



Metropolitan Area Transitway Projects

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AREA SERVED

7+
COUNTIES

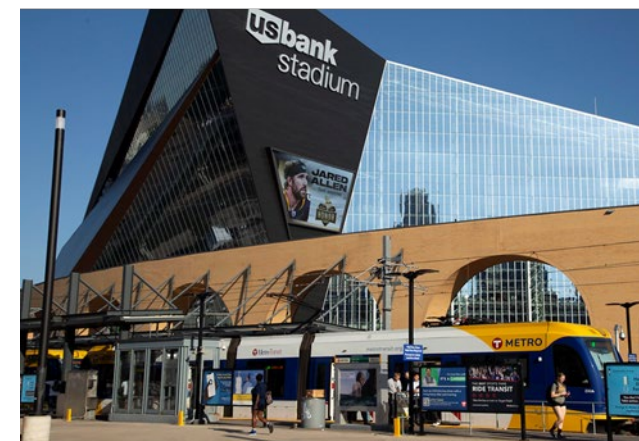
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CITIES



900 SQ. MILES

FORWARD

- Two transportation divisions within the Metropolitan Council
- **Metro Transit**- directly operated regional bus, BRT, light rail, Northstar commuter rail
- **Metropolitan Transportation Services**- contracted services
 - Metro Mobility/Metro Move
 - Contracted fixed route bus service including bus rapid transit
 - Micro transit on-demand service
 - Transit Link dial-a-ride service
 - Regional vanpool and TDM functions





Connecting People • Strengthening Communities • Improving Lives

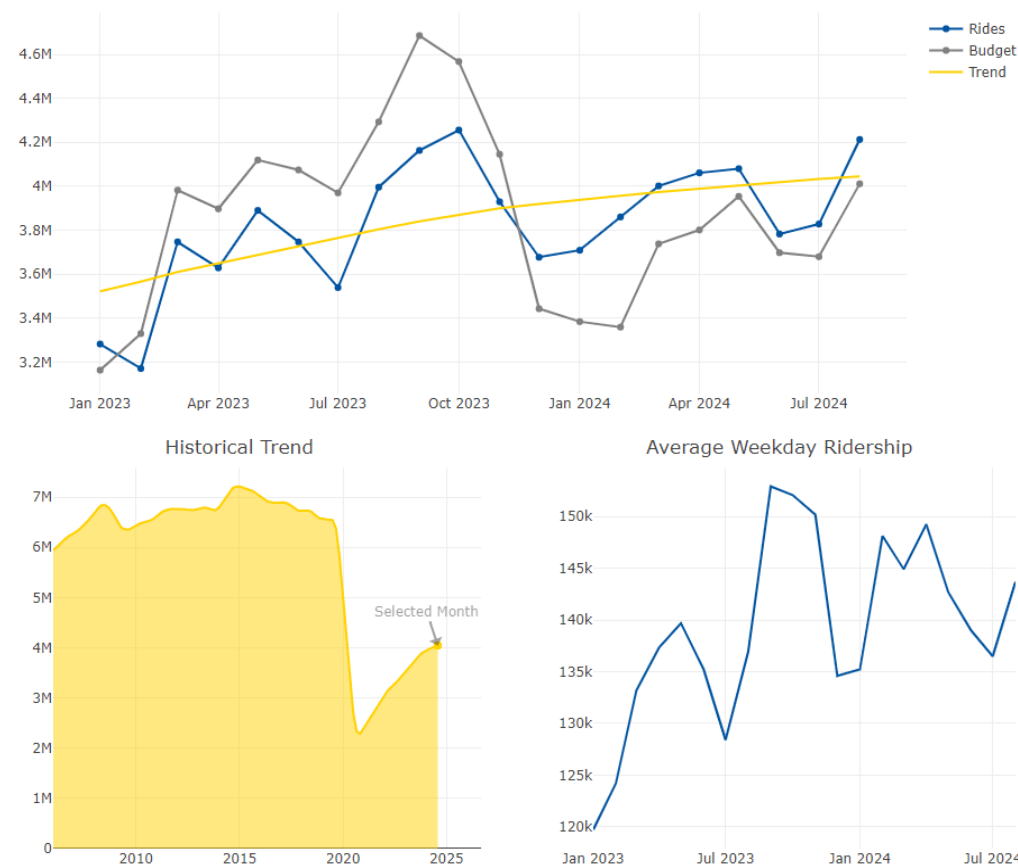
VISION AND MISSION

We connect people, strengthen communities, and improve lives by delivering high-quality public transportation.



