



# Imagine 2050 Transportation Policy Plan Amendment 1 – Project Background

Blue Line Extension and Gold Line Extension

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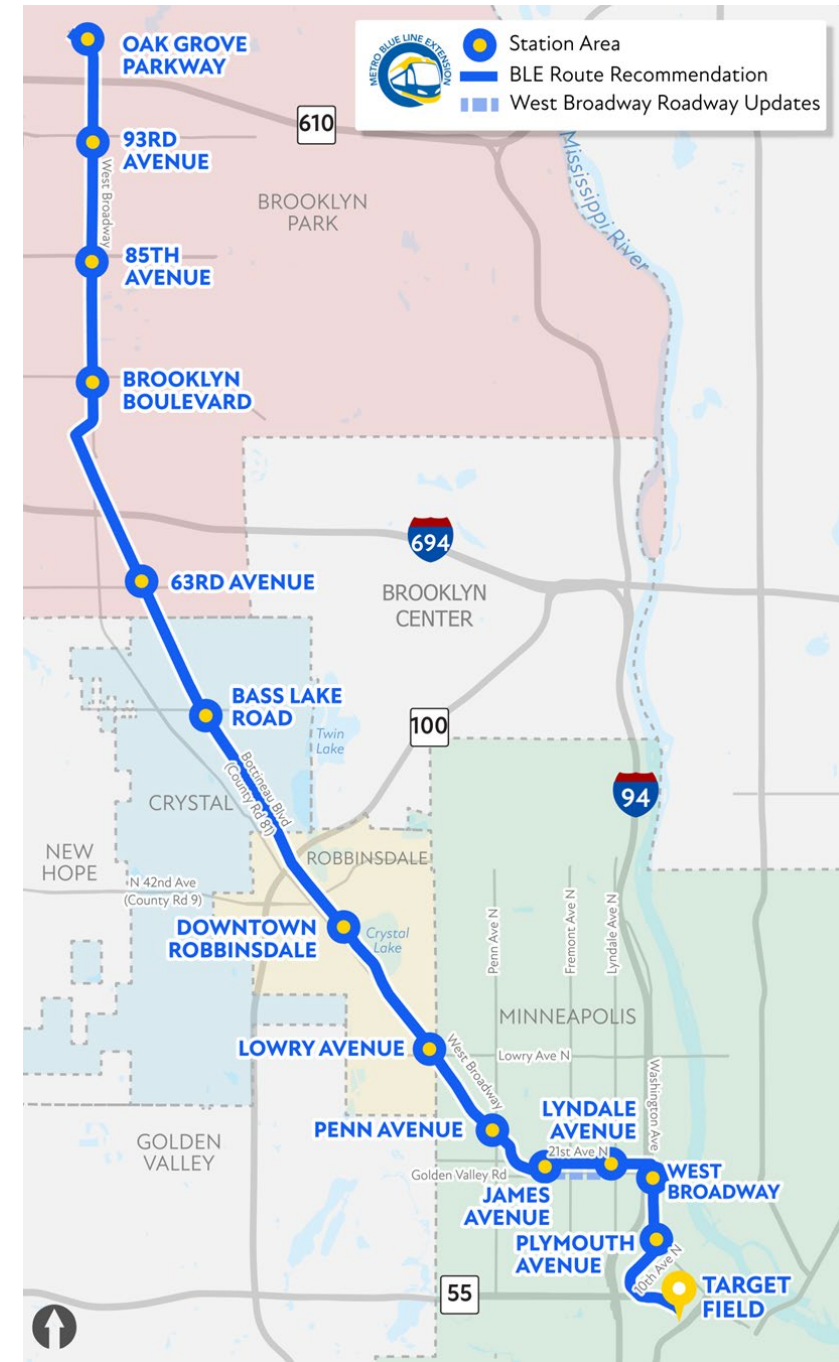
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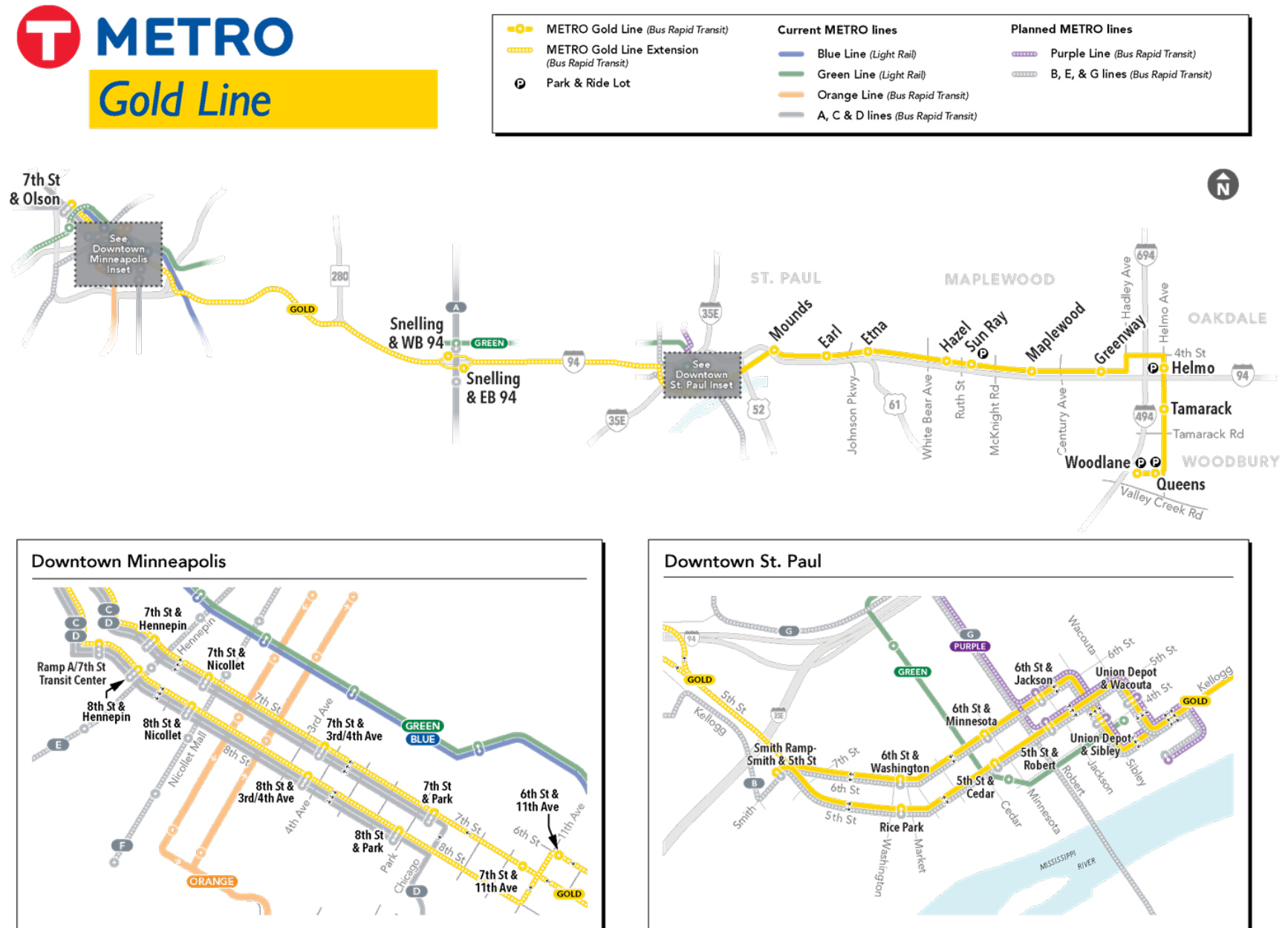
# Proposed Changes – Blue Line Extension

