



City of Golden Valley Open House

August 12, 2015



Blue Line Extension Overview



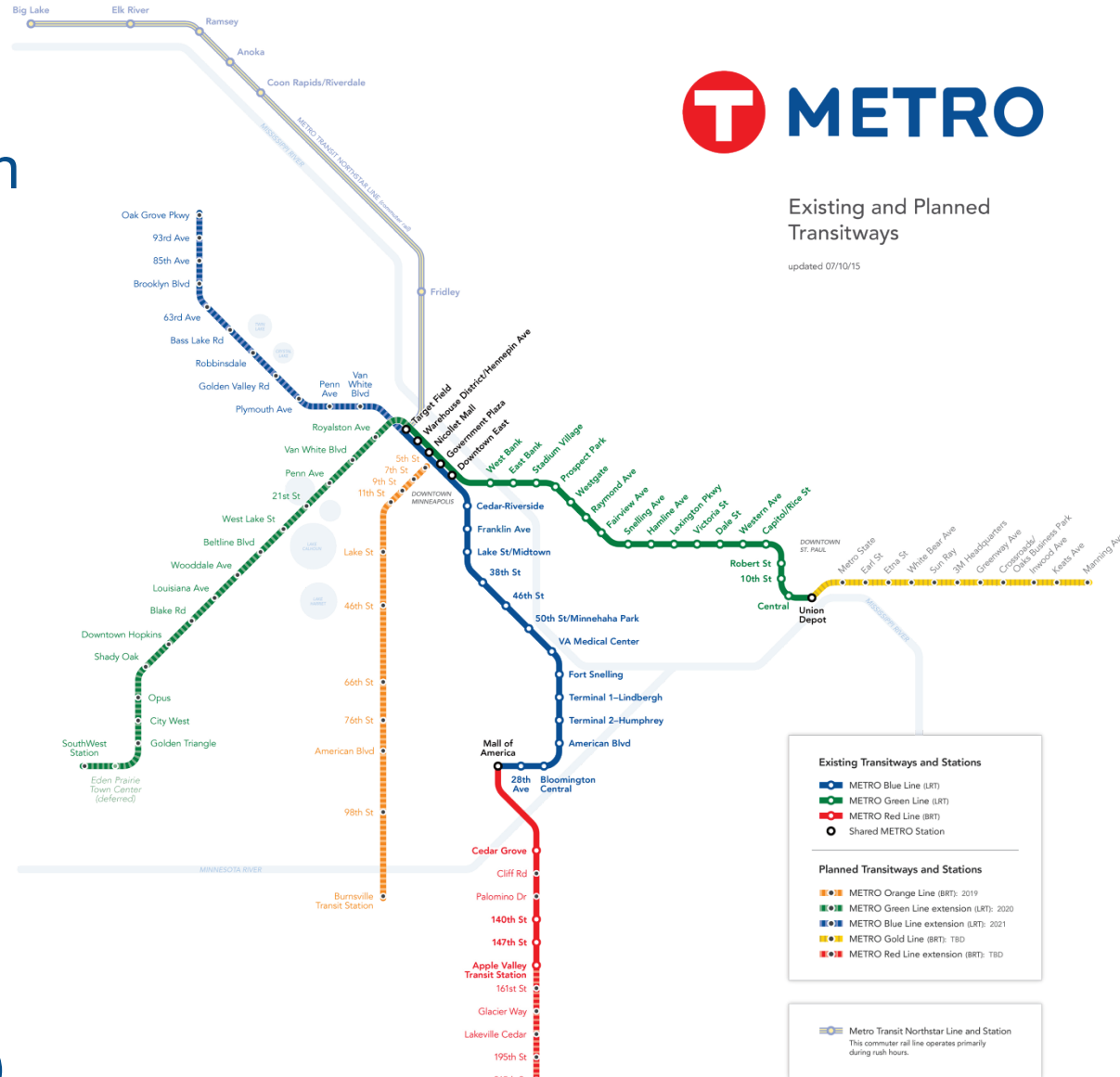
METRO System

- Green Line Extension (Southwest LRT)
- Blue Line Extension (Bottineau LRT)
- Orange Line (I-35 W South Bus Rapid Transit)
- Red Line Expansion (Cedar Avenue BRT)



Existing and Planned Transitways

updated 07/10/15



Project Description

- 10 or 11 new LRT stations
- 13 miles of double track
- 27,000 est. rides by 2030 (DEIS)
- Serving Brooklyn Park, Crystal, Robbinsdale, Golden Valley & Minneapolis
- Provides one seat Blue Line ride to MSP Airport and Mall of America
- Connections to METRO Green Line, Northstar and bus services