Metro Transit Forward Progress: Ridership

- **35.8 million** rides through end of Sept (+8%)
 - BRT ridership +17%
 - LRT ridership +8%
 - Northstar ridership +50%
- 155,000 average weekday rides
- 376,000 State Fair rides, +29%
- Employee pass ridership +48%



Network Now Draft Concept Plan

- Service improvement plan through 2027
- Proposed plan would result in **35% increase in service**
 - Expanded service on 65 routes
 - Revamped express service
 - 10-minute light rail service
 - 8 microtransit zones
 - Five new METRO lines in service
- **Comment through November 15!**
- <https://www.metrotransit.org/network-now>



- 2004: Blue Line LRT
- 2009: NorthStar Commuter Rail
- 2013: Red Line BRT
- 2014: Green Line LRT
- 2016: A Line BRT
- 2019: C Line BRT
- 2021: Orange Line BRT
- 2022: D Line BRT

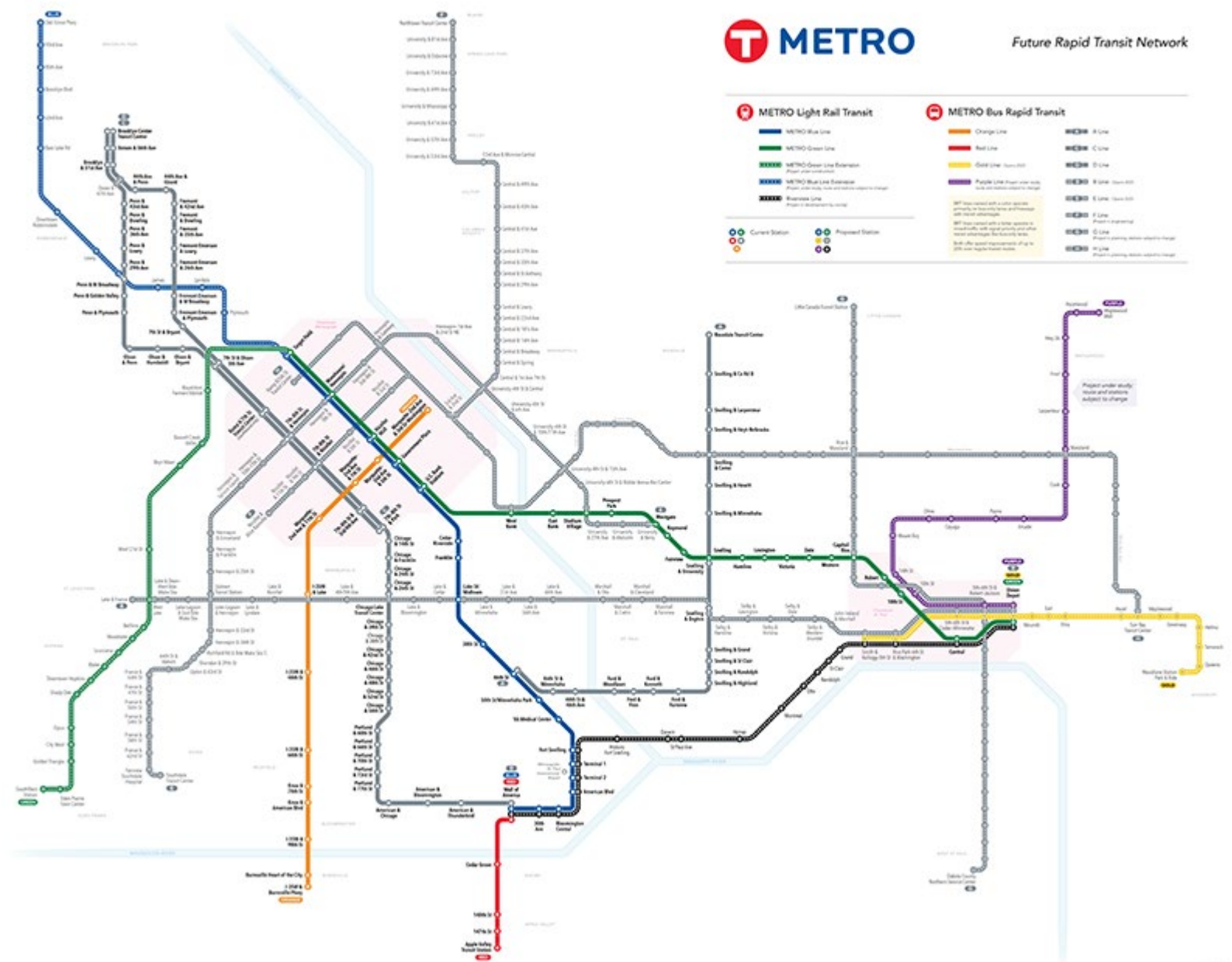
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METRO System Plan

