

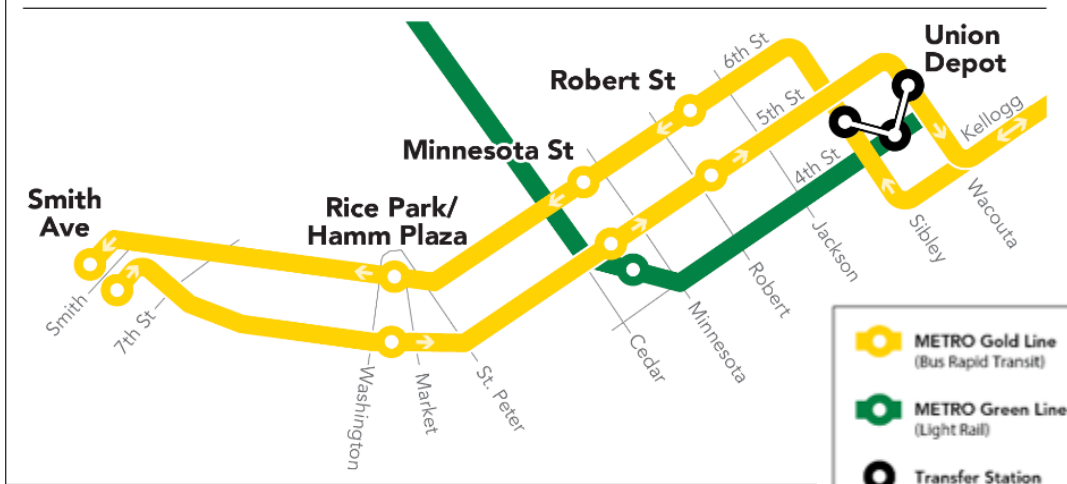


METRO Gold Line BRT Project Update Metropolitan Council

METRO Gold Line



Downtown Saint Paul detail



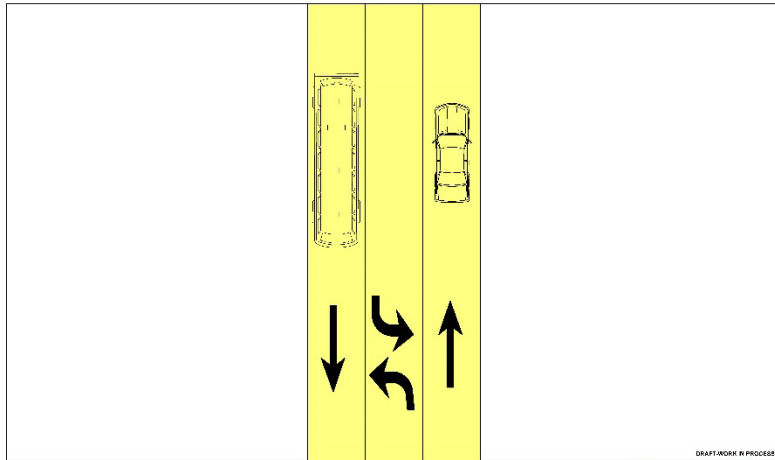
- METRO Gold Line (Bus Rapid Transit)
- METRO Green Line (Light Rail)
- Transfer Station
- Park & Ride

- Primarily in bus-only lanes
- Frequent, all-day service
- 10-miles & 21 new stations
- Serving the Twin Cities East Metro: 301,000 jobs/522,000 people by 2040