Project Timeline

2014-2016

- Project Development

2016

- Environmental/Municipal Consent

2017

- Engineering

2018

- Full Funding Grant Agreement

2018-20

- Heavy Construction

2021

- Passenger Operations



What We Heard at the MPLS/Golden Valley Open House on June 3:

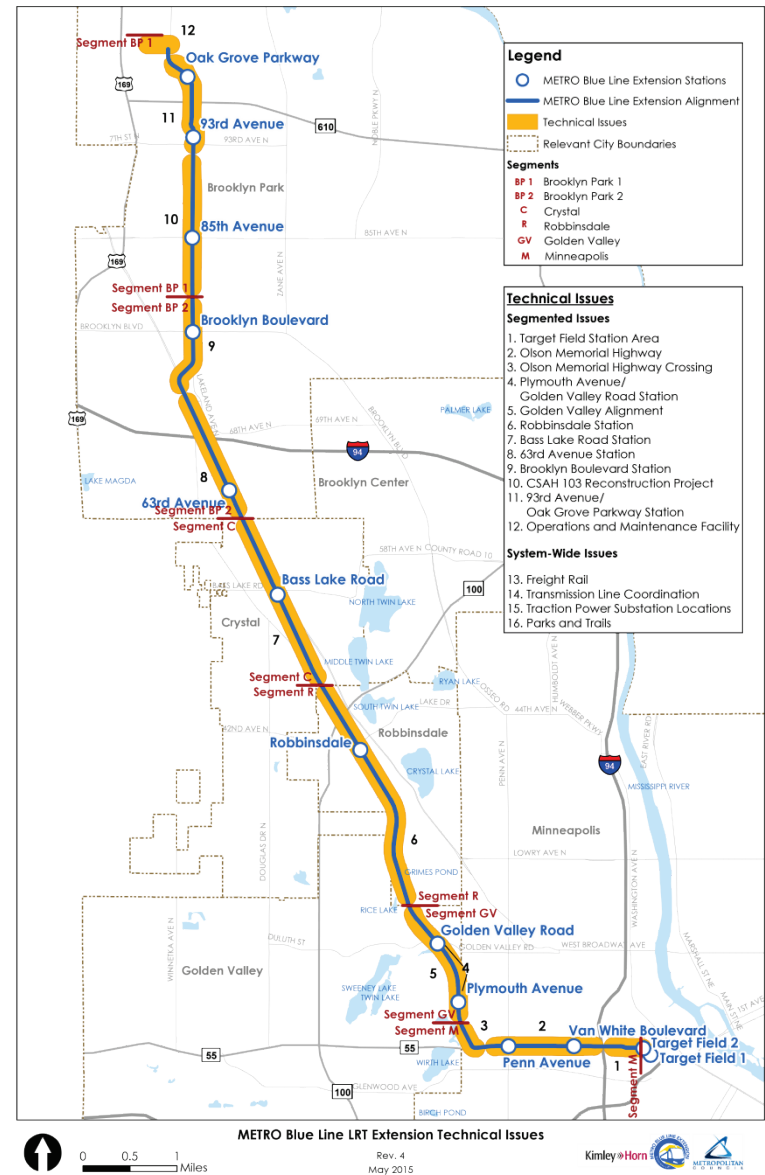
- Parking at GVR station is challenging, complex issue for community
- Wirth Park is important amenity; LRT would provide better access to larger community
- Safety is important consideration both for light rail users and surrounding community
- Community wants to know more about environmental analyses, especially concerning impacts to parks



