

METRO Green Line EXTENSION

Opening 2023

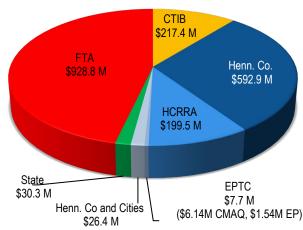
Project Facts

Route and Stations

The planned Southwest LRT (METRO Green Line Extension) is a 14.5-mile extension of the METRO Green Line (Central Corridor LRT), which will operate from downtown Minneapolis through St. Louis Park, Hopkins, Minnetonka and Eden Prairie, passing near Edina. The proposed line includes 16 new stations. The project also includes eight park and rides with nearly 2,700 new parking spaces, passenger drop off areas, bicycle and pedestrian access, as well as new or restructured local bus routes connecting stations to nearby residential, commercial and educational destinations. The line will connect major activity centers in the region including downtown Minneapolis, Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park, downtown Hopkins and the Opus/Golden Triangle employment area in Minnetonka and Eden Prairie as well as the METRO Blue Line and Extension, METRO Orange Line and Northstar commuter rail line. At Target Field Station in Minneapolis, Green Line Extension trains will continue along the Green Line, providing one-seat rides to the University of Minnesota, state Capitol area and downtown St. Paul. See map on reverse side.

Budget and Funding

In May 2018, the Metropolitan Council approved the project scope and budget of \$2.003 billion. Funding will come from the Federal Transit Administration, Hennepin County, Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority, Counties Transit Improvement Board, the state of Minnesota and other local funding partners.



Timeline

In May 2016, the Federal Transit Administration published the Final Environmental Impact Statement and in July 2016, the FTA issued its Record of Decision. In December 2016, the FTA approved the project to enter the Engineering phase, the final phase before federal funding is committed. Southwest LRT will begin passenger service in 2023 as an extension of the Green Line. Next steps include:

- Apply for the Full Funding Grant Agreement, which commits the federal government to pay approximately 46 percent of the project's capital cost.
- Construct tracks, stations and facilities; install electrical and communication systems.
- Test the system and prepare for revenue operations.





Map of Southwest LRT Route and Stations

