



## **Minnesota Pipe Line Company Fact Sheet**

### **About the Minnesota Pipe Line system**

The Minnesota Pipe Line (MPL) system transports crude oil from Clearwater County to the Twin Cities refineries that produce much of the transportation fuels used in Minnesota and throughout the Upper Midwest.

- The first pipeline in the MPL system was established in the 1950s and the last pipeline was constructed in 2008.
- The crude oil comes from North American sources including Canada and North Dakota and is delivered to refineries in St. Paul Park and Rosemount, Minnesota.
- MPL is the primary pipeline system that supplies crude oil to Minnesota refineries.
- The MPL system is owned by Minnesota Pipe Line Company and operated by Flint Hills Resources.

### **MPL 4**

MPL 4, constructed as the MinnCan pipeline, is the newest pipeline in the MPL system. It was built in 2008 and was designed to accommodate a future increase in capacity.

- MPL 4 is approximately 300 miles long and is 24 inches in diameter.
- The pipeline follows the same right-of-way as MPL 1, 2 and 3 for the first 118 miles and then travels west and south of the Twin Cities.
- Today MPL 4 is configured to transport about 165,000 barrels of crude oil per day.

### **Reliability project**

The addition of six pump stations to MPL Line 4 and upgrades at existing stations will allow the pipeline to operate at its original design capacity of approximately 350,000 barrels of crude oil per day when needed to meet demand.

- The project will help ensure that refineries producing the majority of Minnesota's transportation fuels continue to have access to sufficient and reliable crude supplies.
- The project will give MPL the flexibility to shift capacity to its newest pipeline in the event of an outage on other segments of the pipeline system.
- The project will allow MPL to conduct maintenance on other segments of the pipeline system as needed without disrupting crude supplies to the Twin Cities refineries.
- The new pump stations will be located in rural areas along the route in Hubbard, Wadena, Morrison, Meeker, McLeod and Scott counties.
- No new pipeline will be installed and no new pipeline right-of-way will be acquired for this project.
- This project is an estimated \$125 million investment and will bring increased property tax benefits to the counties where construction will occur.
- About 40-50 new construction jobs will be created.