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WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION OF THE BLUE LINE EXTENSION

About the Blue Line Extension

The METRO Blue Line Extension (BLE) Light Rail Transit will extend the existing Blue Line from Target Field Station in Minneapolis northwest to Brooklyn Park and connect communities along the way. The planned line will serve 13 new stations and will be part of an integrated system of transitways improving regional mobility and supporting economic resiliency and growth throughout the region.

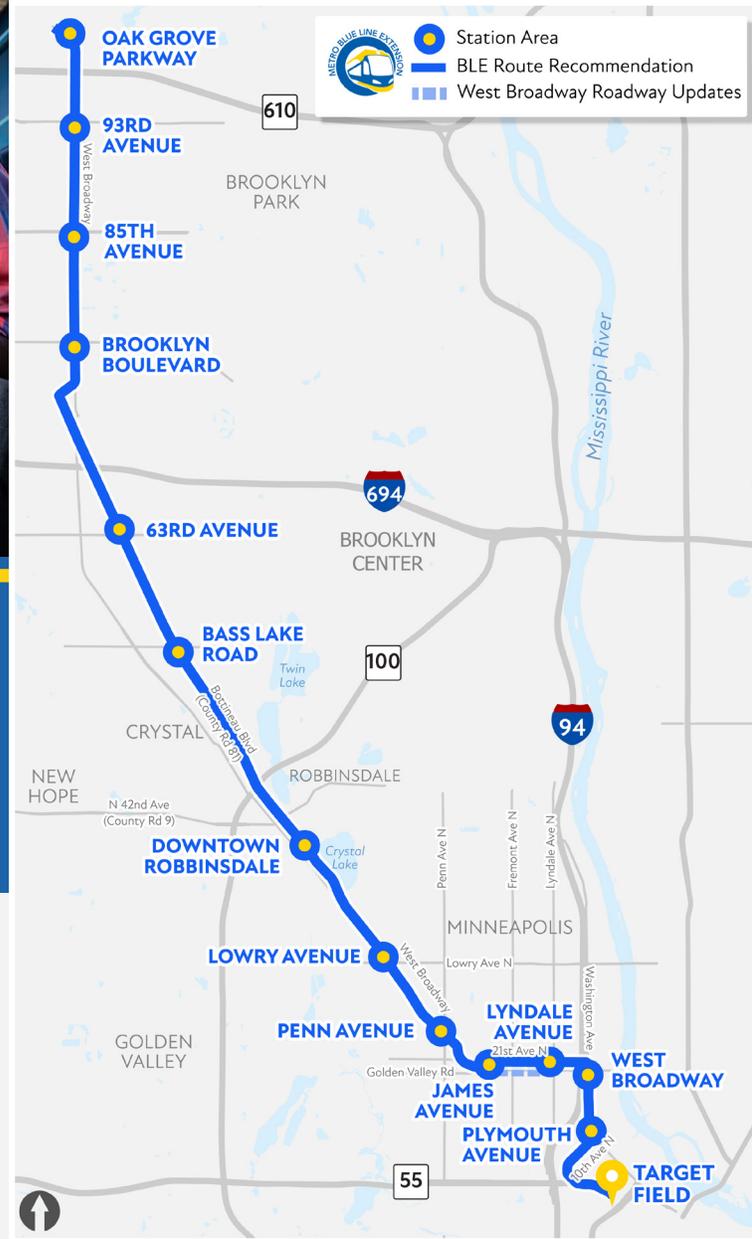


Figure 1: Proposed Route

What to expect during construction

Construction will be phased throughout the corridor to minimize the amount of time specific areas are disrupted.

Construction work hours

- Working hours will follow ordinances set by local governments
- If work needs to take place outside of those hours, communication and coordination with local government staff will take place

Road closures, lane restrictions and detours

- Localized road closures, lane reduction and detours may need to be utilized during construction

- The public will be notified in advance of any road closures. Date and detour signs will be provided to help navigate around the work zone
- Outreach staff will work with property owners who may be impacted by detours

Sidewalk and trail closures and detours

- Construction operations may require changes to public access. Detour signage for trails and sidewalks will be posted.
- Outreach staff will provide advanced notice for pedestrian and bicycle impacts



CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW

Bus service

- Existing bus routes may be detoured, and stops may be closed and/or relocated
- Check metrotransit.org for updates and sign up to receive rider alerts for bus routes

Construction vehicle traffic

- Construction equipment and vehicles will operate within the construction zone and haul materials in and out of the area

Support During Construction

Construction is planned to start in 2027 with the line expected to open in 2030. We know that construction can present short-term challenges for businesses and residents in the area and Metro Transit and Hennepin County are prepared to support businesses and residents through the challenges of construction so they can benefit from this transformative investment long-term.

For the first time ever on a Twin Cities light rail project, the Blue Line Extension will include two new programs to help maintain stability and support communities during construction:

- **\$5 million Business Support Program:** Impacted businesses will be able to receive up to \$30,000 in rent or mortgage assistance
- **\$5 million Community Investment Fund:** Community-serving organizations will be funded to provide housing and rent assistance

Deliveries

- Outreach staff will communicate in advance any temporary access impacts throughout construction

Noise and vibrations

- Local noise ordinances are included in the construction contract. Any exceptions will be requested through the local municipality officials
- Construction noise and vibrations will be monitored to be compliant with the construction contract

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