



METRO B Line - East Construction Contract Authorization

Transportation Committee, Business Item 2023-72 SW

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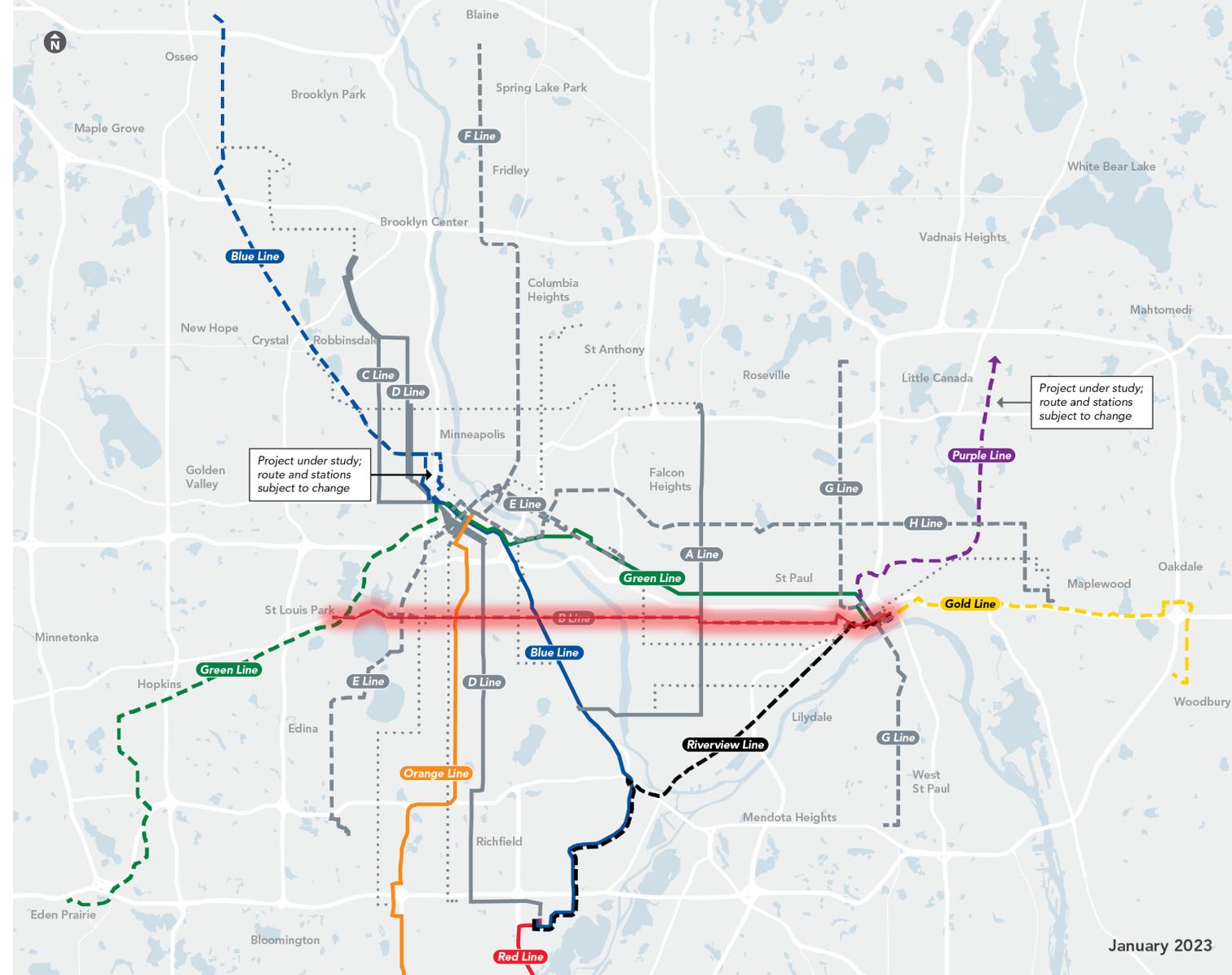


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A network of eight arterial BRT lines planned by 2030

- A Line (Snelling): Open 2016
- C Line (Penn): Open 2019
- D Line (Chicago/Fremont): Open 2022
- **B Line (Lake/Marshall/Selby) Opens 2024**
- E Line (Hennepin/France) Opens 2025
- F Line (Central Avenue) Opens 2026
- G Line (Rice/Robert – Routes 62/68) Opens 2027, pending full funding
- H Line (Como/Maryland – Route 3) 2025-2030 implementation



