



METRO Bronze Line BRT Project Update

Transportation Advisory Board

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

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- Project Overview
- Public Outreach & Engagement

Project History

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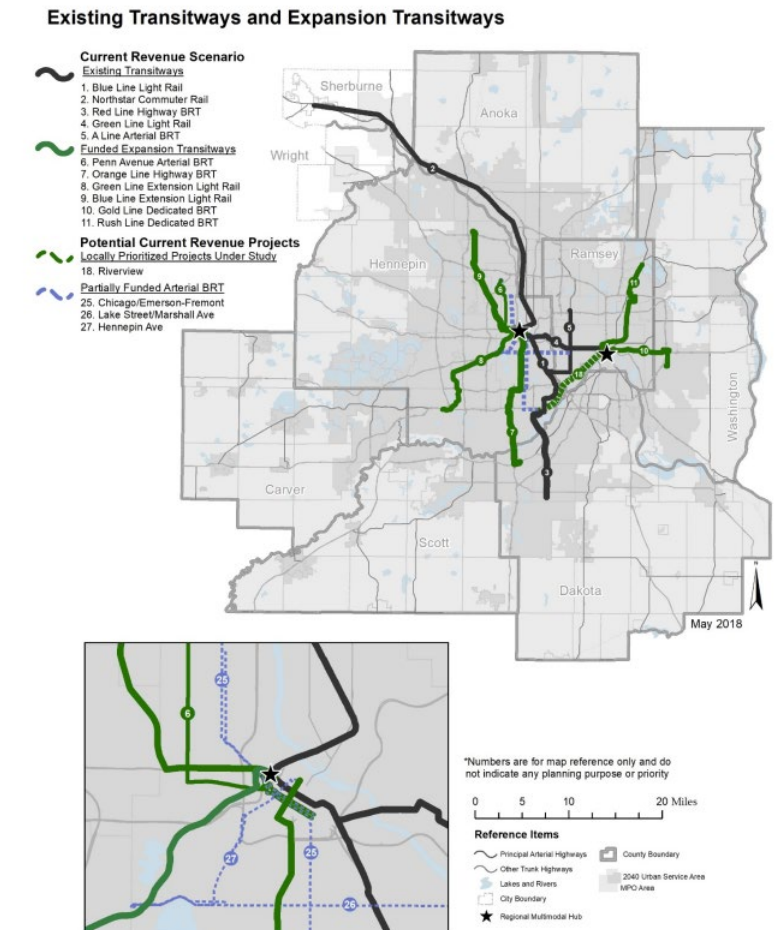


Original LPA and TPP

- May 2017: Rush Line Policy Advisory Committee recommended the Rush Line LPA, a 15-mile BRT route from Union Depot to downtown White Bear Lake.
- 2018 Update to the 2040 TPP added the Rush Line LPA to the Current Revenue Scenario with a \$480M capital budget and planned opening in 2026.

“Rush Line Dedicated BRT This project will connect Saint Paul, Maplewood, Vadnais Heights, Gem Lake, and White Bear Lake. The project’s locally preferred alternative is dedicated BRT generally from Union Depot along Phalen Boulevard, Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority property (adjacent to Bruce Vento Trail) to I-694, and Highway 61 terminating in downtown White Bear Lake. Work is ongoing on station-area planning, environmental review, and early engineering in preparation for eventual request into the FTA New Starts project development phase.”

Figure 6-8: Map of Existing Transitways and Current Revenue Scenario Expansion Transitways



Amending the Revised LPA into Imagine 2050 TPP

- **Revised LPA Recommendation** by CMC in December 2025
- **Resolutions of Support** for Revised LPA Recommendation by cities of Saint Paul and Maplewood, and Ramsey County Board of Commissioners and Regional Railroad Authority by end of March 2026
- **Informational Presentations**
 - 1/22/26: Transit Planning Technical Working Group
 - 3/4/26: TAB Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
 - 3/12/26: TAB TAC Planning Committee
 - 3/18/26: Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)

