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The Minneapolis Diagonal Trail (also known as the Northeast Diagonal Trail) is primarily a commuter route offering grade-separated crossings of Interstate 35W. The trail links an industrial area north of the University of Minnesota with the suburbs of St. Anthony and Roseville.

Most of the trail occupies a former BNSF Railway corridor. Kiosks along the industrial portions of the trail in the south outline the local neighborhood history. Farther north, the trail passes a large cemetery; be sure to stop at the top of the hill for impressive views of the Minneapolis skyline. Immediately after the cemetery, the trail skirts the edge of Gross National Golf Club before reaching its eastern endpoint in Roseville.

An extension of the Minneapolis Diagonal Trail from its intersection with Stinson Boulevard parallels the road south to E. Hennepin Avenue; this is the portion that is not a rail-trail. Trail users should exercise caution, as this segment intersects a number of streets and driveways. 18th Street SE continues south of Hennepin Avenue as a signed bike route through residential neighborhoods to SE Elm Street.

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States: Minnesota

Counties: Hennepin,Ramsey

Length: 3miles

Trail end points: Walnut St. (Minneapolis) to E Hennepin Ave. (Minneapolis)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Walking,Wheelchair Accessible
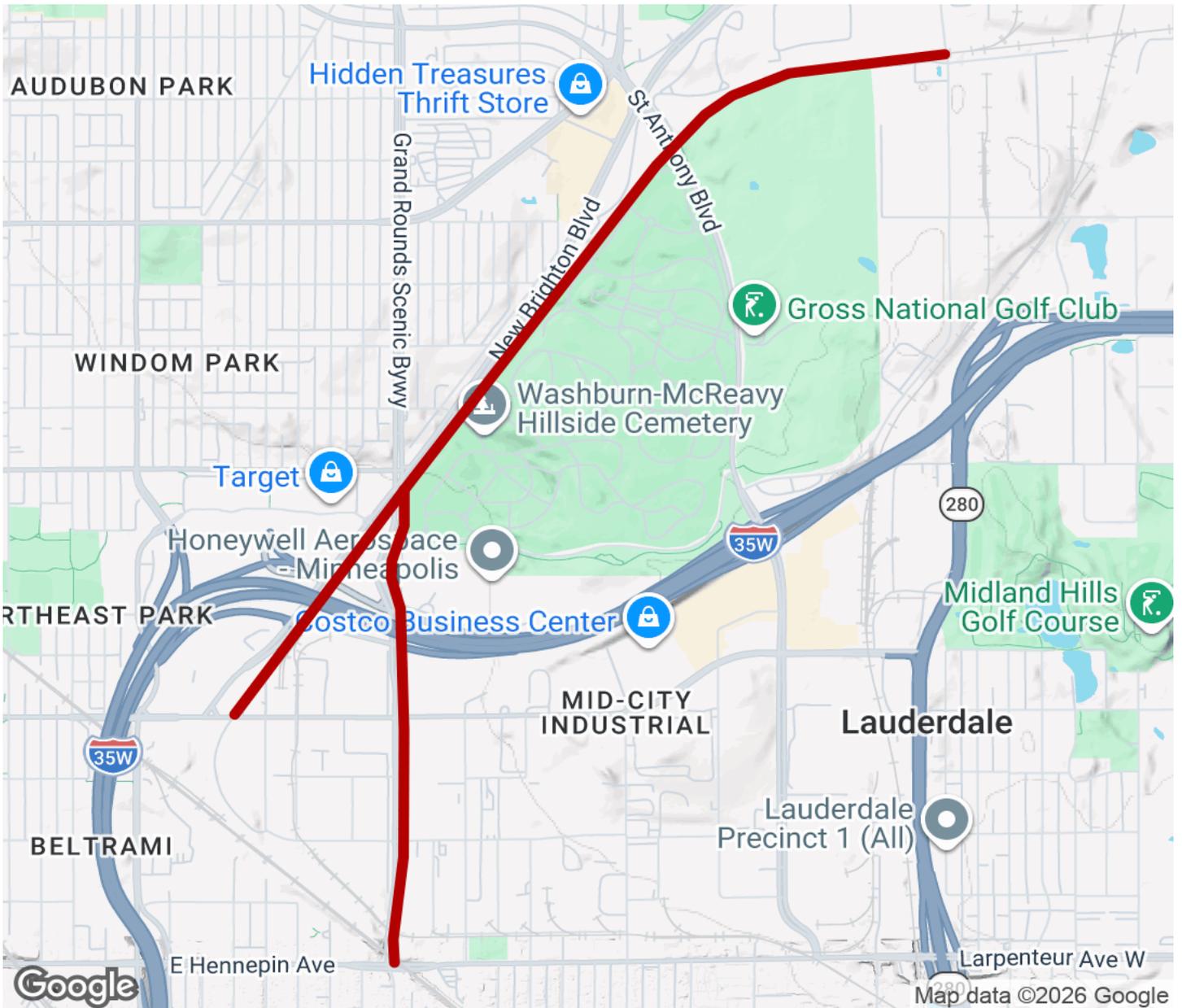
Parking & Trail Access

Because the Minneapolis Diagonal Trail is primarily a route for commuters, there are no dedicated parking lots. Instead, parking may be available at commercial properties along the trail, at the cemetery or on the street.

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Legend

🚩 Trailhead   🚻 Restroom   🚗 Parking   💧 Water Fountain   ⛩ Tunnel