January 2023

Current METRO network

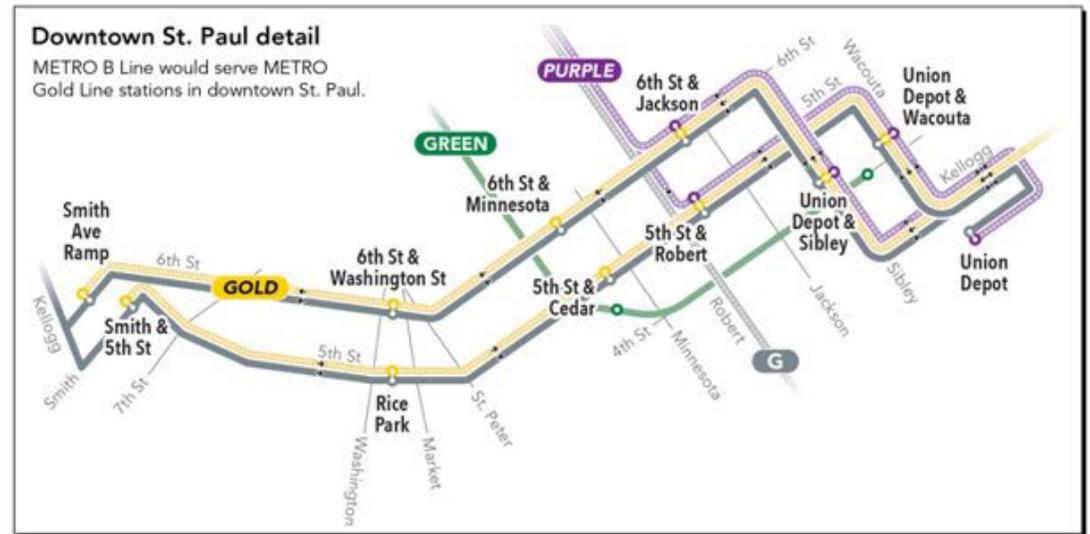
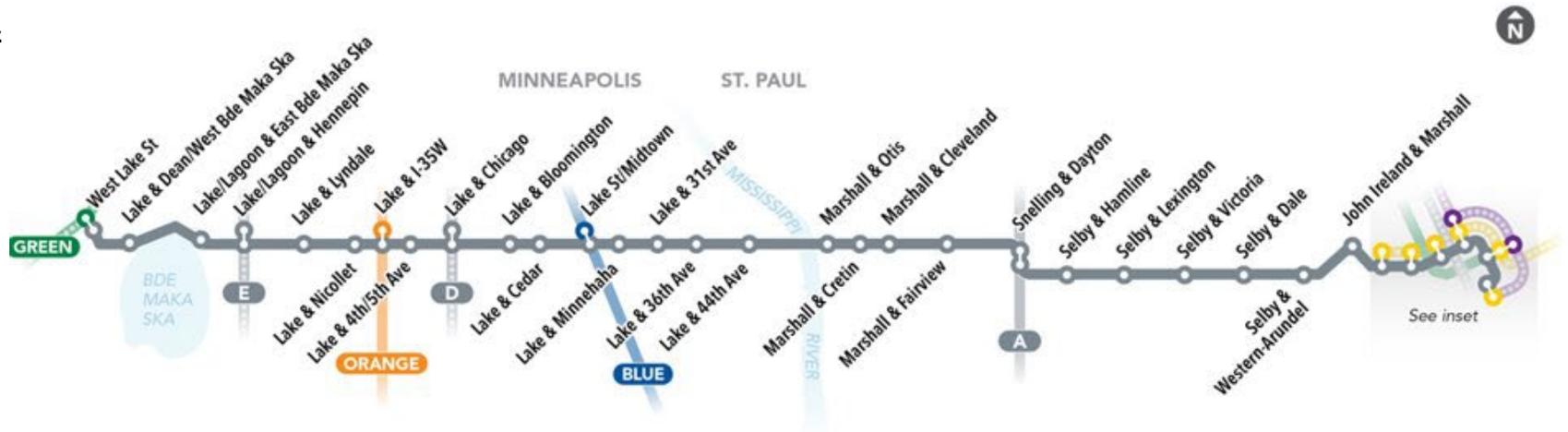
- A Line
- C Line
- D Line
- Blue Line
- Green Line
- Orange Line
- Red Line