- Incorporate changes to Blue Line Extension Project from Municipal Consent Process into fiscally constrained plan
- Remove West Broadway Modern Streetcar Project



# Proposed Changes – Gold Line Extension

- Add Gold Line Extension project into fiscally constrained plan
- Show Gold Line as existing line to reflect March opening



# Criteria for Adding Transitway Projects



1. Transitway type, alignment, and station locations
2. Selection process
3. Public engagement and feedback
4. Resolutions of support from relevant government bodies and agencies
5. Fiscal constraint



# Blue Line Extension

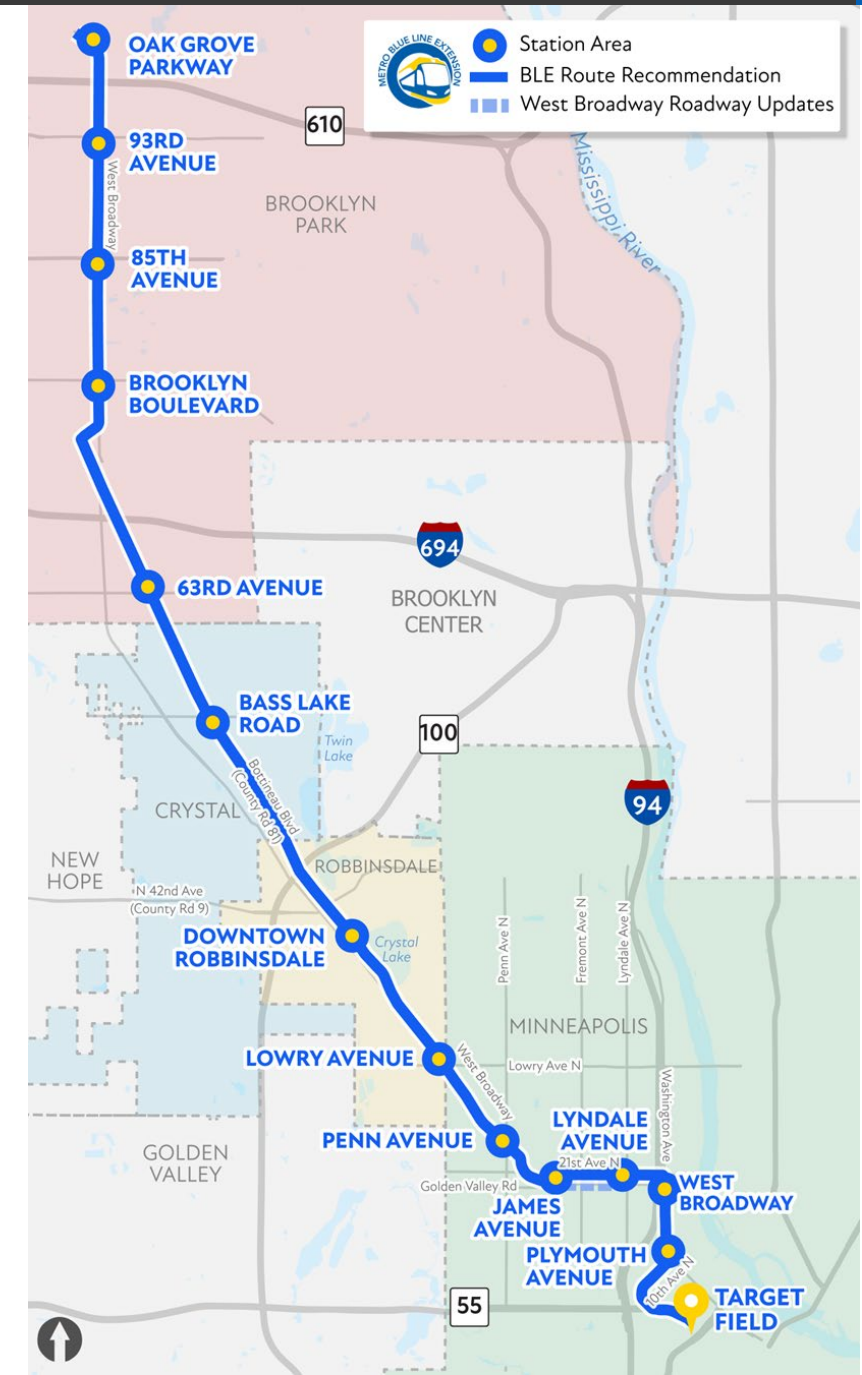




# Blue Line Extension - Overview



- 13.4 miles route & 13 new stations
- Connecting Minneapolis, Robbinsdale, Crystal, Brooklyn Park and surrounding communities to fast, frequent, all-day service across the METRO system
- Single seat ride to downtown, MSP Airport and Mall of America
- Focus on building community prosperity through anti-displacement strategies before, during, and after construction
- Final Design: 2024-2026
- Major Construction: 2027-2030





# Blue Line Extension – Local Support

## Municipal Consent Completed in October 2024

Municipal Consent granted for alignment and stations by all local governments:

- City of Brooklyn Park
- City of Crystal
- City of Robbinsdale
- City of Minneapolis
- Hennepin County