METRO line	Opening/Status
Gold Line	March 2025
B Line	June 2025
E Line	Dec 2025
Green Line Ext	2027
F Line	Engineering
G Line	Planning
H Line	Planning
Blue Line Ext	Engineering
Purple Line	Planning

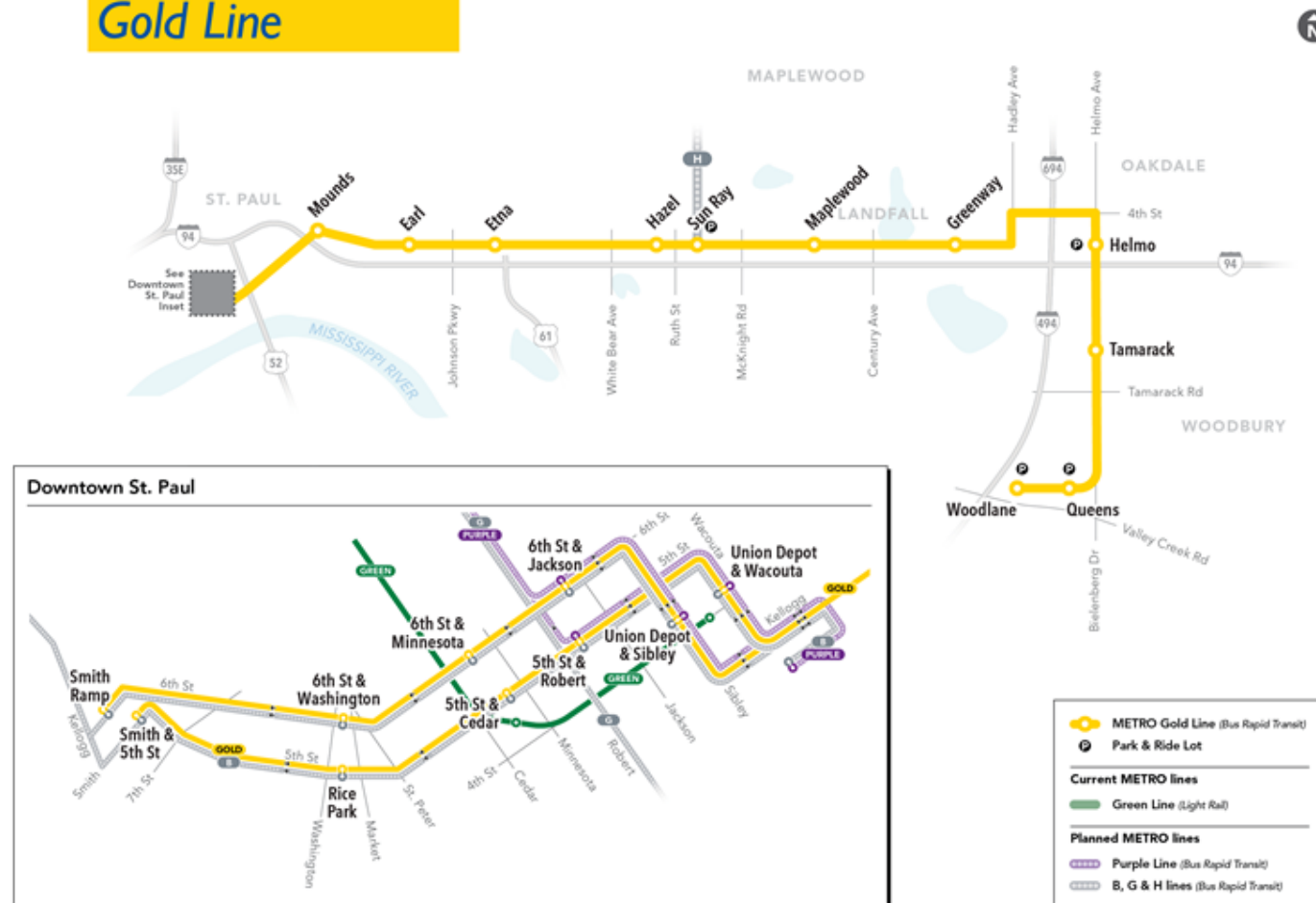


METRO Gold Line

- March 22 Service Launch
- Woodbury to DT St. Paul
- Dedicated Guideway segments
- Civil Construction nearly 100% complete
- Frequent, all-day service
- Off-board fare payment
- TRIP Agents onboard
- Gold Line Extension announced to DT Mpls



