



METRO B Line - Hennepin County Joint Powers and Cooperative Construction Agreement

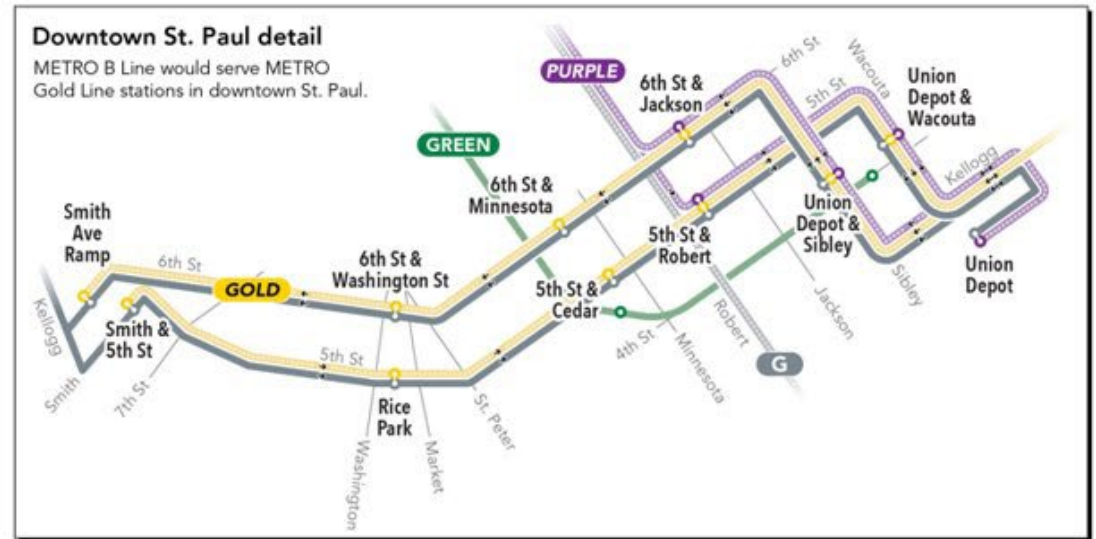
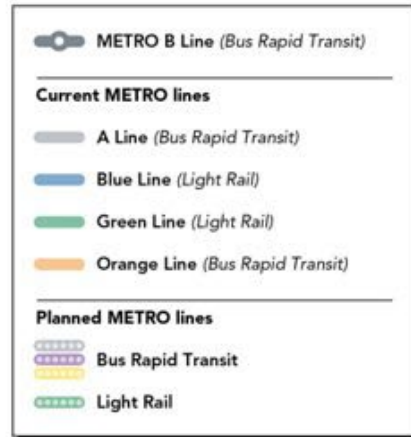
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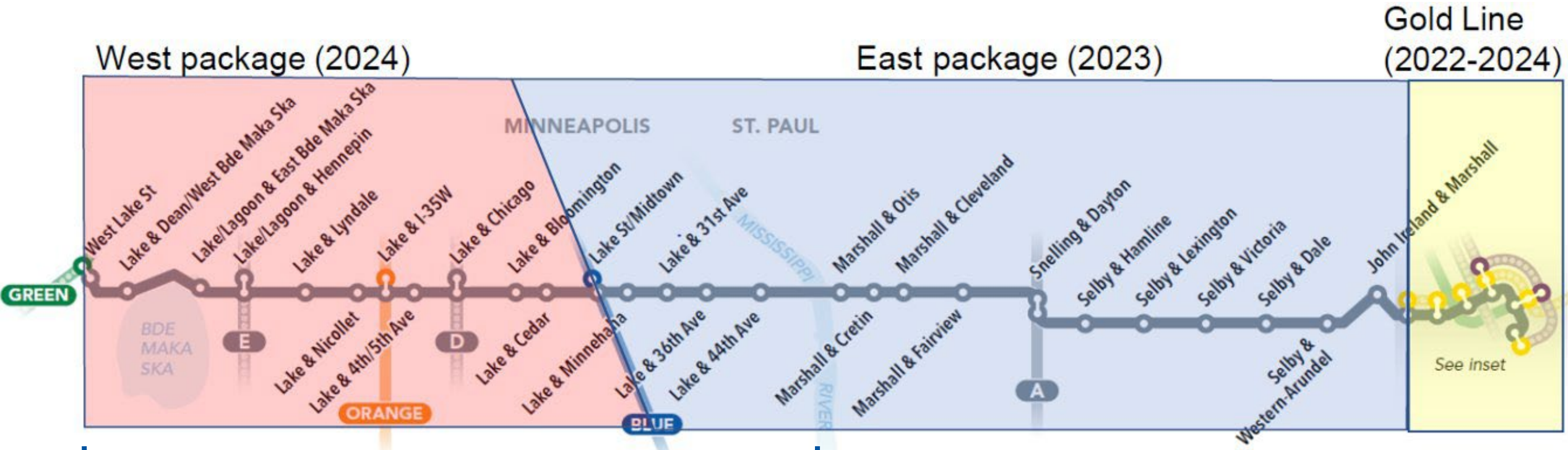