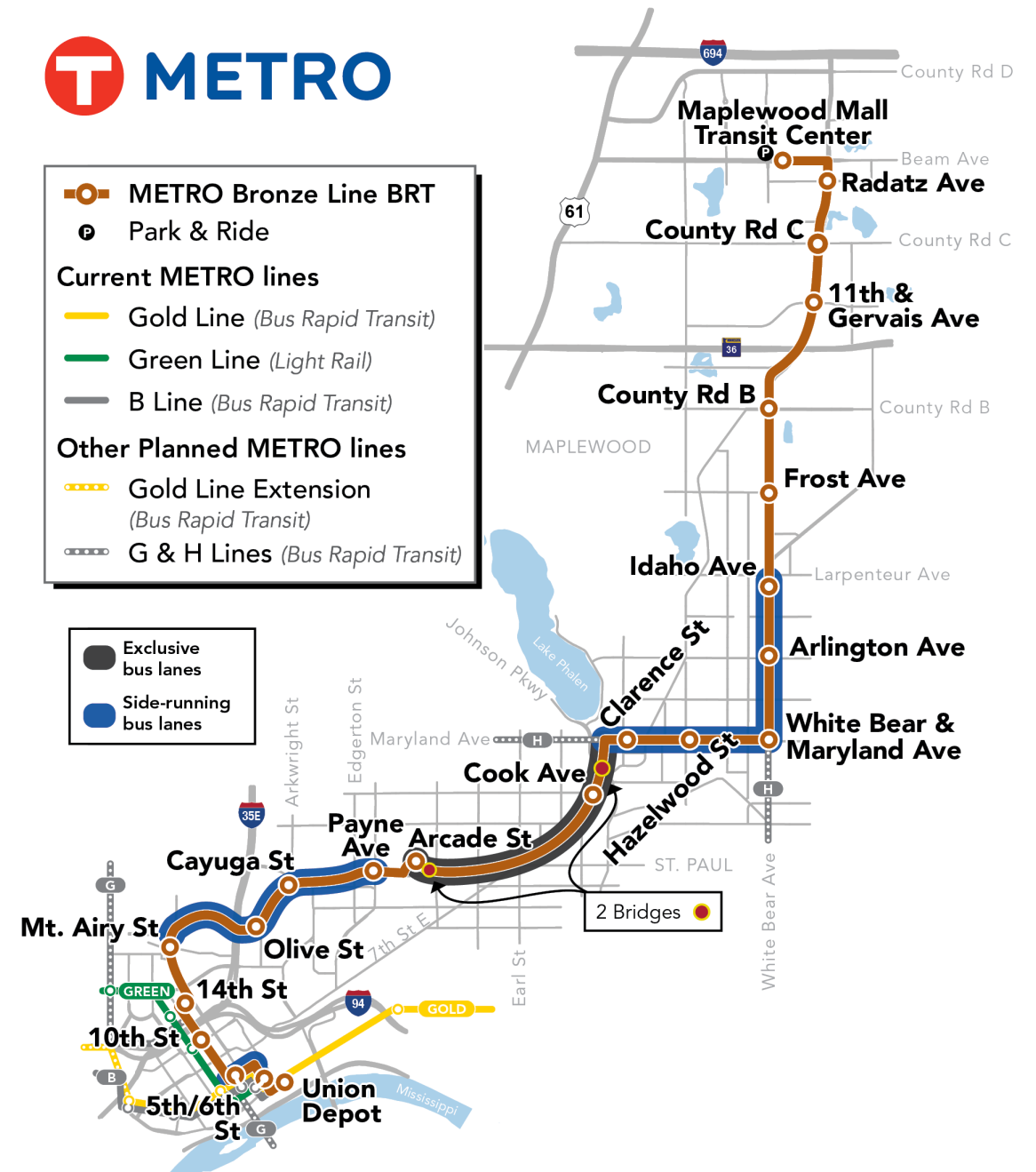
Project Overview

Stephen Smith | County's Project Manager



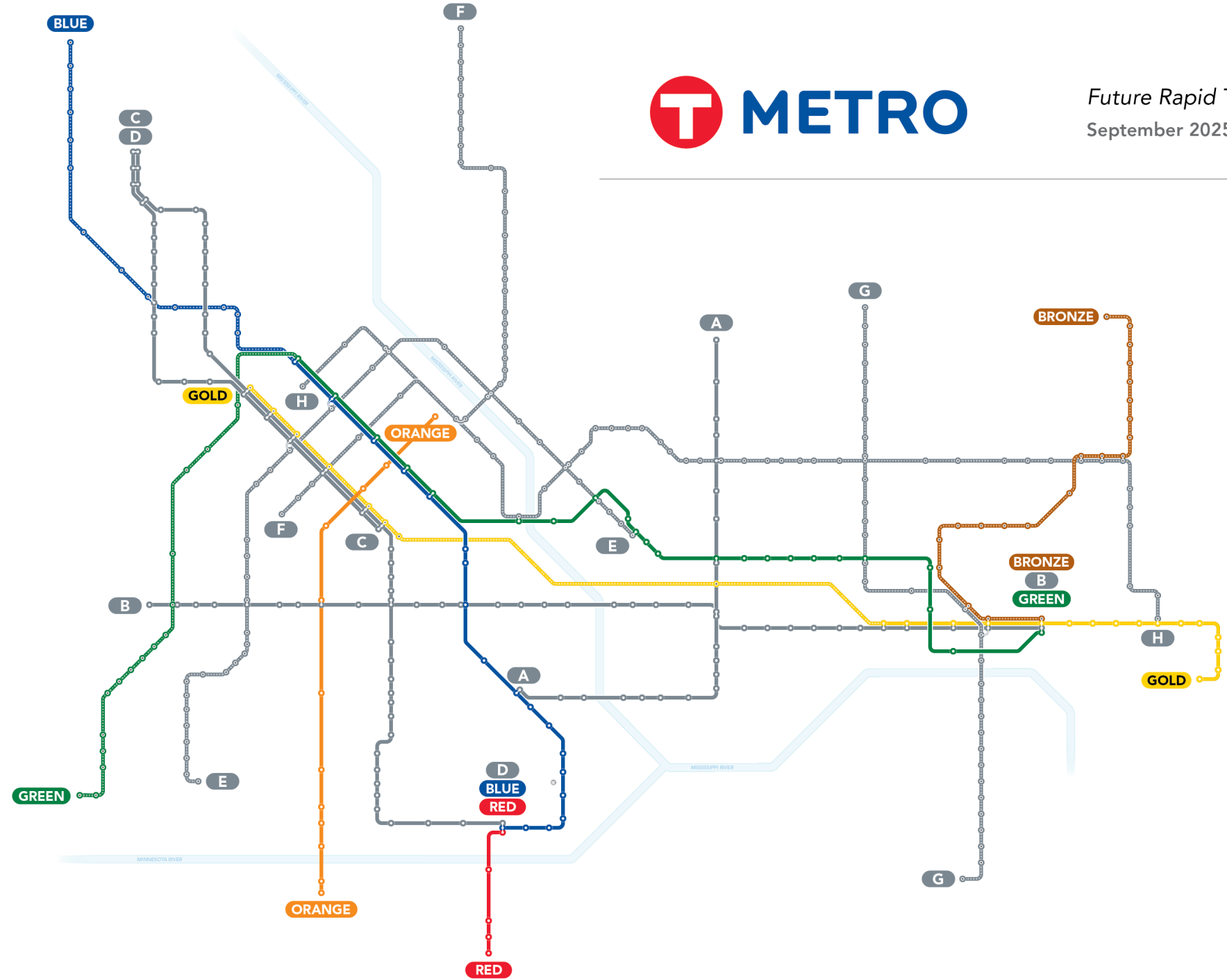
METRO Bronze Line!

- A reimagined and community-responsive version of the former Purple Line BRT project
- Will improve transit reliability and enhance safety along key corridors
- 10-mile route between St. Paul's Union Depot and the Maplewood Mall Transit Center
- 22 stations and feature 5 miles of bus lanes and two new bridges

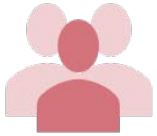




Future Rapid Transit Network
September 2025



Who is the Project serving



- 61% BIPOC



- 17% 0-car Households



- 20% Population in poverty



- 11% Population over 65



- 38% Population under 25



- 13% Population with a Disability



- 18% Population with Limited English Proficiency



12

Schools



5

Healthcare Facilities



2

Libraries

Saint Paul south of Maryland Ave:

- Union Depot Station to Cook Ave. Station: Preliminary Engineering Complete
 - Major design features such as platforms and bridges are set.
- Union Depot Station through 10th St. Station have been or will be completed by other BRT projects



Saint Paul on Maryland and White Bear avenues:

- 5 BRT stations on Maryland and White Bear avenues
 - Clarence, Hazelwood, White Bear & Maryland, Arlington, Idaho
- Side-running bus lanes
 - General traffic to make right-turns onto local streets or into driveways
- Full roadway reconstruction



Maplewood – White Bear Ave north of Larpenteur Ave:

- 6 BRT stations
 - 5 new stations (Frost, County Rd B, 11th/Gervais, County Rd C, Radatz)
 - End-of-the-line station at the Maplewood Mall Transit Center
- Pavement Replacement
 - Frost to Beam avenues



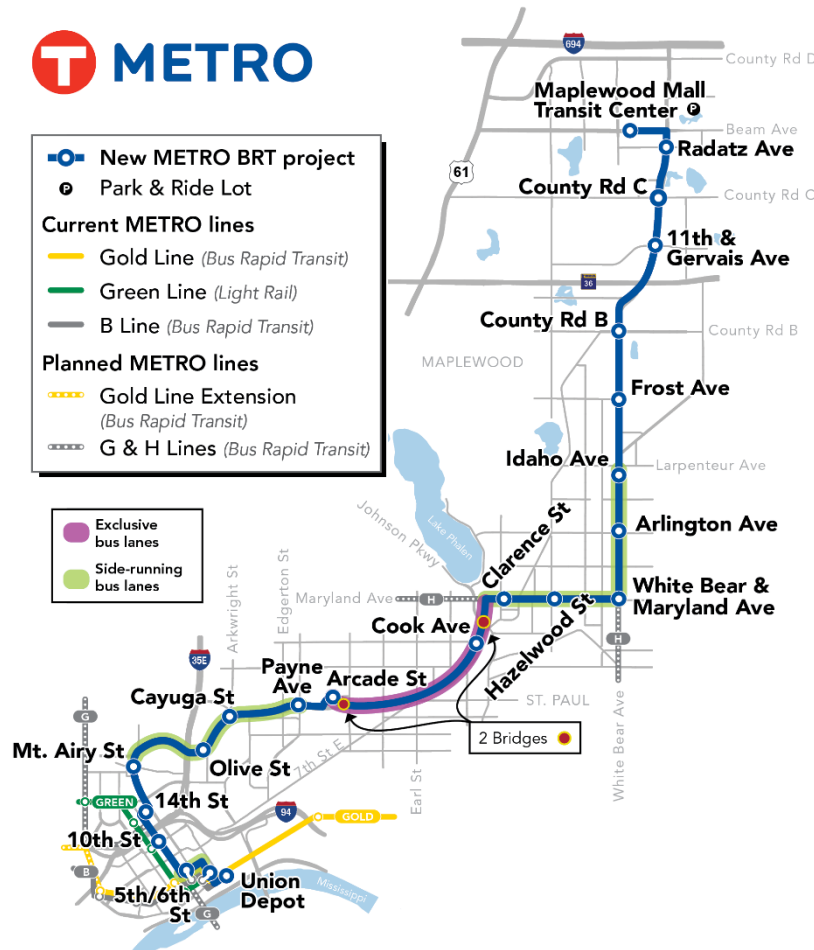
North Terminus

- New end of line station
- Maplewood Mall Transit Center improvements
- Connection to a new [Metro micro](#) service zone
- Connection to new and improved Route 219 and 223 service (by end of 2027 through [Network Now](#)).



Project Capital Cost Estimate

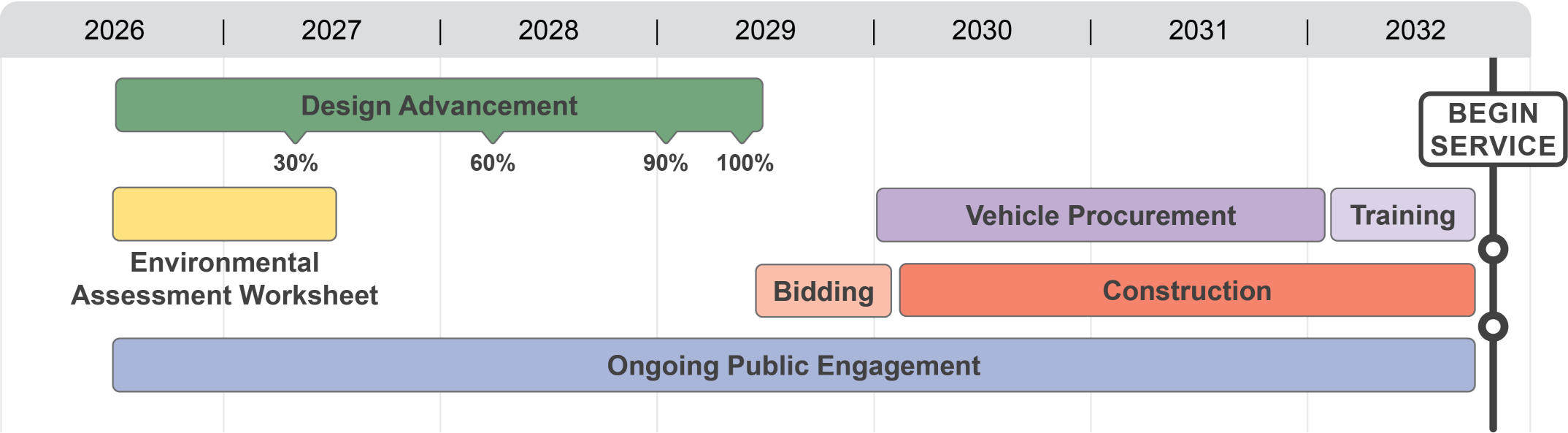
\$375+ Million – 100% Local Funded



- **Ramsey County (\$340+ million):**
 - All project costs in Saint Paul
 - All cost associated to the pavement replacement in Maplewood
 - Labor and expense costs for Ramsey County staff
 - Some labor and expense costs for select Met Council staff
 - Cost to complete state environmental review process
 - Bus propulsion type could reduce funding commitment
- **Met Council (\$35 million):**
 - All project costs in Maplewood except pavement replacement
 - Labor and expense costs for most Met Council staff
 - Bus propulsion type could increase funding commitment

Anticipated Project Delivery Schedule

- Three new consultant teams onboard by mid-year 2026



Public Outreach & Engagement

Liz Jones | Project's Public Involvement Manager (acting)

Engagement Efforts



Since 2022, outreach staff have reached over **6,000 residents**



6,050+
people were engaged during RMS I and RMS II



Project staff tabled at **68** community events (**21 for RMS I** and **47 RMS II**)



89 stakeholder/committee meetings were held for RMS I and RMS II



RMS I and RMS II had over **2,325** survey responses

Over **1,000 residents** were reached through door-knocking for RMS II



TYPES OF ENGAGEMENT



1 ON 1

- Door knocking
- Meetings with property owners
- Elected officials, City staff



NEIGHBORHOOD

- Elim Church
- Reallife Coop
- Iowa Hi-Rise
- National Night Out



COMMUNITY

- District Council meetings
- Community organizations (WBABA, ESABA)



CORRIDOR LEVEL

- Open houses
- Online engagement
- Hello Lamp Post
- Community Business Advisory Committee

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METRO Bronze Line Project
 December 2025

Project Overview

The METRO Bronze Line is a planned bus rapid transit line that will provide faster and more reliable transit service to the cities of Saint Paul and Maplewood and will connect with existing and future light rail and bus rapid transit services of the METRO system, including direct connections to the Green Line, Gold Line, B Line, G Line, and H Line, as well as local and express bus routes. The line will run from Union Depot in downtown Saint Paul to Maplewood Mall Transit Center, generally along Robert Street and Phalen Boulevard south of Maryland Avenue. The line will replace Route 54 along White Bear Avenue and a portion of Maryland Avenue with enhanced service and facilities. The line will increase accessibility to jobs, housing, and services, improving the appeal and competitiveness of the east metro area.

Project Schedule

The Corridor Management Committee (CMC) is anticipated to make a recommendation to advance the project during its Dec. 11 meeting. Afterward, the Metropolitan Council would seek resolutions of support from Ramsey County and the cities of Maplewood and Saint Paul.

The schedule for the project's design, construction, and opening is under development. More information about the project schedule will be shared once available. Construction is not anticipated before 2028.

2025			2026		
September	October	November	December	January	February
Public Outreach			Resolutions of Support		

County Workshop

CMC Action

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MASHRUUQA KHADKA METRO BRONZE LINE
 DISEEMBAR 2025

Isku dubaridka la-hawlgalayaasha mashruuca ayaa keentay qoexidda soo socota:

Gudaha Maplewood, mashruuca waxaa ka mid ah:

- Hagaajinta boosajada dhamaadka wadada ee Maplewood Mall Transit Center
- Meelo kor ka dadadan oo uu rakaabku ku sugo oo istaareex ah oo leh tas-hillaad kala duwan oo ay ku jiraan iftiiminta iyo kor u qaadista billica
- Wax ka beddelada mudaanta calaamada taraafikada gaadiidka
- Hanashada dhulka dantiqa oo kooban si boos loo siiyo aagaga boosajada
- Hagaajinada isgoysyada boosajada, sida:
 - Taagga dadka lugaynaya iyo calaamada
 - Beddelidda suurtagalka ah ee nalalka taraafiga ee gaabooy
- Basaska waxay adeegsan doonaan seedadka ujeedooyinka guud ee waqooyiga Larpeur Avenue

Gudaha Saint Paul, mashruuca waxaa ka mid ah:

- Nakhshadda mashruuca waxaa ka mid ah BRT cusub iyo dhabbo buundo oo wayyaabo badan loo isticmaalo oo la dul saaro Johnson Parkway (inta u dhaxaysa Cook Street iyo Maryland Avenue)
- Meelo kor ka dadadan oo uu rakaabku ku sugo oo istaareex ah oo leh tas-hillaad kala duwan oo ay ku jiraan iftiiminta iyo kor u qaadista billica
- Basaska waxay mari doonaan seedadka geesaha ah ee wadooyinka Maryland iyo White Bear ee koonfurta Larpeur Avenue tasoos u oggolaanaysa gaadiidka guud inay midig ugu leedaan wadooyinka ama dantiyada maxaalliga ah
- Horumarinta kale ee Saint Paul waxaa ka mid ah:
 - Seedad u gaar ah baabuurta bidu u leeanaysa iyo meelo u dheer iyo wadooyinka oo cusub
 - Taagga dadka lugaynaya iyo calaamada
- Wax ka beddelada mudaanta calaamada taraafikada gaadiidka
- Hanashada dhulka dantiqa si ay boos u siiyo dib-u-dhiska wadada iyo goobaha boosajada

KU XIRNOW

Isqor si aad warbixinta imayl ugu hesho: metrotransit.org/bronze-line-project

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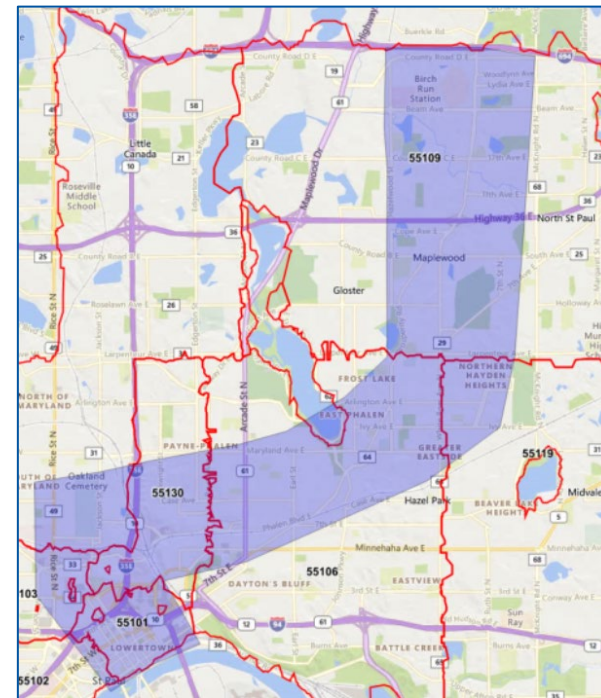
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COMMENT CARD

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COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Please leave this card in the comment box. Your feedback will be shared with project staff and included in the project record. Comments and questions may also be directed to BronzeLine@metrotransit.org.

English Factsheet
(front side)

Somali Factsheet
(back side)

Postcard Mailer Radius

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PROJECT UPDATE!

The Metropolitan Council, Ramsey County and the cities of Maplewood and St. Paul announce the **METRO Bronze Line bus rapid transit project**.

metrotransit.org/bronze-line-project

UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETING

VIRTUAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10

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METRO Bronze Line

The Metropolitan Council, Ramsey County, and the cities of Maplewood and Saint Paul are excited to announce the METRO Bronze Line, a reimagined version of the former Purple Line bus rapid transit (BRT) project.

The Bronze Line will span about 10 miles, with 22 stations, five miles of bus lanes, and two new bridges. Stations will have near-level platforms, real-time arrival info, lighting, security cameras, and seasonal shelter amenities. BRT vehicles will allow all-door boarding with off-board fare collection. It will operate in mixed traffic in Maplewood and a mix of exclusive lanes and mixed traffic in Saint Paul.