Technical Issues

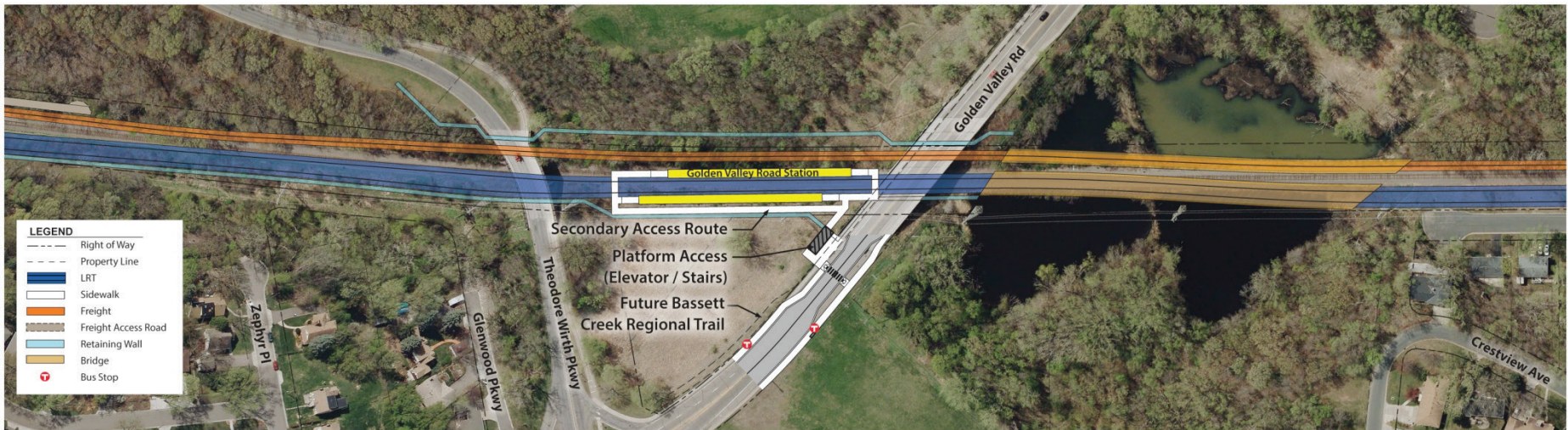
Tonight's Topics:

- Station Updates
- Parking at Golden Valley Road
- Environmental updates



Blue Line LRT Extension

GOLDEN VALLEY PLYMOUTH AVE & GOLDEN VALLEY RD STATIONS



LEGEND

- Right of Way
- Property Line
- LRT
- Sidewalk
- Freight
- Freight Access Road
- Retaining Wall
- Bridge
- Bus Stop



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Golden Valley Rd Park and Ride Options

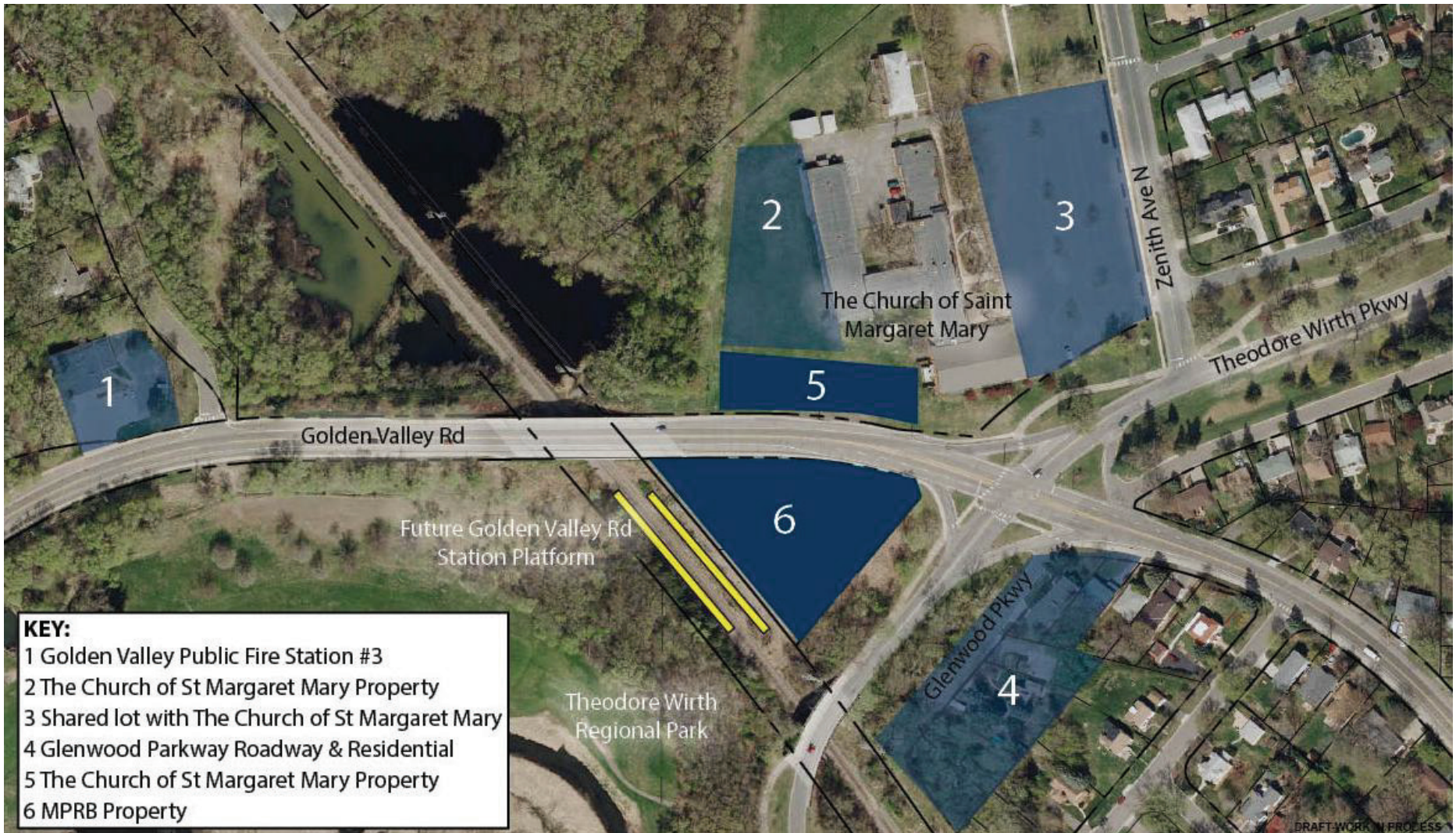
- Golden Valley Rd station initially envisioned as walk-up station (without parking) in DEIS

