



METRO Blue Line Extension **Community Benefits**

How will the Blue Line Extension improve our communities?



The METRO Blue Line Extension (BLE) will run from downtown Minneapolis to Brooklyn Park, connecting some of our region's most diverse communities to jobs, education, and opportunities. It's construction and operation present exciting opportunities to advance community visions for economic development, the environment, and streetscape features that can help residents and businesses build wealth in place and improve quality of life.

Connecting Communities with Efficient Transit

WITHIN THE BLUE LINE EXTENSION CORRIDOR

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

- +27x more property tax** generated per acre near existing Twin Cities light rail
- 36,000 new multifamily housing units** built to date near Twin Cities light rail
- 25% regional development** has occurred in a light rail station area
- \$13+ billion** in economic development invested along 52 miles of existing and planned LRT routes
- \$19.2 billion** in development permitted near 149 miles of Twin Cities' high-frequency transit routes

30% OF HOUSEHOLDS ARE FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

124 DAYCARE PROVIDERS IN THE CORRIDOR

33% POPULATION UNDER 25

6 POST SECONDARY AND TRADE SCHOOLS
55 SCHOOLS **5** LIBRARIES

5 HOSPITALS AND CLINICS in corridor
3 MAJOR HOSPITALS connected by the Blue Line

OVER 200,000 JOBS within 15-minute walk of existing and planned Blue Line stations

23,000+ JOBS ACCESSIBLE by transit to corridor families with no more than one transfer

14% 0-CAR HOUSEHOLDS

6 FORTUNE 500 BUSINESSES in corridor
63 TECHNOLOGY AND AI COMPANIES
462 RETAIL BUSINESSES

HELPING BUSINESSES SURVIVE AND THRIVE

- 70% of corridor businesses** have fewer than 20 employees
- Blue Line Extension business assistance program
 - » **\$5 Million + business support** fund to offset construction impacts
- Elevate Hennepin** supports **470+ businesses** to date
- The BLE is the largest jobs creator currently planned in the state, where **more than 40,000 jobs** will be supported directly or indirectly
- More than **6,000 jobs will be created** to build the project



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