

Blue Line Lake Street/Midtown Renovation Design Contract Amendment, Contract 23P050

Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee Meeting

July 14, 2025



Planned Renovation

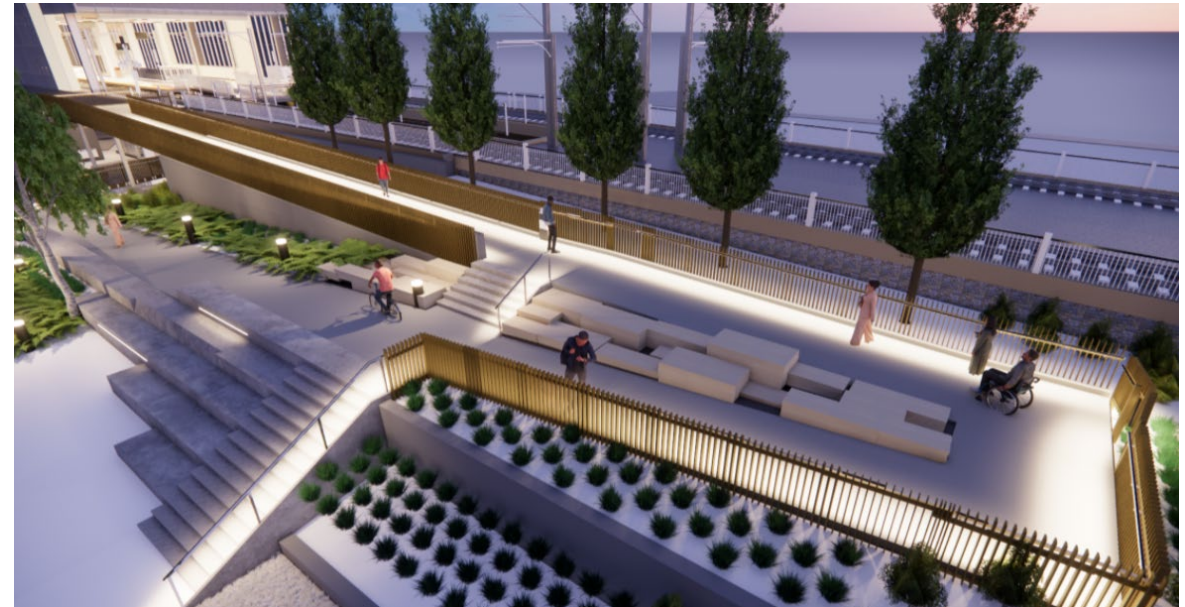
- High ridership, two-story LRT station
 - Over 20 years in service
 - Increased repairs, replacements, damage, and vandalism since 2020
 - Need to improve accessibility, customer experience, and maintainability
- Timeline
 - 2022-2023: Planning, data analysis, staff survey & input
 - 2024-2025: Design, issue resolution, public engagement
 - 2026-2027: Construction, coordinated with State of Good Repair Phase 3 track and signal work



A new canopy and open-air platform will allow for clear sightlines and better circulation, responding to needs identified in planning and concept design

New Design Elements

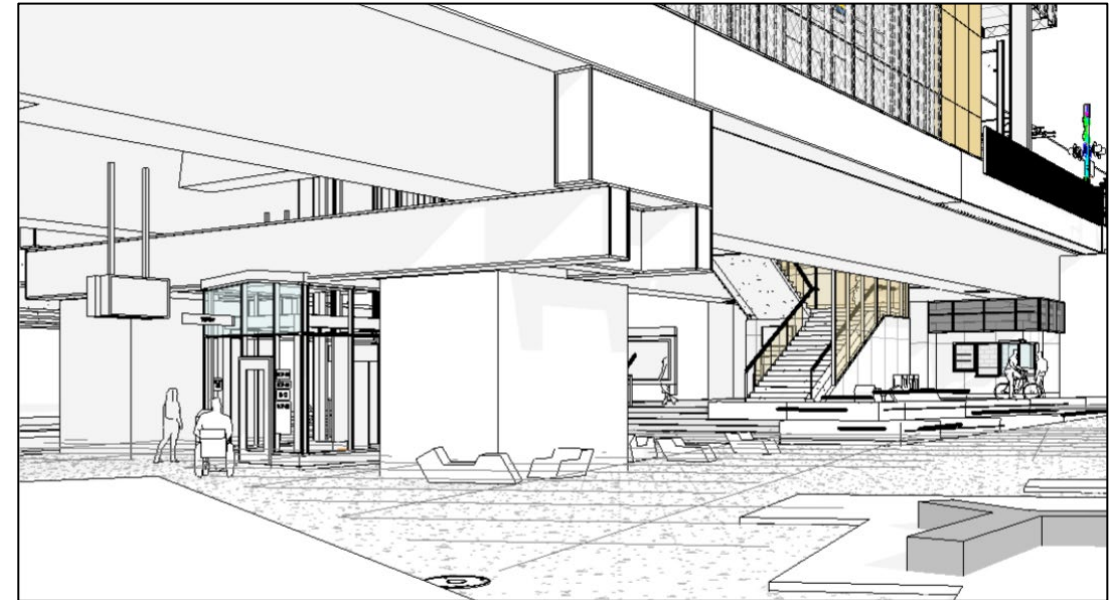
- Open-air, covered canopy with decluttered platform
- New pedestrian ramp as an outage-proof accessible path
- Stairs and elevators closer to and facing Lake Street
- Transit Service Center (staffed ticket window) on south plaza
- Significant operational “back of house” spaces and secure yard for operations staff



The new pedestrian ramp connects Market Square to the south end of the platform

Design Issue Resolution

- Agency needs and requirements exceed original scope with new elements providing critical benefits to customers, frontline staff, and rail operations
- Elements include catenary work, coordination with other rail projects, bridge pier changes
- Mitigate and avoid previously unforeseen structural conditions and underground utilities, adding time and cost



The existing bridge piers, shown here on the south side, were redesigned late in the engineering process to avoid costly and disruptive utility relocation

Proposed Action

- Business Item 2025 - 154
 - That the Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment to contract 23P050 with 4RM+ULA Architects for design and construction support services, in an amount not to exceed \$1,245,107
- Small Business Inclusion
 - Total DBE achievement on this contract is 40% as of June 2025
 - Exceeds the DBE contract goal of 12% as established by the Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity

Existing enclosed south stair



Planned outdoor, covered south stair and Transit Service Center ticket windows

