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The Twin Cities is clearly on the White House's radar.

President Obama has visited the area three times within the past couple of years and touted the business practices of an area restaurateur, Punch Pizza, during his most recent State of the Union address. Vice President Biden was in town a couple of weeks ago and on Wednesday, February 26, the president made a stop at the Union Depot in St. Paul to announce his competition encouraging Congress pass a bill to create jobs and restore infrastructure as part of the president's Year of Action. The depot was chosen as an example of a previously collapsing entity that is seeing a revival due to a recent restoration.

"Because of the work done on this building right here, all toll, more than 4,000 jobs were created because of this project," said Obama. "All in all, everybody's winning."

St. Paul's Union Depot, which had become seriously dilapidated, received a grand makeover to the tune of a \$243 million restoration that was completed in December 2012. The Union Depot restoration received \$124.3 million in federal funds.

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