Challenges

- Parking is seen as important for Golden Valley and Minneapolis resident access
- Few alternatives that are cost-effective and beneficial to residents
- Concerns about how parking decisions impact street parking of surrounding communities



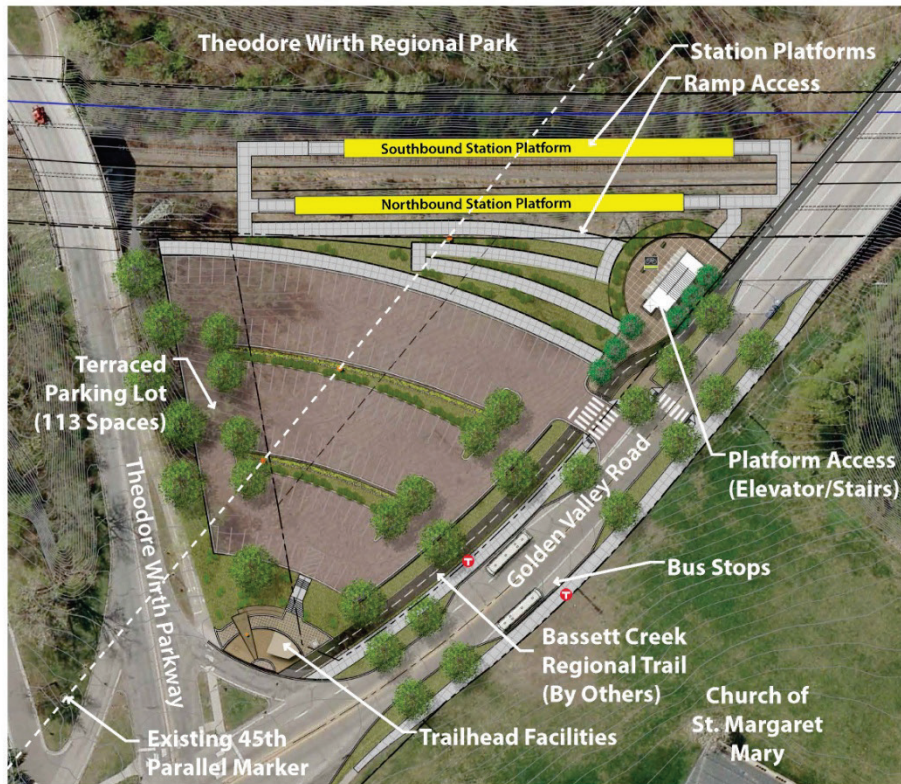
Golden Valley Rd Park and Ride Options



- KEY:**
- 1 Golden Valley Public Fire Station #3
 - 2 The Church of St Margaret Mary Property
 - 3 Shared lot with The Church of St Margaret Mary
 - 4 Glenwood Parkway Roadway & Residential
 - 5 The Church of St Margaret Mary Property
 - 6 MPRB Property



