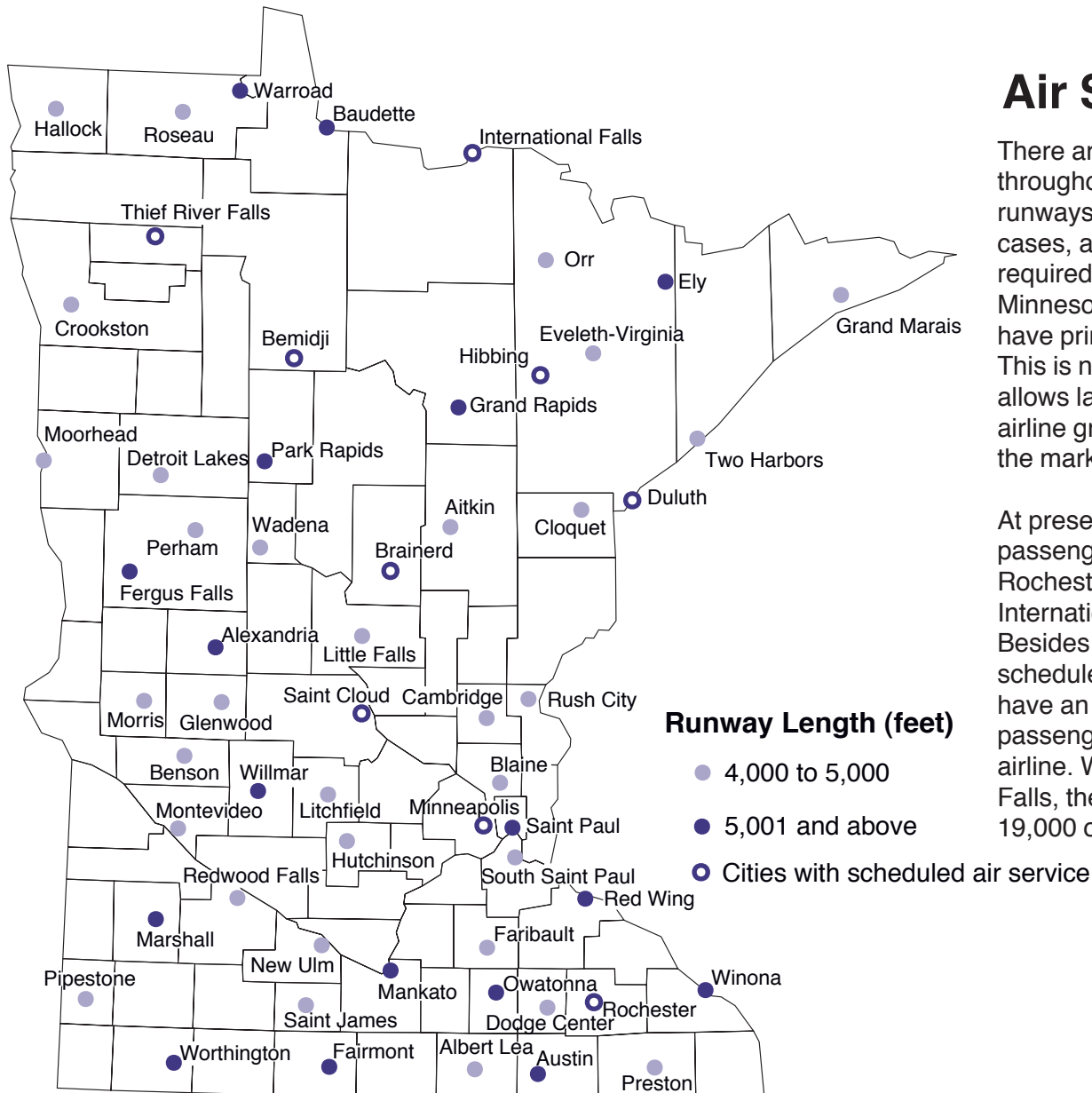


Air Service

There are numerous airports and airstrips distributed throughout the state, but this map depicts those with runways of more than 4,000 feet in length. In most cases, a primary runway of greater than 5,000 feet is required for commercial air service. All airports in Minnesota that currently have commercial service have primary runways that are at least 6,500 feet. This is not a requirement, but the additional length allows larger aircraft to use the airport and gives the airline greater flexibility in selecting aircraft to serve the market.

At present (2006) nine cities have scheduled passenger service: Minneapolis International, Rochester, Brainerd, Bemdji, Duluth, Hibbing, International Falls, Saint Cloud and Thief River Falls. Besides having adequate runway length, to have scheduled passenger service a community must have an adequate number of actual or potential passengers to make service cost effective for the airline. With the exception of Hibbing and Thief River Falls, the air service cities in Minnesota all have 19,000 or more annual enplanements.



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