November 2022



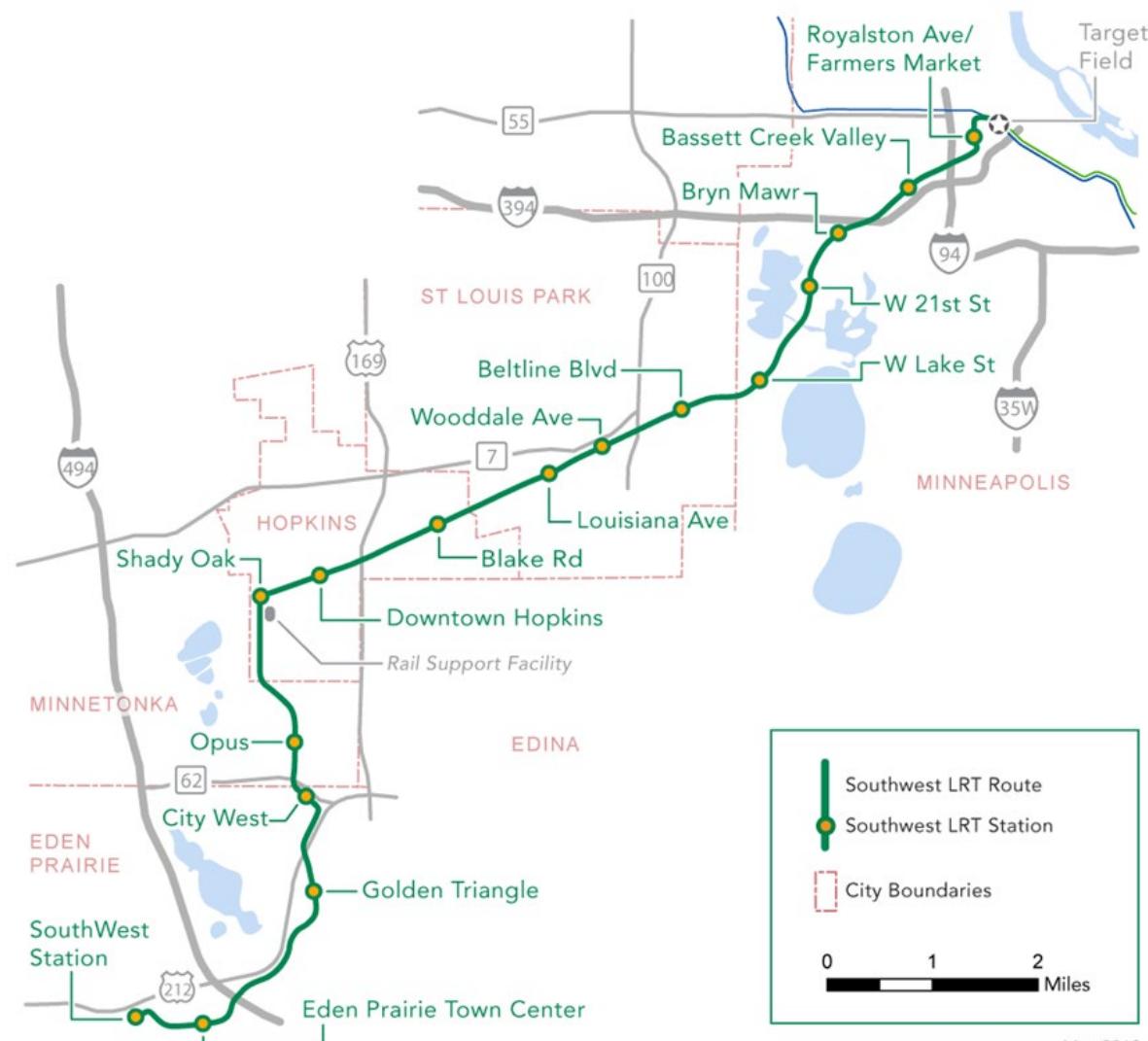
METRO E Line

- December Service Launch
- Prospect Park-U of M-SE and NE Mpls-DT
- Mpls-Uptown-SW Mpls-Edina-Southdale
- **Bus Only Lanes** included
- Coordinated with Hennepin Ave S reconstruction
- Frequent, all-day service
- Off-board fare payment
- TRIP Agents onboard
- Heavy construction in 2025