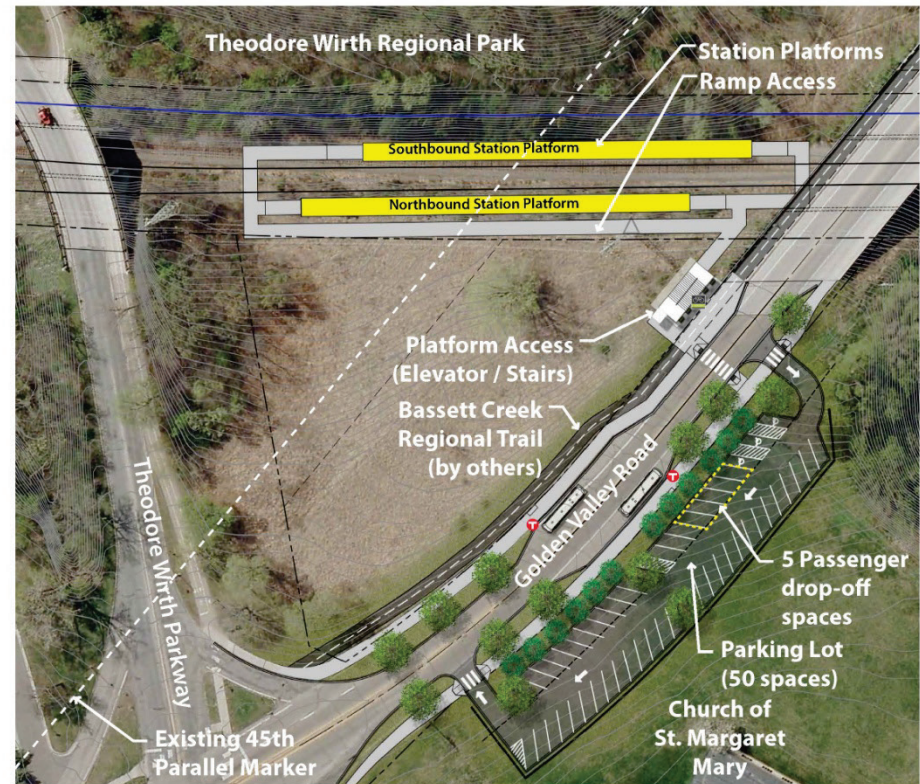
Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Site



Parking Concept Characteristics

- 113 parking spaces
- Terraced parking lot design
- Restore native plantings
- Design maintains views to Theodore Wirth park
- Full ADA and bicycle access from ramps and vertical circulation
- Terraced retaining walls with plantings to visually reduce height
- Potential for shared trail head parking

Church of St. Margaret Mary Site



Parking Concept Characteristics

- 50 parking spaces
- Parking lot design requires retaining wall on north side of site
- Parking screened from Golden Valley Road
- Design maintains views to Theodore Wirth park
- Full ADA and bicycle access through vertical circulation

Environmental Update

- Project impacts and mitigation measures are currently under review
- Important to minimize all impacts, including those to flood plains and wetlands
- Project office will provide an environmental update at fall open house
- Final EIS published August 2016



Community Outreach Coordinator

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- What to expect:
 - Available to answer questions and relay feedback to design and environmental teams
 - Regular contact regarding process and project progress
 - Transparency
- Two-way communications:
 - Call or email with questions, ideas and concerns
 - Share ideas about stakeholders we should meet

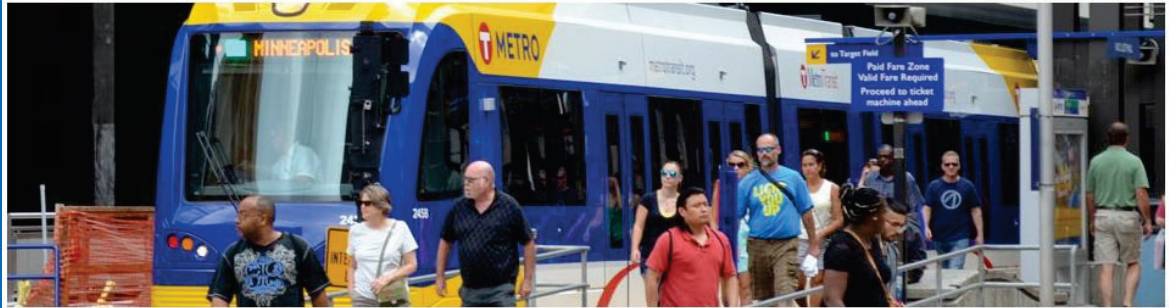


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METRO BLUE LINE EXTENSION

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Bottineau Transitway – Minneapolis & Northwestern Communities

The METRO Blue Line Extension (LRT) will operate northwest from downtown Minneapolis through north Minneapolis, Golden Valley, Robbinsdale, Crystal and Brooklyn Park, drawing riders northwest of Brooklyn Park. The proposed alignment is primarily at-grade and will have up to 11 new stations in addition to Target Field Station and about 13 miles of double track. The line will interline with the METRO Blue Line and connect Minneapolis and the region's northwest suburbs with existing LRT on the METRO Green Line, future LRT on the METRO Green Line Extension, bus rapid transit on the METRO Red Line, the Northstar commuter rail line and local and express bus routes.

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Route
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