



Blue Line Lake St/Midtown Station TAAC

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Renovation Project

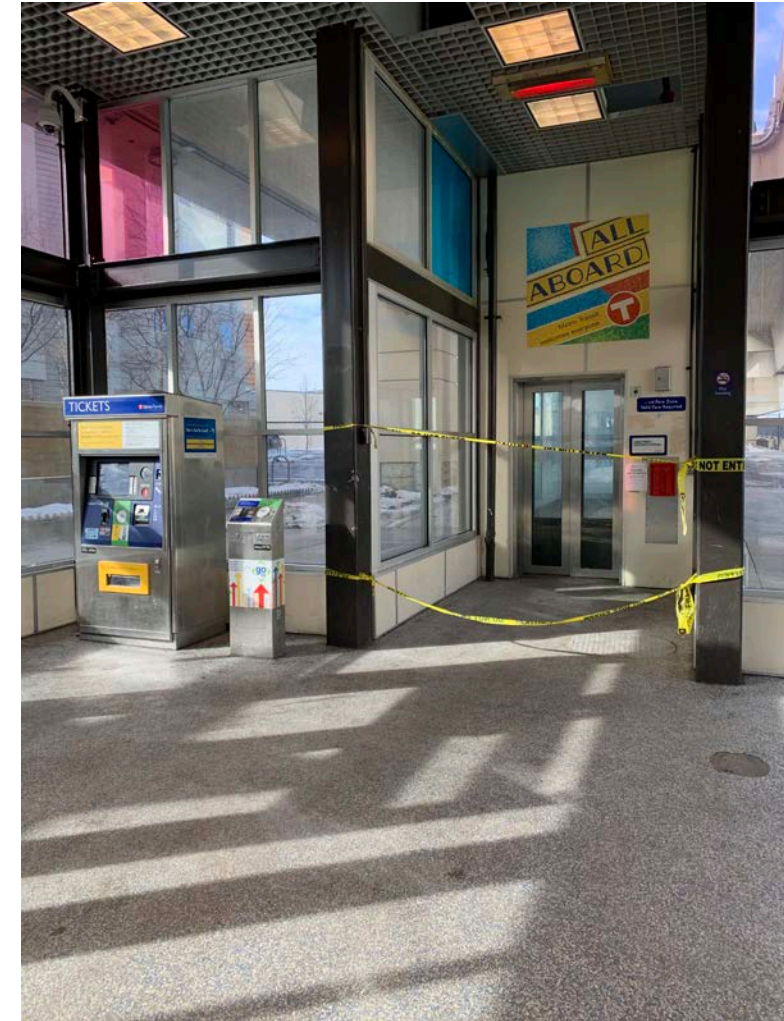
- Station is approaching 20 years in service
- Redesign scope includes:
 - North and south tower lobbies and vertical circulation
 - Platform-level shelters, canopy, windscreen, and amenities



South entrance at Lake St/Midtown Station

Station Challenges

- Customer feedback, police calls, maintenance work orders, and an internal staff surveys tell us the station's biggest challenges are:
 - Cleanliness
 - Inappropriate use of station space (e.g. smoking, drug use)
 - Dangerous behavior (e.g. harassment, arson)
 - Building design and materials choices (enclosed space, glass)



North elevator out of order

Current issues and short-term solutions

- Continued wear and damage
 - Deep cleaning and special repairs
 - Working with local artists for interior clings and exterior mural
 - Signage replacement
 - Address ADA and building code issues, remove tripping hazards
- High volume non-transit uses
 - Add 24/7 unarmed security
- Frequent and sustained elevator and escalator outages
 - Bus bridge, rider alerts, and on-board announcements used



Façade damage from repeated graffiti removal (top right), replaced with a mural in Fall 2022 (above)

Renovation Goals + Concept Themes

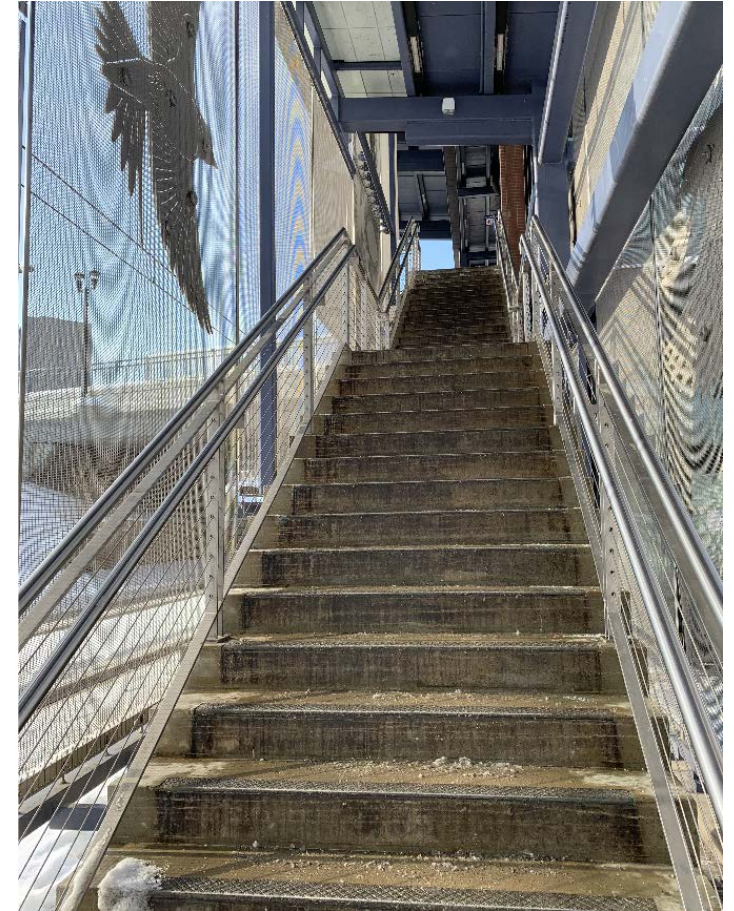
- Provide more reliable/consistent ADA access to and from platform
 - Design a ramp to be added to the south tower, integrate into Market Square
 - Move elevators closer to the street to reduce distance to bus transfers
- Reduce daily maintenance resources through enhanced on-site equipment and operational spaces
 - Use durable materials and design to extend the life of station investments
 - Less snow removal and salt required on a covered platform
 - Provide functional, adequate janitorial spaces and access to water on both levels



Facilities workers at Lake St/Midtown Station

Renovation Goals + Concept Themes (continued)

- Improve customer experience: cleanliness, comfort, visibility, wayfinding, lighting, safety
 - Turn stairs around to face the street, improve sightlines
 - Remove escalators, widen stairs to improve circulation
 - Remove lobby enclosures in favor of an open-air design
 - Move ticket purchasing and validation to street-level stair and elevator entrances only, creating a paid fare zone at the platform
 - Add new lighting, modern camera systems throughout
 - Remove shelters on the platform opening sightlines
 - Add more protection from weather



The concept envisions covered, open-air stairs similar to West Bank Station on the Green Line



Street-level and Park View



Platform View

Timeline

- Concept design (2022-2023)
- Public engagement and full design (2023-2024)
- B Line construction and MnDOT Hi-Lake street reconstruction (2024)
 - Maintaining access to LRT stations during other's construction
- Blue Line State of Good Repair (SOGR) and Lake St/Midtown Station renovation (2025-2026)
 - Long term (months-long) light rail service interruptions expected
 - Trade-offs between full station closures or retaining access during construction