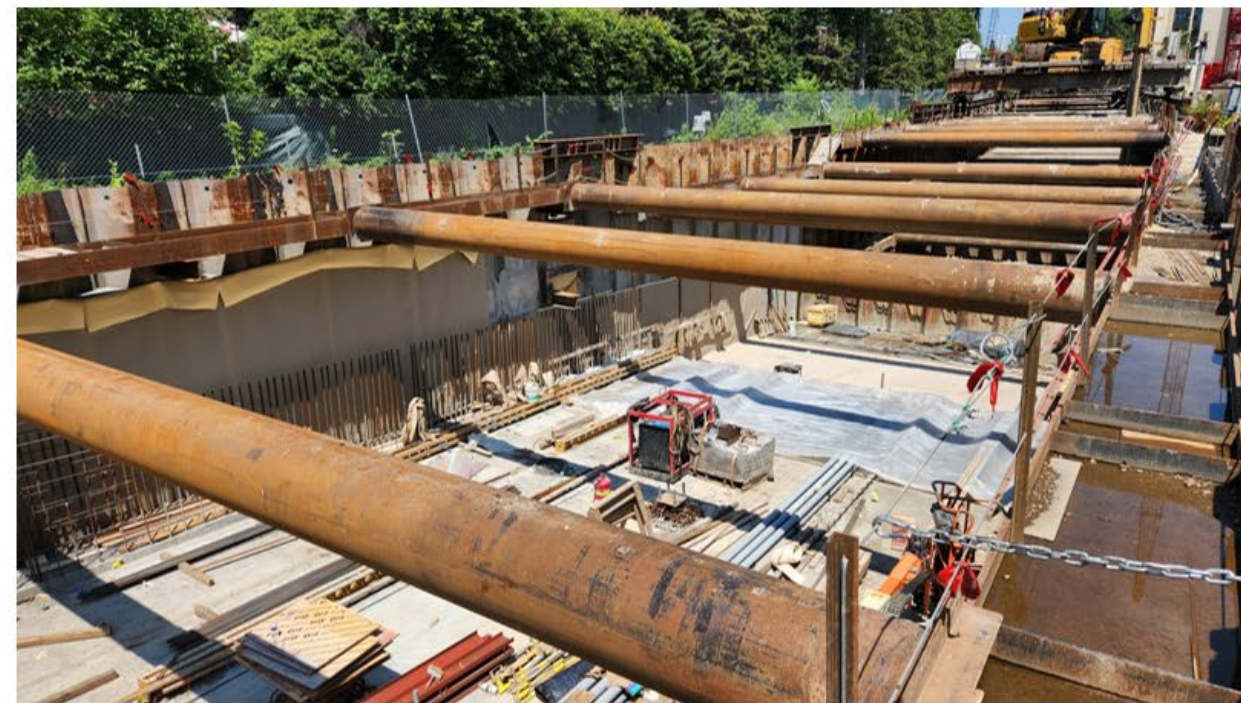
METRO Green Line Extension

- Serving Eden Prairie, Minnetonka, Hopkins, St. Louis Park and Minneapolis
- 14.5 miles
- 16 stations
- Single seat trips to downtown Minneapolis, U of M, St. Paul
- Connections to Airport and Mall of America via Blue Line
- Initial testing expected to start by end of 2025





