



METRO Gold Line BRT – Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee Update

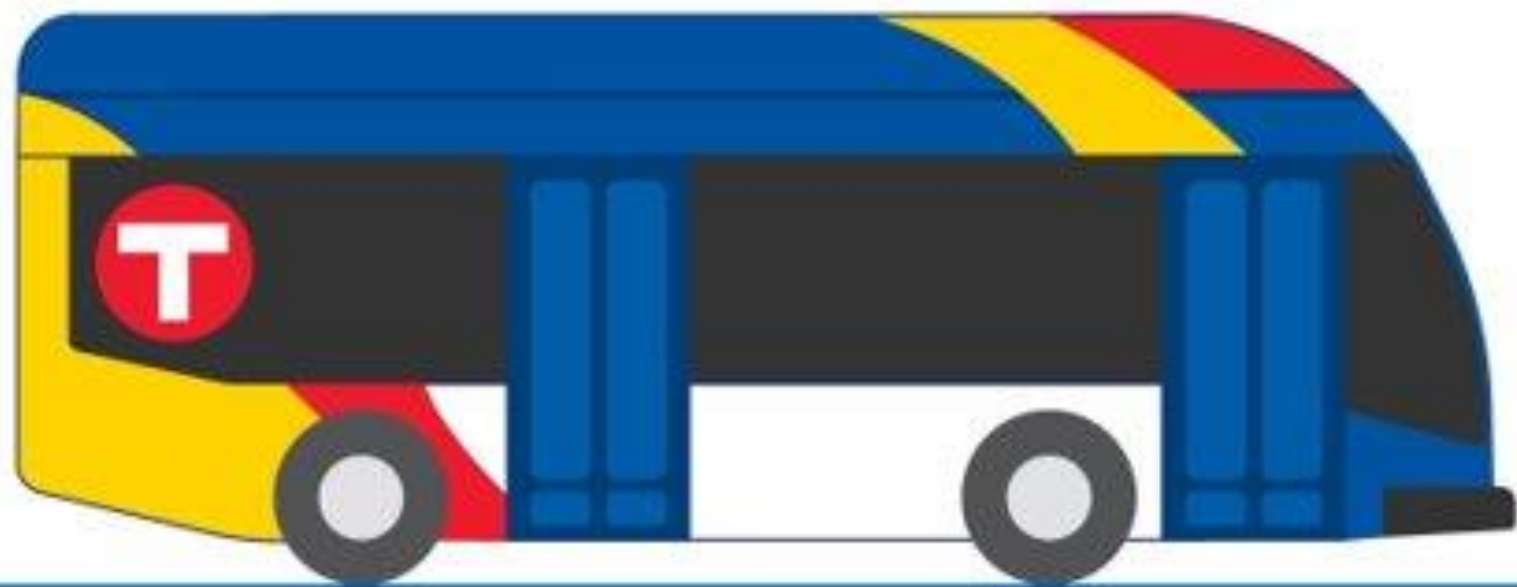
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Agenda Topics

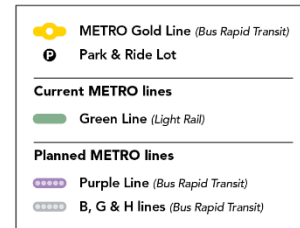
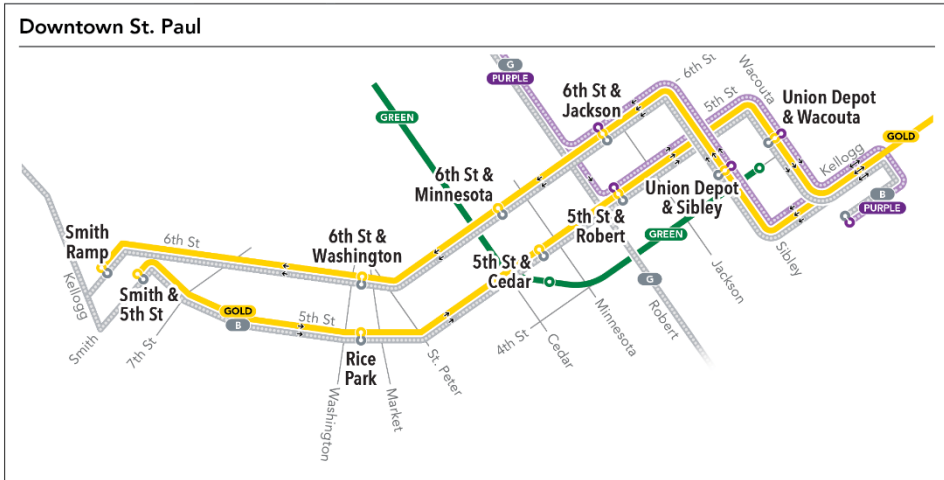
- Gold Line Overview
- Gold Line BRT Construction
 - Remaining construction activities
 - What to expect until opening day
- Gold Line Opening Outreach
- Gold Line Service Plan and Connecting Routes
- Gold Line Extension



Gold Line BRT announcement!



