

Twins Won't Be Announcing New Ballpark by Opening Day

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Don't look for an announcement on the **new Twins ballpark** by Opening Day. And for that matter, it may be weeks until that time comes.

The **Hennepin County Board** has postponed until April 10 a closed meeting intended to resolve details before construction can begin on the 40,000-seat, open-air stadium in downtown Minneapolis.

The Board is working to resolve details around the movement of railroad tracks owned by Burlington Northern & Santa Fe near the location of the ballpark site, and other land details that have stymied the ability of the Twins and the County to make the official announcement for the new stadium. As reported [by the Minnesota Star Tribune](#) :

"Too many details need to be worked out," said **Commissioner Randy Johnson**, after postponing the meeting, which had been set for Friday. "Moving the railroad tracks is a good idea for lots of reasons, but it's also complicated."

Chuck Ballentine, deputy coordinator of the Hennepin County Ballpark Project, predicted that even with immediate complications, construction on the new \$522 million ballpark could begin in May.