

Central Corridor Light Rail Transit

Minneapolis and St. Paul Construction Update

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Photo by Steve Glischinski – TRAINS Magazine

The first light rail vehicle operated under its own power on the Green Line the night of July 25 on Washington Avenue between West Bank Station and Stadium Village Station.

With the advent of testing on campus, Metro Transit is introducing a Green Line Quiz Bowl safety video and public service announcements aimed at student audiences. They were produced with the help of the City of Saint Paul Communications Services.

Here are the links to the Green Line Quiz Bowl video and three PSAs: <http://bit.ly/16hCGRE>

- ◆ Mid-block crossing: <http://bit.ly/19vs30U>
- ◆ Crossing tracks: <http://bit.ly/1cbelBo>
- ◆ Stations: <http://bit.ly/13kuKyy>

See the project's safety webpage for more information: www.centralcorridor.org/safety

Highlights

Energized train testing

- ◆ Testing will begin the week of August 5 and will continue thru September during overnight time periods which will typically be midnight to 5 a.m.
- ◆ Trains will run on Washington Avenue from West Bank Station to just beyond Stadium Village Station.
- ◆ Road closures will be in place during testing hours to protect vehicles and pedestrians.
- ◆ Washington Avenue will be closed from Walnut Street to Huron Blvd. Access will be provided to local businesses.
- ◆ Harvard Street, Walnut Street, and Ontario Street will be closed crossing Washington Avenue. Access to local businesses will remain open.
- ◆ Washington Avenue will be closed to pedestrian thru traffic between Pleasant Street and Harvard Street. Residential and business access will remain open.
- ◆ Pedestrians can cross Washington Avenue at the eastern pedestrian bridge, Harvard Street, Oak Street and Huron Blvd.

Closure of Washington Avenue Bridge

- ◆ Eastbound Washington Avenue Bridge is scheduled to be closed beginning August 12 thru August 16. See page 3 for more details.
- ◆ Westbound Washington Avenue Bridge is scheduled to be closed beginning August 19 thru August 23. See page 4 for more details.

LRT Train Testing will begin the week of August 5 and will continue thru September during overnight time periods.



East Bank– Mississippi River to West of Harvard Street

Trains will run on Washington Avenue from West Bank Station to just beyond the Stadium Village Station.

Traffic Details

- ◆ Washington Avenue will be closed from Walnut Street to Huron Blvd. Access will be provided to local businesses.
- ◆ Harvard and Walnut streets will be closed crossing Washington Avenue. Access to local businesses will remain open.

Pedestrian Details

- ