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WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION OF THE BLUE LINE EXTENSION

About the Blue Line Extension

The METRO Blue Line Extension (BLE) Light Rail Transit will extend the existing Blue Line from Target Field Station in Minneapolis northwest to Brooklyn Park and connect communities along the way. The planned line will serve 12 new stations and will be part of an integrated system of transitways serving the region, including connections to METRO Green Line, Northstar Commuter Rail line, bus rapid transit lines, existing bus service, and proposed future transitways.

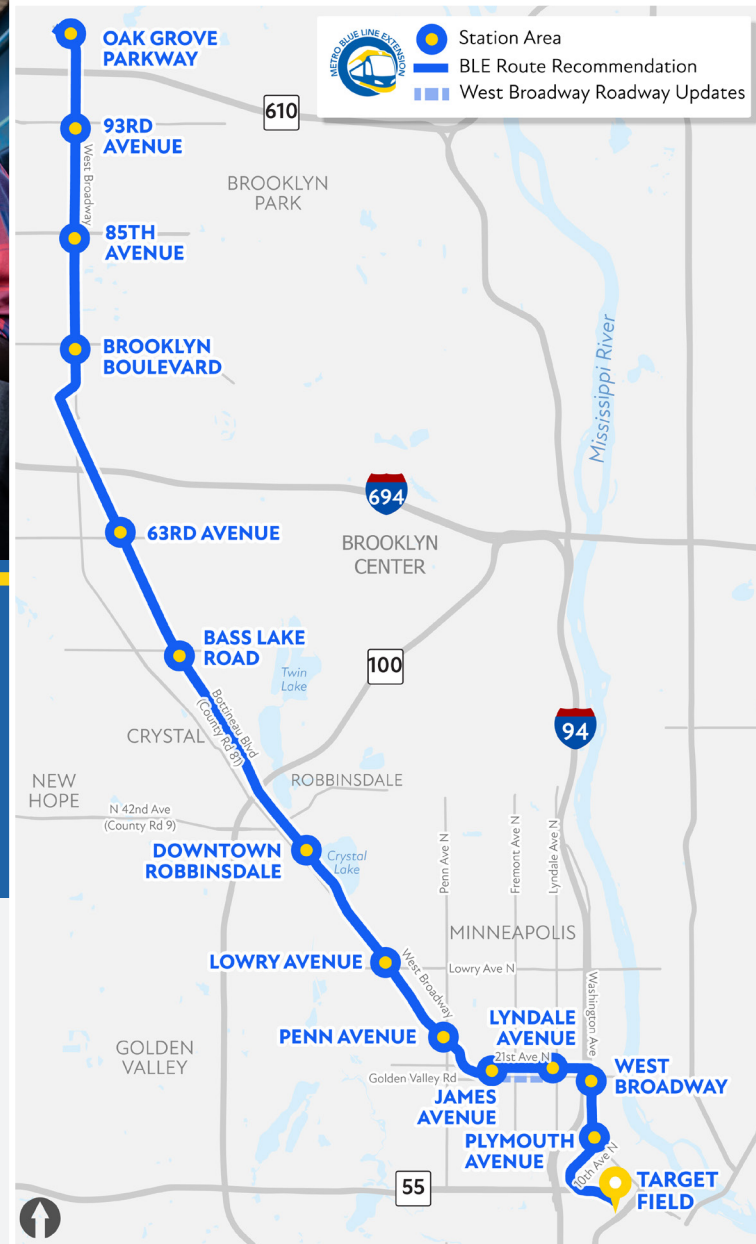


Figure 1: Proposed Route

What to expect during construction

Construction will be phased throughout the corridor to minimize the amount of time specific areas are disrupted.

Construction work hours

- Working hours will follow ordinances set by local governments
- If work needs to take place outside of those hours, communication and coordination with local government staff will take place

Road closures, lane restrictions and detours

- Localized road closures, lane reduction and detours may need to be utilized during construction

- The public will be notified in advance of any road closures. Date and detour signs will be provided to help navigate around the work zone
- Outreach staff will work with property owners who may be impacted by detours

Sidewalk and trail closures and detours

- Construction operations may require changes to public access. Detour signage for trails and sidewalks will be posted.
- Outreach staff will provide advanced notice for pedestrian and bicycle impacts



CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW

Bus service

- Existing bus routes may be detoured, and stops may be closed and/or relocated
- Check **metrotransit.org** for updates and sign up to receive rider alerts for bus routes

Construction vehicle traffic

- Construction equipment and vehicles will operate within the construction zone and haul materials in and out of the area

Deliveries

- Outreach staff will communicate any temporary access impacts throughout construction

Noise and vibrations

- Local noise ordinances are included in the construction contract. Any exceptions will be requested through the local municipality officials
- Construction noise and vibrations will be monitored to be compliant with the construction contract

For more info on Elevate Hennepin, visit: elevatehennepin.org

Support During Construction

Construction is planned to start in 2027 with the line expected to open in 2030. We know that construction can present short-term challenges for businesses and residents in the area and Metro Transit and Hennepin County have a long history of supporting businesses to help them prepare for these opportunities and navigate the challenges.

Before, during, and after the project, business owners are encouraged to reach out to Elevate Hennepin, a business-support platform from Hennepin County. Businesses can get up to 25 hours of insight or consulting from each advisor in topics, including:

- Access to capital
- Business certification
- Financial management
- Marketing consulting
- Legal questions
- Human resources
- Strategic planning
- Business technology
- Starting a business



Stay Connected!

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