Planned METRO network

- - - Planned BRT
- Additional candidates for BRT between 2030 and 2040
- Gold Line
- Purple Line
Project under study; route and stations subject to change.
- Green Line Extension
- Blue Line Extension
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- Riverview Line

METRO B Line Overview

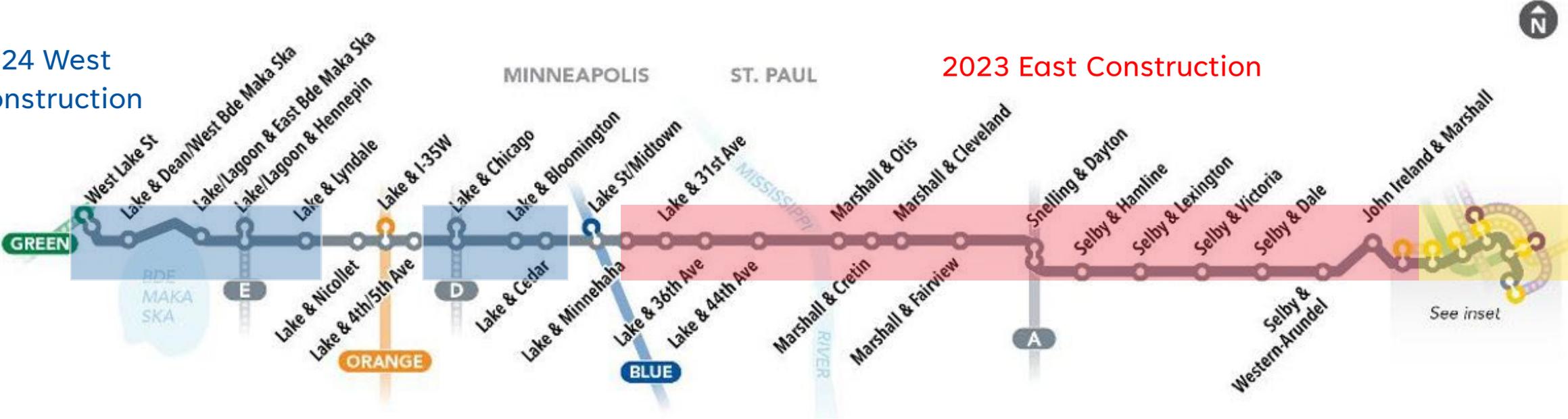
- Substantial replacement of Route 21, second-highest ridership route
- 106,000 people live within a 10-minute walk or roll of the B Line, of whom 42% are BIPOC
- \$65 million project fully funded as of October 2020
- Schedule
 - 2019-2021 planning
 - 2021-2023 engineering
 - 2023-2024 construction
 - Service begins late 2024



Two Major B Line Construction Packages – East and West

2024 West Construction

2023 East Construction



East Construction Package – Key Scope Items

- Construction of 30 arterial BRT platforms at 16 intersections in Minneapolis and Saint Paul
- Fiber communication infrastructure to support real-time transit information, fare collection, security cameras, and other customer amenities
- Transit signal priority implementation
- Locally requested pedestrian, signal, and pavement improvements funded through cooperative agreements with local partners
- Lane reconfiguration and bus lanes