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Gold Line



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Gold Line Facts:

- Operates primarily in bus-only lanes
- Frequent, all-day service
- 10-miles & 16 new stations
- 4 new bus-only bridges; 7 modified bridges
- 1 new pedestrian bridge; new and updated trails
- 3 surface Park & Rides; 1 Park & Ride structure
- Serving the Twin Cities East Metro: 301,000 jobs/522,000 people by 2040

Kellogg Bridge Detour

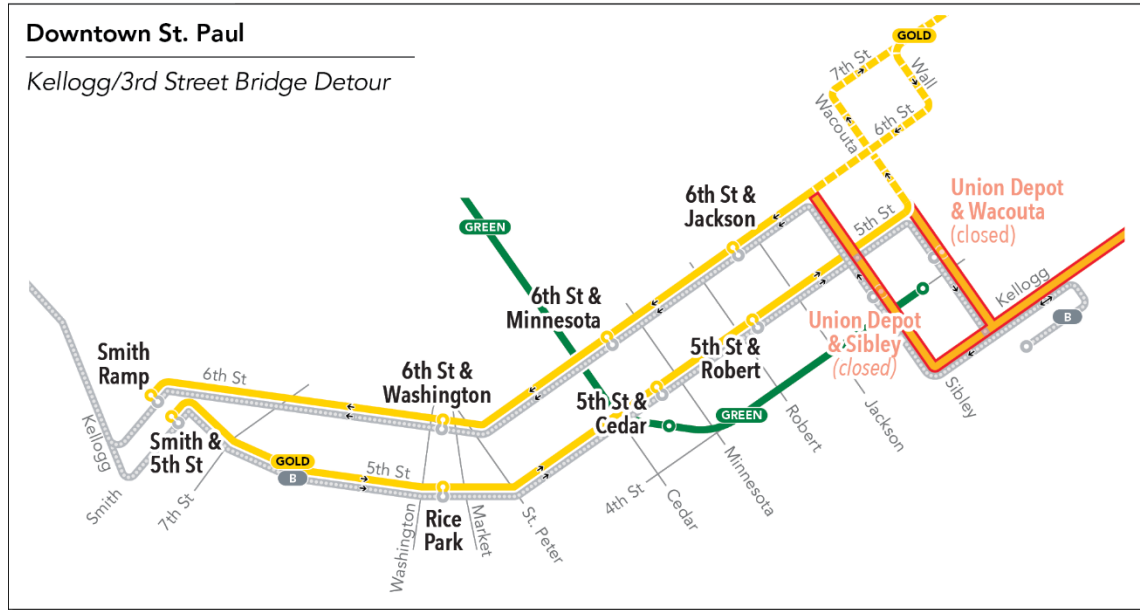


Gold Line

June 2024



Please note: METRO Gold Line will be on a long-term detour during Kellogg/3rd Street bridge construction. See inset for routing details.



- Kellogg Bridge closed to traffic July 29, reopening late 2026/early 2027
- Serving the Union Depot stations challenging due to street network, special events, and travel time
- Both Union Depot stations will be served by local service until June 2025 when B Line opens

METRO Gold Line

Gold Line Construction Highlights (1/4)



Queens Drive Station, Woodbury



Woodlane Park & Ride, Woodbury

Gold Line Construction Highlights (2/4)



4th Street Bridge, Oakdale



Bielenberg Drive, Woodbury

Gold Line Construction Highlights (3/4)



Century Bridge, Maplewood/Oakdale



Ruth BRT Underpass, St. Paul

Gold Line Construction Highlights (4/4)



Rice Park Station, St. Paul



Mounds Blvd Station and BRT guideway, St. Paul

Current Construction Activities

- Downtown St. Paul
 - Crews continue punch list work on stations
- East St. Paul, Maplewood, Landfall, Oakdale, and Woodbury
 - Crews perform punch list work in various locations along the project and at stations.
 - Crews install fencing in various locations along the BRT corridor.
 - Crews continue work on the Woodlane Park & Ride.