# Gold Line Extension



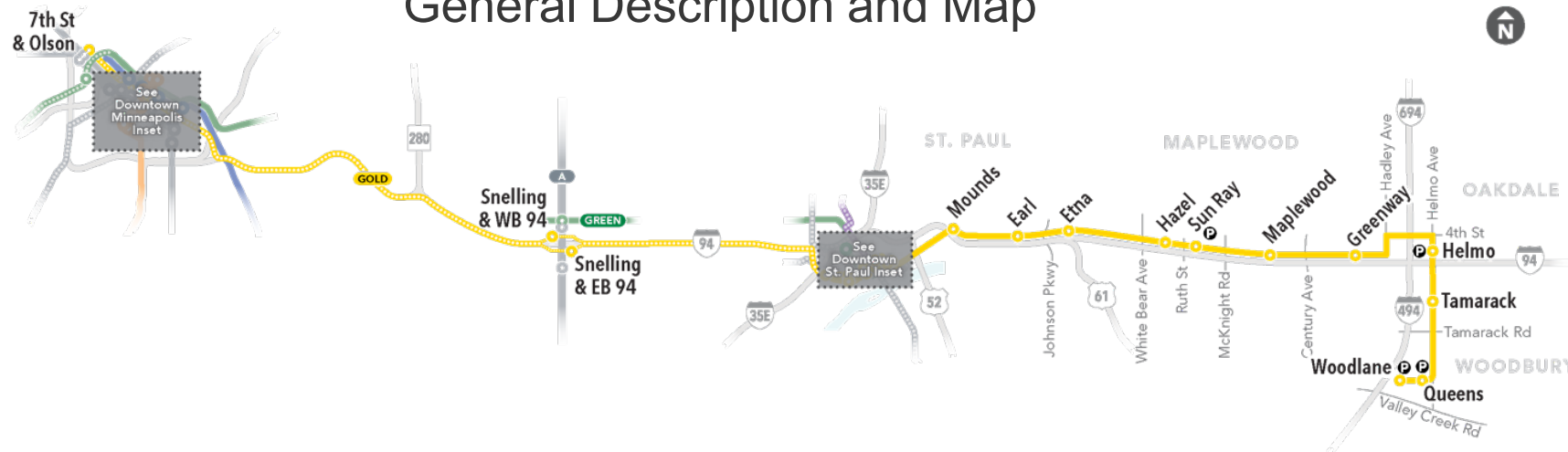


# Gold Line Extension – Overview

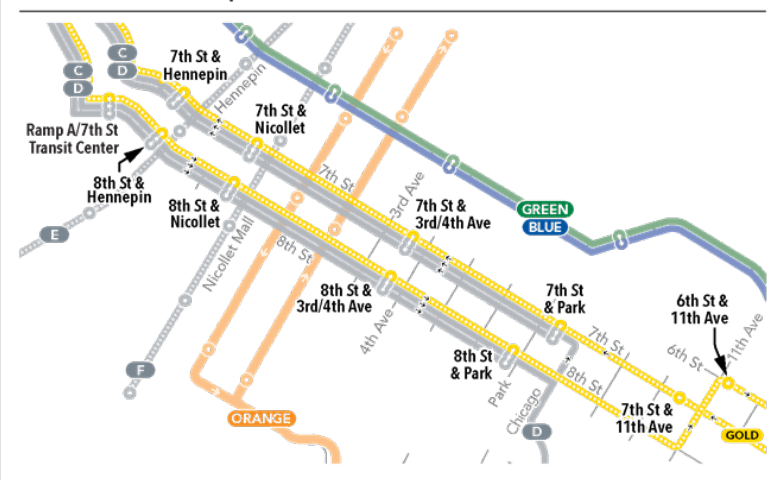


METRO Gold Line (Bus Rapid Transit)	<b>Current METRO lines</b>	<b>Planned METRO lines</b>
METRO Gold Line Extension (Bus Rapid Transit)	Blue Line (Light Rail)	Purple Line (Bus Rapid Transit)
Park & Ride Lot	Green Line (Light Rail)	B, E, & G lines (Bus Rapid Transit)
	Orange Line (Bus Rapid Transit)	
	A, C & D lines (Bus Rapid Transit)	