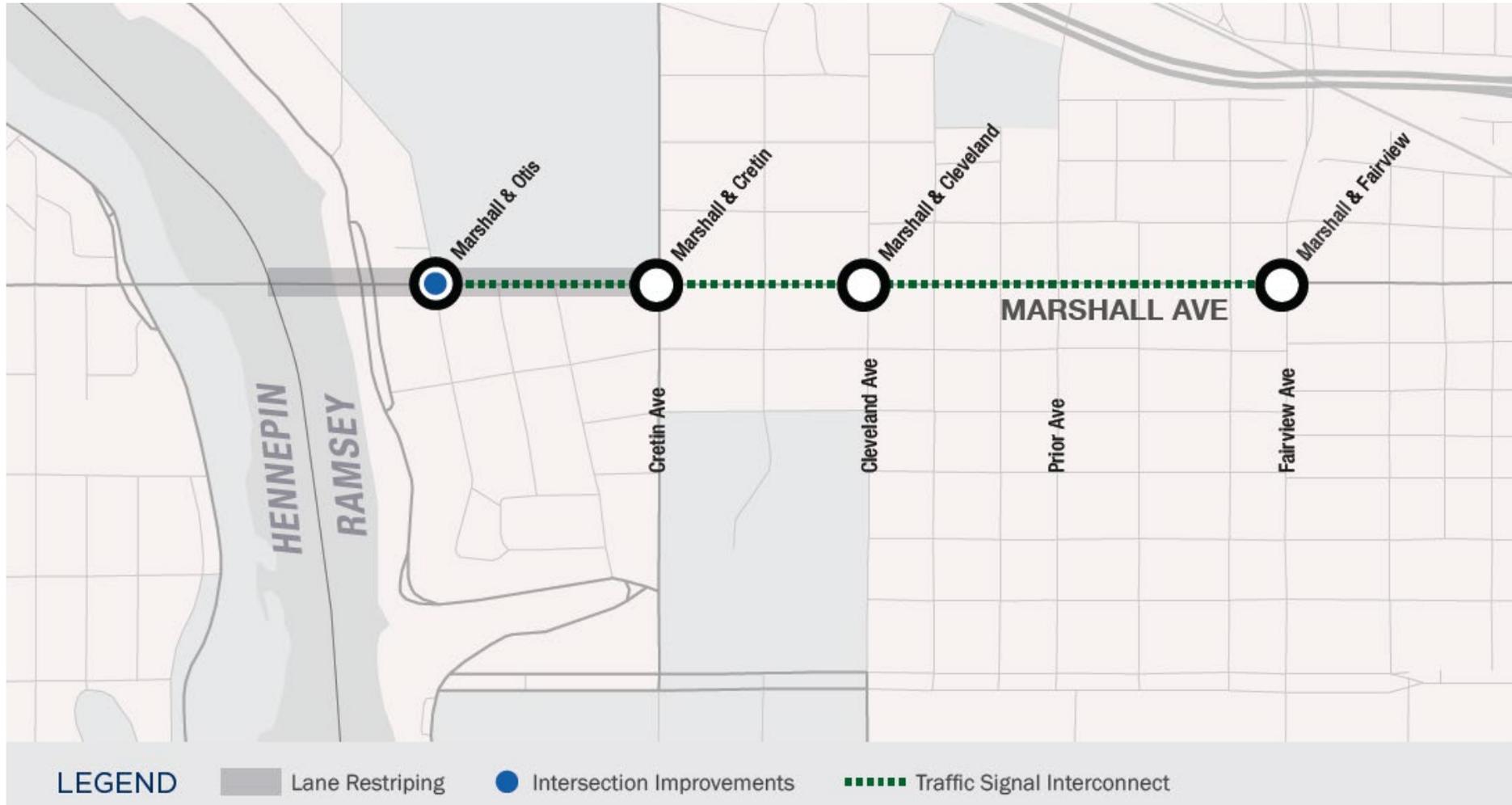


Lake Street Improvements



- Mill & overlay
- Pedestrian ramp construction
- Traffic signal revisions
- Westbound bus lane

Marshall Ave Improvements



- Lane restriping
- Signal reconstruction
- Traffic signal interconnect
- Westbound bus lane (Cretin Ave to river)

Communications Before and During Construction

- Key goals:
 - Inform the public about what will be constructed and when
 - Provide clear, correct, and concise information about what to expect from construction
 - Provide a clear point of contact for any questions or concerns during construction
- Methods include:
 - Pre-construction postcard mailing
 - Pre-construction door knocking
 - Rider Alerts
 - Website and factsheet updates
 - Construction hotline
 - Newsletter updates



Contract 22P365

- Invitation for Bids issued January 26
- 49 plan holders, including 17 woman, minority, veteran, or disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs)
- 5 bids received, ranging from \$18,018,136 to \$22,002,357
 - Thomas & Sons Construction, Inc. was low, responsive, and responsible bidder
 - Bid alternate of \$663,445 is also included in contract award
- Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEEO) set DBE goal of 15%; OEEEO determined that Thomas & Sons has met the DBE requirements of this contract

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