METRO B Line Bus Rapid Transit Overview

- Substantial replacement of Route 21, second-highest ridership route
- \$65 million project fully funded
- Begin construction in spring 2023, revenue service expected to begin in late 2024



Two B Line Construction Packages – East and West



Portion of B Line corridor within Hennepin County

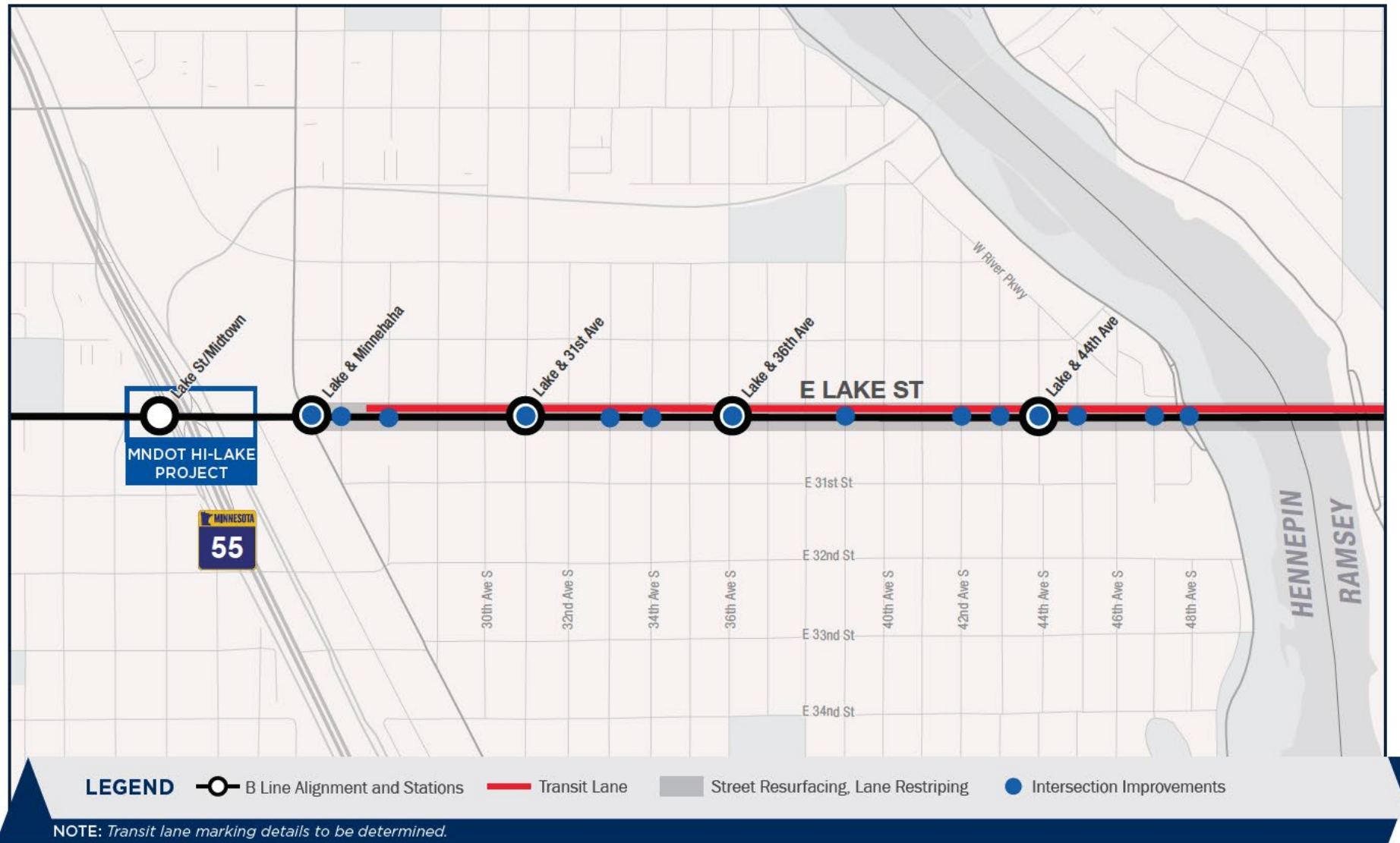
B Line Coordination with Hennepin County

- Lake Street is a Hennepin County road with goals to improve transit speed and reliability, reduce crashes, and address pedestrian safety needs
- County-requested scope identified in conjunction with B Line construction in both East and West construction packages
- Approximately \$20 million of successful Hennepin County funding applications, supported by Metro Transit