Preparing for Gold Line Service

- What to expect now through opening day
 - Substantially complete construction
 - late fall 2024
 - Safety and operations testing underway
 - Landscaping work – resumes spring 2025
 - Integration testing (communications and systems) – underway
 - Driver training – early 2025



Goals for Opening Day Engagement

Goal	Timeframe
Thank public and stakeholders for patience and cooperation throughout construction and prepare for opening day	December 2024
Inform the corridor about Gold Line opening on March 22, 2025	December 2024 – March 20, 2025
Spread awareness about BRT and how to safely ride and interact with bus guideway	January – June 2025
Partner with agency stakeholders, corridor community organizations, businesses, school districts and colleges/universities	January – June 2025
Collaborate with Gold Line Partners/Washington and Ramsey Co.'s	January – June 2025
Increase efforts to reach BIPOC, non-English speaking and disability communities	January – June 2025
Celebrate and thank Gold Line staff	March 20, 2025
Host Grand Opening events that celebrate the opening of the line with communities and stakeholders, provide a forum for policymaker speeches and appreciation, and an opportunity for media coverage	March 21 and 22, 2025
Continue to spread awareness after opening day, once Gold Line is in service	March 23 – June 30, 2025

Opening Day Events and Activities (1/2)

- Pre-Opening Day
 - Update, create and disseminate all materials, videos, print and digital communications
 - Contract with community organizations to reach diverse and disadvantaged communities
 - Attend community events
 - Pop-up's, bus hop-on's and canvassing throughout the corridor
 - Community and business organization/stakeholder presentations
 - Internal and agency partner tours
 - February CMC meeting
 - Staff appreciation event



Opening Day Events and Activities (2/2)

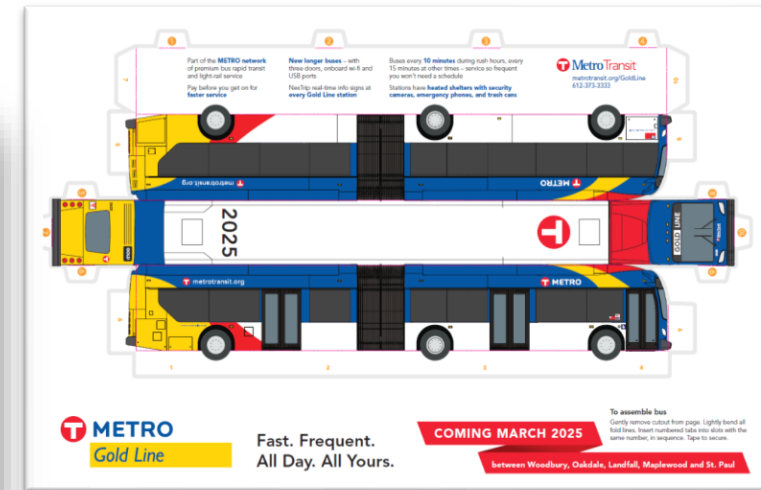


- Post-Opening Day
 - Contract with community organizations to reach diverse and disadvantaged communities
 - How to ride presentations with community organizations
 - Attend community events
 - Community and business organization/stakeholder rides on the Gold Line
 - Trade organization and agency partner rides on the Gold Line
 - Partner with Counties on TOD related events and activities

Opening Day Events and Activities – Grand Opening March 21 and 22, 2025 **DRAFT PLAN**

- Special event at Union Depot in St. Paul and bus tour for policymakers on 3/21
 - Media opportunity
 - First ride on Gold Line bus and route
- Ribbon-cutting ceremony at Woodlane Park & Ride in Woodbury on 3/22
 - Media opportunity
 - 3/22 bus ride with policymakers and community stakeholders
- Community celebration at Woodlane Park & Ride in Woodbury on 3/22
- Community celebration at Sun Ray Park & Ride in St. Paul on 3/22