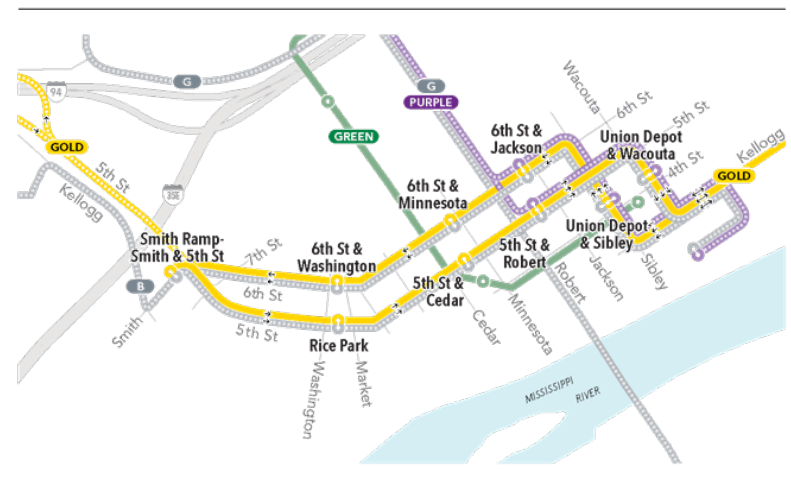
General Description and Map



Downtown Minneapolis



Downtown St. Paul



- Merges Gold Line and Route 94 to make a New METRO system link providing fast, frequent, all-day service between Minneapolis, St Paul, Maplewood, Landfall, Oakdale, and Woodbury
- \$25M Capital budget
  - Two new stations, additional buses
  - Construction starts 2026-2027
- \$7.7M Annual operating

# Gold Line Extension – Local Support



## Anticipated before release for public comment

Resolutions of support are anticipated for alignment and stations by all affected local governments:

- City of Minneapolis (received)
- City of Saint Paul (received)
- Hennepin County (received)
- Ramsey County (anticipated June 10)
- Washington County
- Letter of support from MnDOT



# Effects on TPP





# Transportation Finance – Blue Line Ext.



## Blue Line Extension

- **Capital Costs Increasing \$1.7B compared to 2050 TPP**
  - \$831M anticipated increase in federal CIG funding (new starts)
  - \$835.5M anticipated increase in Hennepin County participation
- **Operations Costs Increasing \$328.6M compared to 2050 TPP**
  - Additional fares anticipated to cover \$38.9M
  - Unallocated sales and use tax anticipated to cover \$289.7M



# Transportation Finance – Gold Line Ext.



## Gold Line Extension

- **No net capital cost change from 2050 TPP**
  - \$25M total cost
  - To be covered by existing Metro Transit funding sources
- **Operations Costs Increasing \$128.2M compared to 2050 TPP**
  - Additional fares anticipated to cover \$30.5M
  - Unallocated sales and use tax anticipated to cover \$97.7M

# Other TPP elements affected



- **Equity & environmental justice impacts analysis**
- **Regional performance outcomes**
- **Map updates**
  - Transitways investments map
  - Maps affected by update of Gold Line addition
- **Long-range capital projects list appendix**



# Amendment Schedule



Date	Committee/Event
<b>TAB/TAC Committees Info Items</b>	
<del>Mar 27</del>	<del>Transit Planning Working Group</del>
<del>Apr 10</del>	<del>TAC Planning</del>
<del>May 7</del>	<del>TAC</del>
<del>May 21</del>	<del>TAB</del>
<del>June 9</del>	<del>Transportation Committee</del>
<b>Release for Public Comment</b>	
<del>May 8</del>	<del>TAC Planning</del>
<del>June 4</del>	<del>TAC</del>
<del>June 18</del>	<del>TAB</del>
<del>June 23</del>	<del>Transportation Committee</del>
<del>July 9</del>	<del>Full Council</del>
<del>July 10- Aug 24</del>	<del>Public Comment Period</del>
<del>Aug 13</del>	<del>Public Hearing @ Metropolitan Council Mtg</del>
<del>Aug 11 – Sept 19</del>	<del>Comment Report and Final Amendment</del>
<b>Adoption Process</b>	
<del>Sept 17</del>	<del>TAB (Info Item)</del>
<del>Sept 22</del>	<del>Transportation Committee (action item)</del>
<del>Oct 8</del>	<del>Full Council (action item)</del>





# Thank you!

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