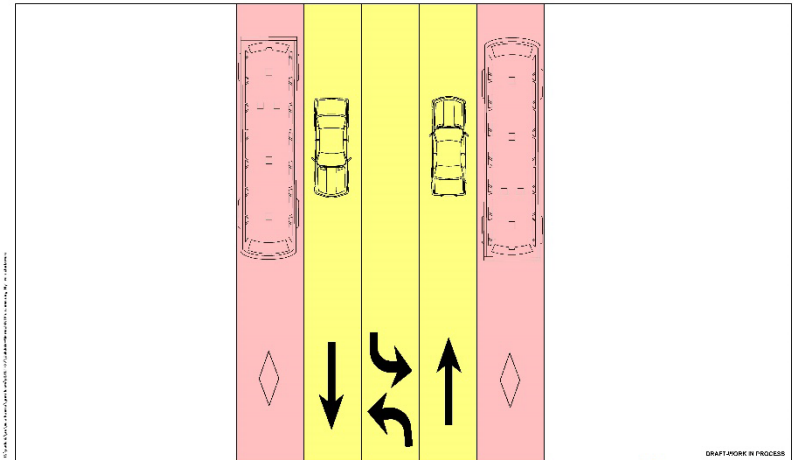
Dedicated Bus-Only Lane Types



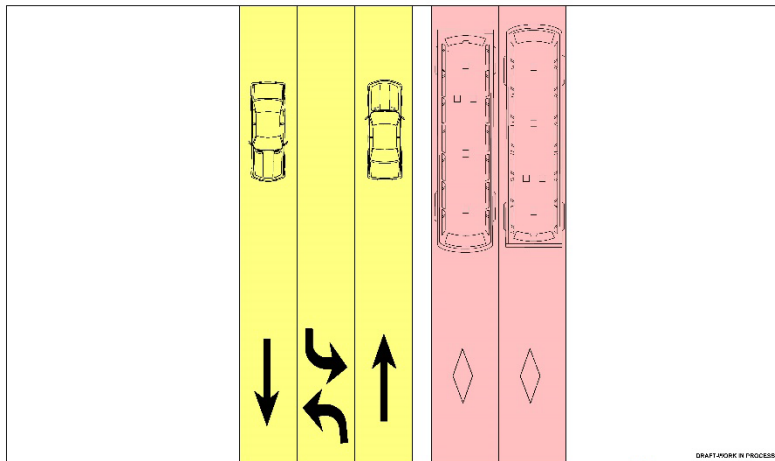
Mixed Traffic



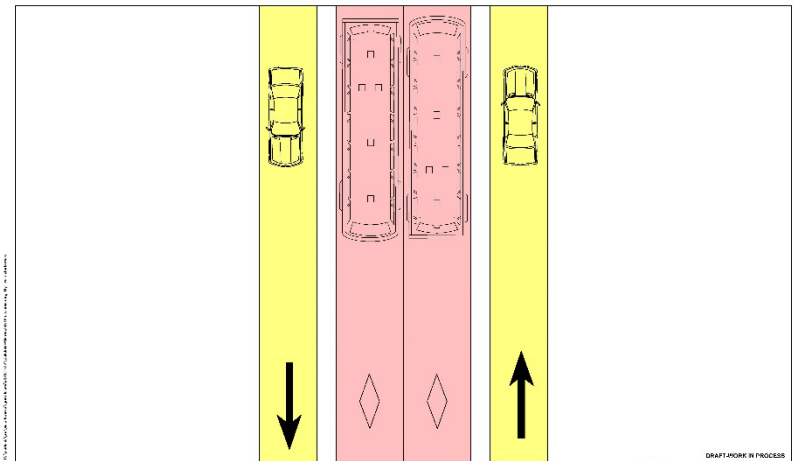
Dedicated Curbside Running



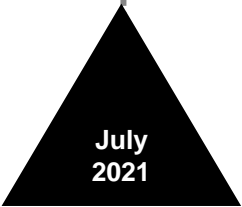
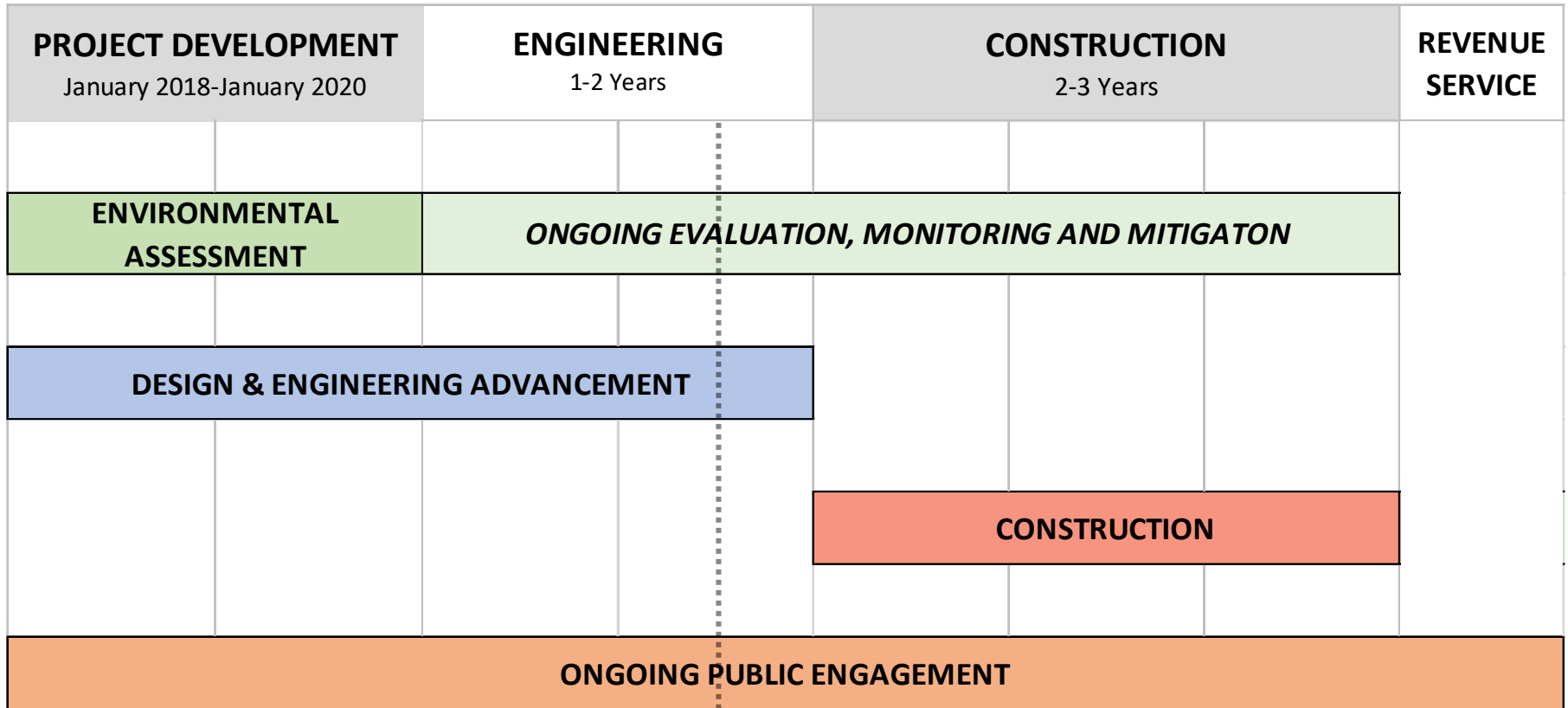
Dedicated Side Running



Dedicated Center Running



Project Schedule



Federal Approvals Received in 2021



- **Entry to New Starts Engineering Phase (April 2021)**
 - Affirms project meets requirements for federal funding
- **President Biden's Budget Request (May 2021)**
 - METRO Gold Line is one of just two New Starts projects recommended for new funding agreements in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022
 - \$100M recommended for FFY 2022
 - Medium-High rating



Full Funding Grant Timeline



- Grant application will follow Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 congressional appropriations and FTA funding allocation process
- After funding is allocated, grant review begins
- Expected duration into 2022



US Capitol. Photo: Kevin McCoy



Project Progression in 2021



- Advanced from 60% to 90% Design
- Removed Joint Development from scope
- Bus Propulsion Recommendation
 - Added 5 electric buses and charging equipment to project scope
 - Maintain 12 diesel buses as project baseline
 - Evaluate both 40-foot and/or 60-foot buses for Gold Line
- Inflation assumptions updated to reflect construction beginning mid 2022 (was early 2022)
- Anticipate slight reduction to cost estimate (currently \$532M)

Gold Line Station Design



- Activities:
 - Right-of-Way acquisition and property owner engagement
 - Community/neighborhood/business organizations engagement
 - Develop plan for pre-construction engagement



- Complete design plans and specifications
- Obtain FTA review and recommendations for project contingency
 - finalizes project budget for full funding grant
- Continue right-of-way purchases to prepare for construction
- Build project construction oversight team
- Continued outreach and engagement