161.280	Ch 5 Ore Docks
38	160.680	Ch 6 Maintenance
12	160.290	Ch 7 Duluth Dock
82	161.340	MOW Repeater
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Canadian National Lines former Duluth Winnipeg & Pacific Railway

International Falls to Superior

87	161.415	Ch 1 Yard Pokegema
73	161.205	Ch 2
55	160.935	Ch 3 Yard
50	160.860	Yard
16	160.350	Dispatcher

Canadian National Lines former Wisconsin Central

Duluth / Superior area

and ex-urban northeastern Twin Cities

10	160.260	Ch 2 Road
79	161.295	Ch 3 Road Primary

Canadian Pacific Lines former Soo Line Railroad

84	161.370	Ch 1 Withrow to Glenwood, LaCrescent to Iowa border and points south
94	161.520	Ch 2 Former MN&S lines, Glenwood to Noyes
65	161.085	Ch 3 West of Glenwood
44	160.770	Ch 4 LaCrosse to St Croix, St Paul to Merriam Park
88	161.430	Ch 5 Yard
41	160.725	Ch 6 Yard
58	160.980	Shoreham Intermodal
38	160.680	Yard
08	160.230	Car Dept
24	160.470	Yard
28	160.530	Roundhouse
13	160.305	GE Service

Canadian Pacific Lines former Dakota Minnesota and Eastern Railroad

Winona to Tracy

57	160.965	Ch 1 Road
19	160.395	Ch 2

Canadian Pacific Lines former Iowa, Chicago and Eastern Railroad

*Iowa border to Austin, Austin to Owatonna,
Austin to Jackson*

84	161.370	Ch 1 Road
65	161.085	Ch 3 Road
44	160.770	Ch 4 Road
88	161.430	Ch 5 Yard
28	160.530	Ch 6 Yard

Cloquet Terminal Railroad.

Cloquet terminal area

53	160.905	Ch 1 Road/Yard
92	161.490	Ch 2 Old DNE

Ellis and Eastern

Sioux Falls, SD to Worthington

85	161.385	General Operations
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Lake Superior and Mississippi Railroad.

West Duluth tourist railroad – Closed in 2022

18	160.380	General Operations
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Metro Transit

Northstar Commuter Rail

Big Lake, MN

152.300	Big Lake Terminal Operations
157.560	Big Lake Terminal Operations
See also BNSF road frequencies	

Minnesota Dakota and Western Railway

International Falls terminal

20	160.410	General Operations
28	160.530	General Operations
38	160.680	General Operations

Minnesota Commercial Railway

Twin Cities terminal

30	160.560	Ch 1
42	160.740	Ch 2

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Minnesota Northern Railroad.

*Crookston area branchlines,
St Hillaire to Thief River Falls to Roseau
95 161.535*

Minnesota Prairie Line

*Norwood to Hanley Falls
77 161.265 Ch1
See also Twin Cities Western frequencies*

Minnesota Transportation Museum

*St Paul roundhouse / Osceola, WI to Withrow
83 161.355 General operations
95 161.535 General operations
79 161.295 WC (CN) Ch 3 Road*

National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak)

*La Crescent to Moorhead
44 160.770 LaCrosse to St Croix
St Paul to MNNR
70 161.160 St Croix to St Paul,
Mpls Jct to Big Lake
30 160.560 Minnesota Commercial RR
(former Midway Station area)
15 160.335 MNNR to Mpls Jct
85 161.385 Big Lake to Staples
87 161.415 Staples to Moorhead
13 161.305 Station Services ("home" channel)*

Northern Lines Railroad

*St Cloud terminal area
72 161.190 General operations*

Northern Plains Railroad

*Thief River Falls to Oslo and west well into ND
50 160.860
88 161.430*

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North Shore Scenic Railroad

*Duluth to Two Harbors
54 160.920 General Operations
42 160.740 Knife River remote base*

Ottertail Valley Railroad

*Fergus Falls to Moorhead
21 160.425 General operations*

Progressive Rail

*Lakeville industrial park, Bloomington industrial spur
("high line"), Eagan spur, Faribault terminal,
Northfield to Cannon Falls, Northfield yard
67 160.115 Lakeville Operations
74 161.220 Bloomington
16 160.350
18 160.380*

Rapid City, Pierre and Eastern Railroad

*Tracy west well into South Dakota
08 160.230 Ch 1 Road
59 160.995 Ch 2 Yard
64 161.070 Ch 3 Shops*

Red River Valley and Western Railroad

*Breckenridge and well into North Dakota
79 161.295 Ch 1 Yard
22 160.440 Ch 2 Yard
17 160.365 Ch 3 Road
89 161.455 Ch 4 Road
28 160.530 Ch 7 MOW*

Saint Croix Valley Railroad

*Hinckley to North Branch
95 161.535 General operations*

Twin Cities and Western

*Tower E-14 (Minnetonka) to Appleton
51 160.875 Ch 1 Yard
90 161.460 Ch 2 Road
50 160.860 Ch 3 MOW*

Union Pacific

*52 160.890 East Minneapolis to Hudson
(including the Stillwater branch),
Hoffman to MP36 (1.1 mi
North of Jordan), Roseport
industrial spur, Winona yard.
23 160.455 Utility
62 161.040 MP36 to Worthington
71 161.175 St Paul Yardmaster
14 160.320 Ch 5 Yard
25 160.485 Ch 6 MoW
31 160.575 Merriam to Montgomery,
Butterfield to Iowa border
(Fairmont subdivision),
Bricelyn to Rake, IA and west
49 160.845 St Paul to Iowa border and south
81 161.325 Yard - MIR job
(Golden Valley/Plymouth)*

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