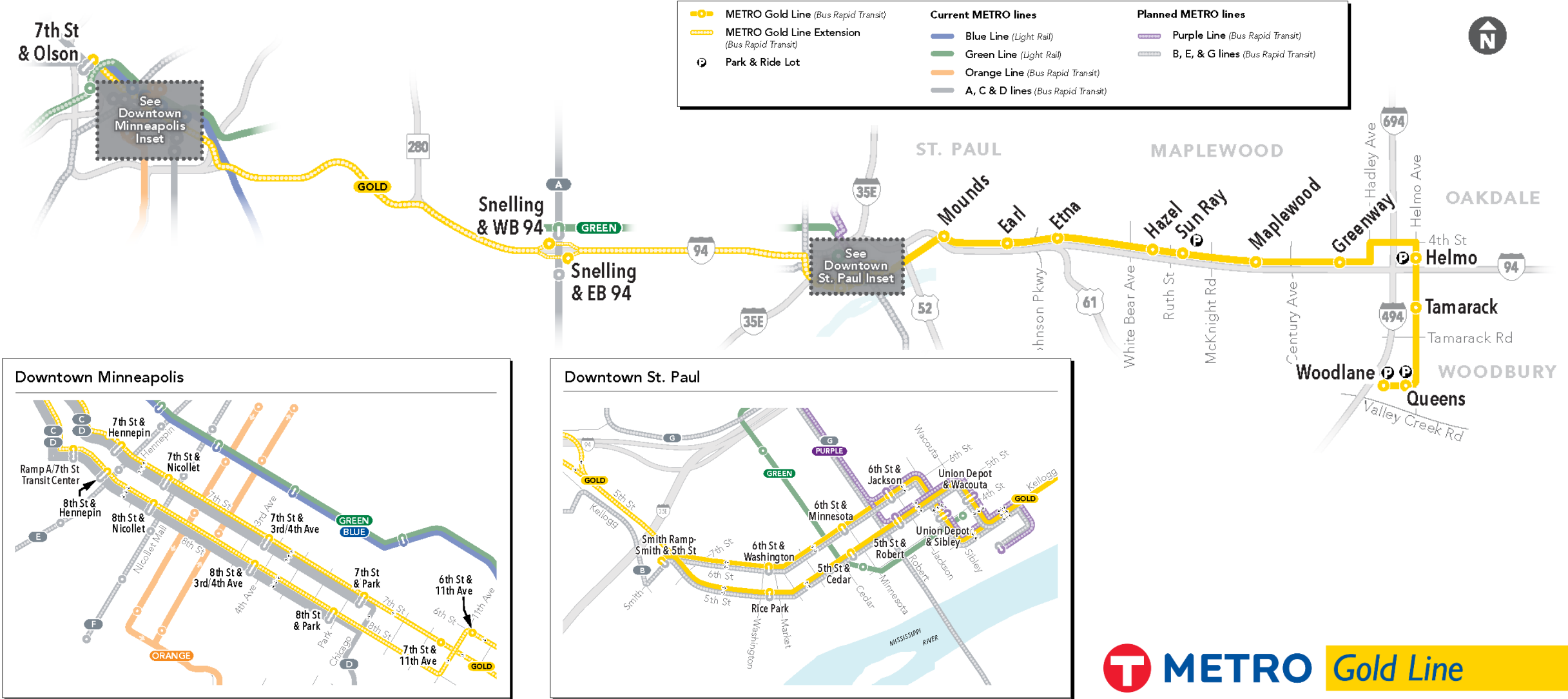
- Community celebrations include:
 - Music/entertainment
 - Games and activities for kids and families
 - Gold Line swag and giveaways
 - Free rides on Gold Line for the day



Gold Line Service Plan and Connecting Routes

- 10 Minute Service on Weekdays
 - 10-30 minutes in the late evening
- 15 Minute Service on Weekends
 - 15-30 minutes in the late evening
- Examples of Connecting Routes to Gold Line
 - Green Line LRT
 - Route 21 (B Line in June)
 - Route 53
 - Route 54
 - Route 63
 - Route 74
 - Route 219
 - Route 355

Gold Line Extension Map



Gold Line Extension Overview

- Replaces Route 94
- Extends beyond downtown St. Paul to downtown Minneapolis by using existing BRT stations on 7th and 8th Streets
- Enhances access to the METRO network
- Expected to open in 2027
- Includes interim stations at Snelling and I-94 and new shared BRT station near US Bank stadium
- Will match planned Gold Line service span and frequency
- When final decisions are made about transit solutions in the I-94 corridor through the Re-thinking I-94 project, Metro Transit will adjust the Gold Line Extension to meet project needs

Gold Line Extension – Next Steps

- 2025: Community engagement
- 2025-2026: Engineering
 - Work with design consultant for traffic modeling and station design/construction support
 - Finalize location for US Bank adjacent stations
 - Coordinate with Minneapolis, St. Paul, Hennepin County, Ramsey County, and internal Metro Transit stakeholders on design decisions and advancement
- 2026: Construction
- 2027: Anticipated opening

Thank You!

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