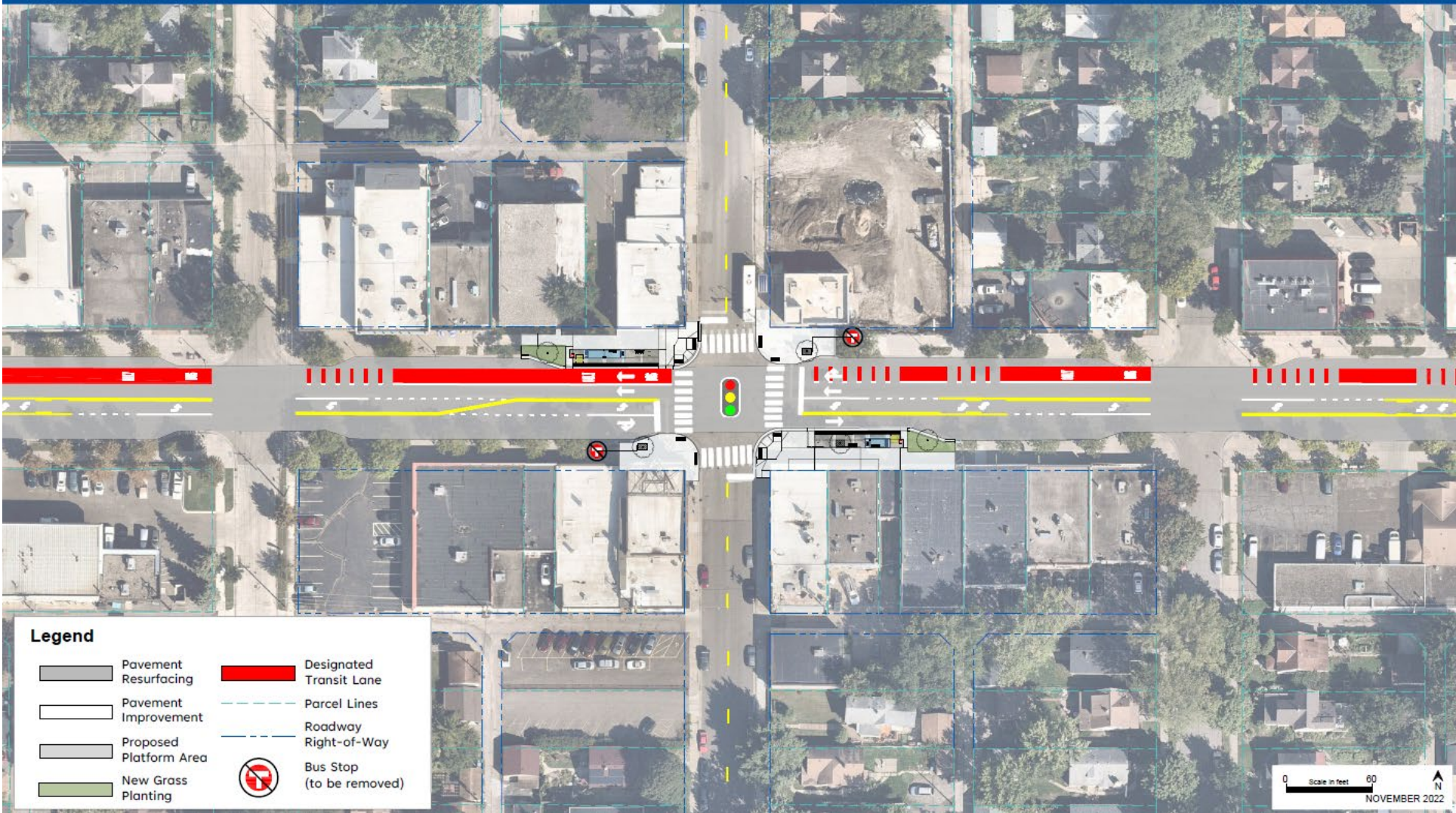
U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg, pictured with Hennepin County Commissioners Angela Conley and Marion Greene and Council Chair Charlie Zelle, visited Lake Street in August to highlight a \$12 million RAISE grant (source: KARE11)

Improvements in East Construction Package (2023)



- Resurfacing
- 4-to-3 lane conversion
- Enables westbound bus lane
- Intersection improvements at 10 non-BRT station intersections
- Complementary improvements at BRT station intersections

4-to-3 Conversion + Westbound Bus Lane Example



Key Components of Agreement 221046

- Receive **construction** funds from Hennepin County for County-requested scope in East Construction Package (2023 construction)
- Receive **design** funds from Hennepin County for County-requested scope in West Construction Package (2022-2023 design, 2024 construction)
- Obtain **permits and access** to county-owned easements and rights-of-way needed for B Line construction along the full corridor
- Exercise **right-of-way management powers** needed for B Line construction, including relocation of utilities along the full corridor
- *A future agreement with Hennepin County is expected to address construction funds for County-requested scope west of Hiawatha Avenue*

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- That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute agreement 22I046 with Hennepin County to receive approximately \$9,000,000 of funds for County-requested improvements along the METRO B Line corridor and for right-of-way management authority needed for construction of the B Line project.