**Shady Oak Station and the
Minnesota River Bluffs Trail in
Hopkins**

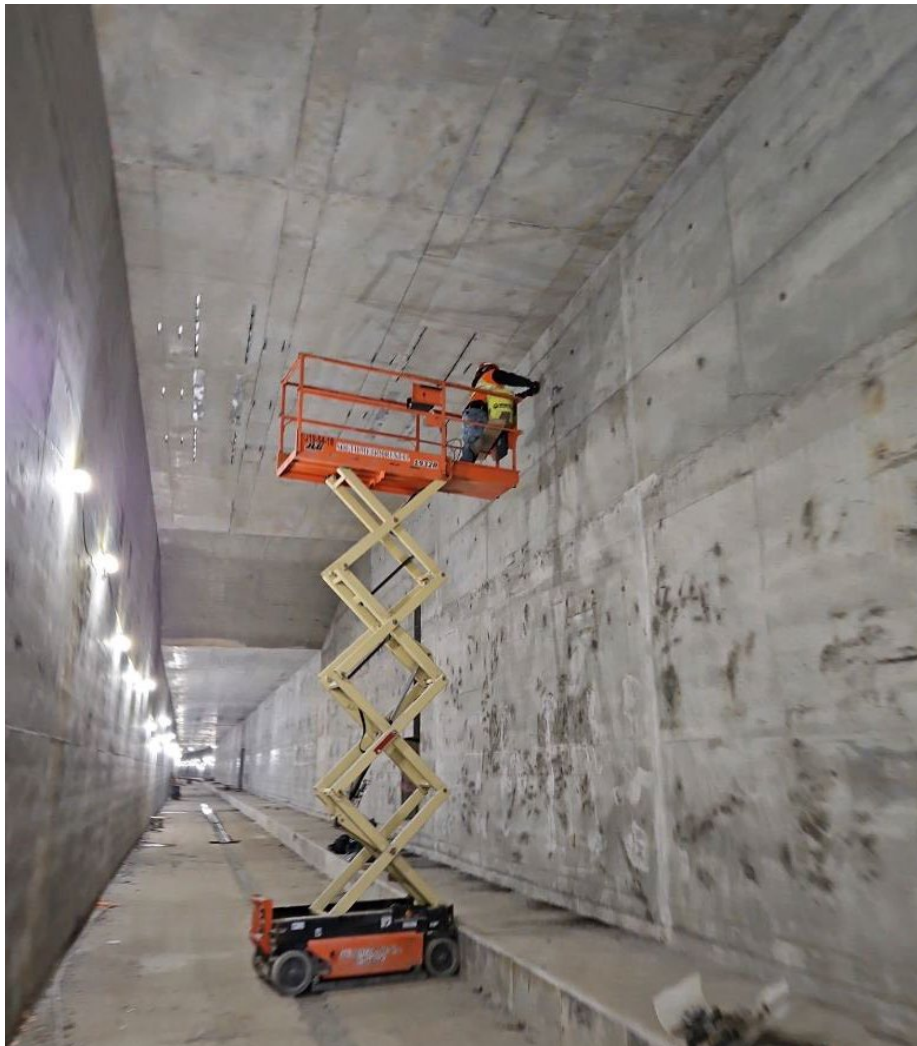


**Kenilworth LRT tunnel:
waterproofing installation**

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Civil Construction Update & Photos

Kenilworth Tunnel in Minneapolis





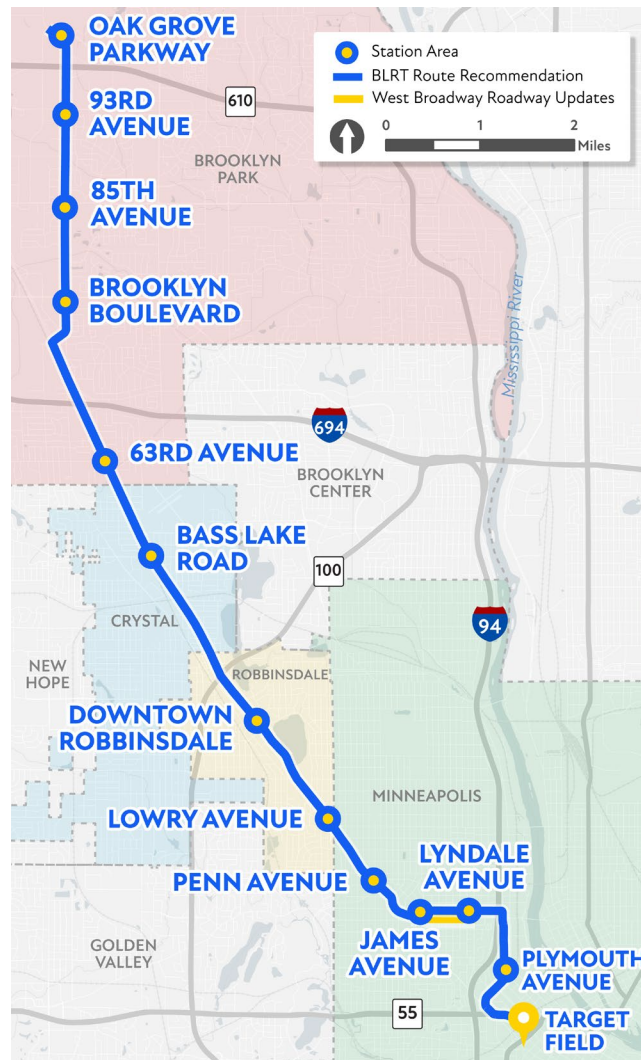
Crossover and siding track in Hopkins/Minnetonka



Bus Loop and Train Terminal at SouthWest Station

METRO Blue Line Extension

- 13.4 miles & 12 new stations
- Operating & Maintenance Facility in Brooklyn Park
- Connecting Minneapolis, Robbinsdale, Crystal, Brooklyn Park and surrounding communities to fast, frequent, all-day service across the METRO system
- Single seat ride to existing Blue Line stops downtown, MSP Airport, and Mall of America
- Focus on building community prosperity through anti-displacement strategies before, during, and after construction



Next steps

- ✓ Updated post-COVID ridership and initial cost information: March 2024
- ✓ Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement: Spring 2024
- ✓ Municipal Consent Complete: Fall 2024
- Updated 60% cost estimate: Fall 2024
- Finalize Design: 2024-2026
- Construction starts: 2026-2027
- Anticipated opening: 2030

Thank You!

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