

Minneapolis Rail Safety Meeting

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Southwest LRT

 14.5 miles double track

16 new stations

 One seat ride from Eden Prairie to Downtown St. Paul

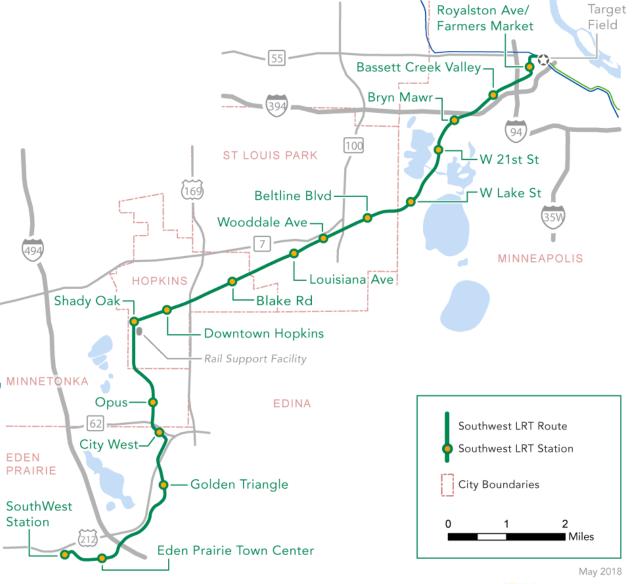
Direct service to

Downtown

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 Connections Blue Line and Northstar



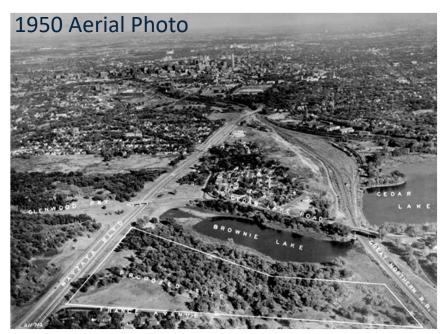


Historic Freight Rail Infrastructure



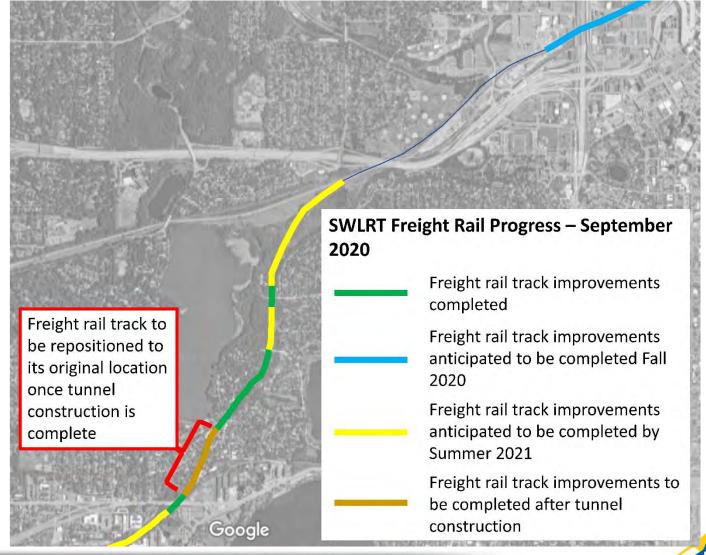
Cedar Lake Yard







Minneapolis Freight Rail Construction Activities



SWLRT Freight Rail Improvements



Old Freight Rail Bridge

New Freight Rail Bridge



SWLRT Freight Rail Improvements

Old Freight Rail Track

New Freight Rail Track



Tunnel Portals



NORTH PORTAL VIEWING AREA BIRD'S EYE VIEW LOOKING NORTHWEST



NORTH PORTAL VIEWING AREA PERSPECTIVE VIEW LOOKING NORTH



SOUTH PORTAL VIEWING AREA BIRD'S EYE VIEW LOOKING WEST



SOUTH PORTAL VIEWING AREA PERSPECTIVE VIEW LOOKING SOUTH WEST

West Lake Street Station



Bryn Mawr Station



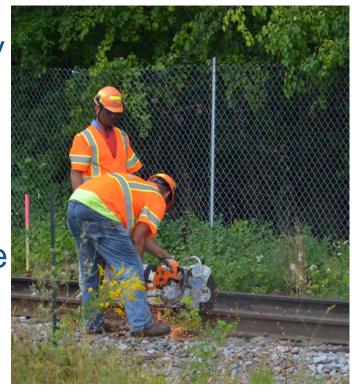
Royalston Ave/Farmers Market Station





Freight Rail Monitoring and Maintenance

- Freight rail track conditions are monitored multiple times per workday
- Monitoring conforms to contract specifications, which are more conservative than FRA's track safety standards
- If a track is inspected and found to be out of compliance, work is halted; TC&W flagger is contacted immediately to coordinate train movement until track is brought into compliance
- Rail maintenance activities are on-going to maintain serviceability





Construction Safety

- Safety training is required for all construction staff
- Construction safety is under the jurisdiction of OSHA/MNOSHA and FRA
 - Federal and Minnesota Occupational Safety and Health Administration
 - Federal Railroad Administration
 - Both agencies can conduct unannounced and announced inspections during construction
 - Both agencies have jurisdiction to issue fines for safety/rule infractions
- Crane incident: LMJV to address at meeting





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