To learn more about the project, share your feedback on an interactive map, and find meeting and pop-up event details:

metrotransit.org/bronze-line-project

STAY CONNECTED!

Attend a virtual community meeting on Dec. 10 to learn more about the trajectory of the METRO Bronze Line and how it will move forward in Saint Paul and Maplewood.

VIRTUAL MEETING

Wednesday, Dec. 10 | Noon – 1:30 p.m.

Visit the website for the meeting link.

If you are interested in having Bronze Line staff come to your neighborhood groups, community organization, business, or event, please reach out.

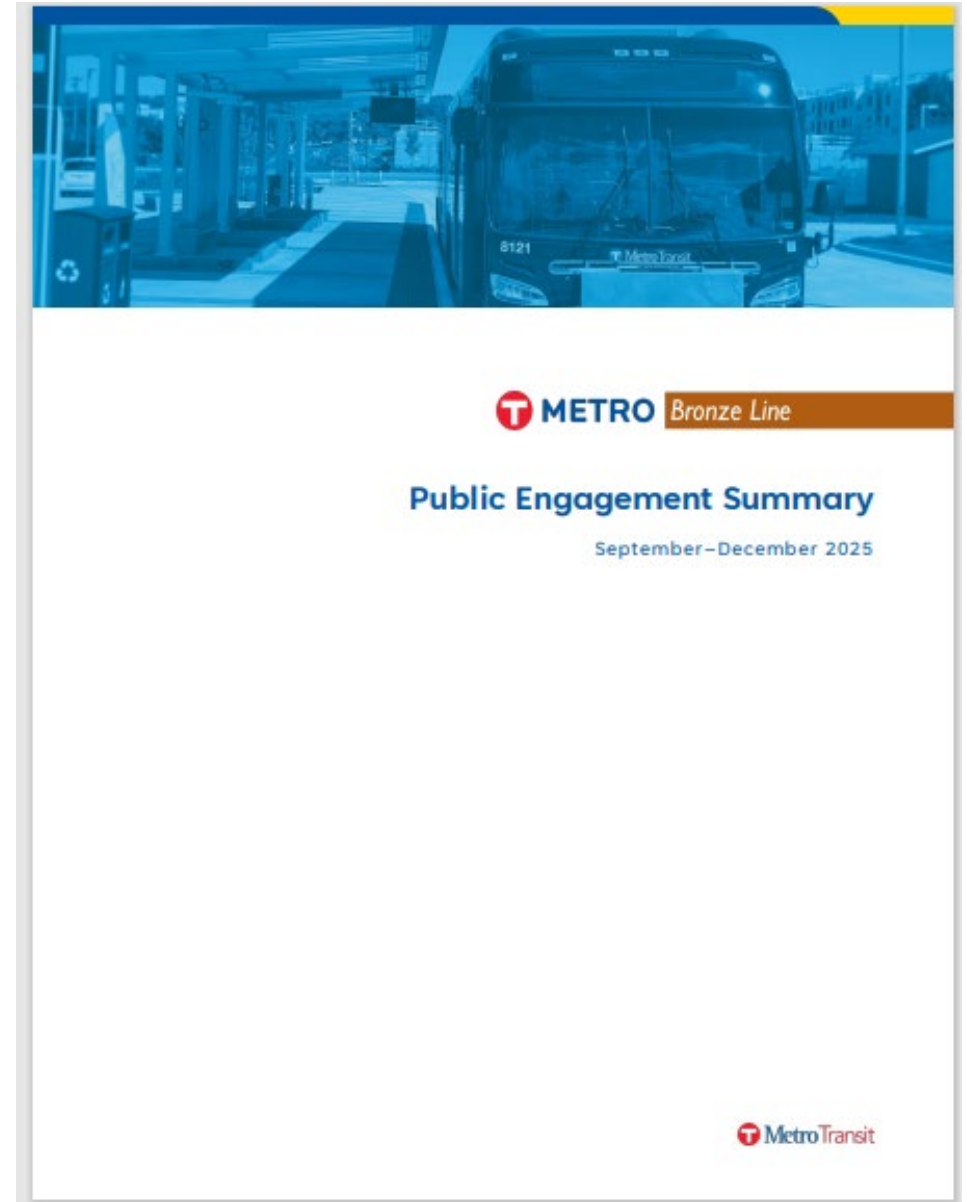
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Outreach Summary Report

Fall/Winter 2025 Engagement



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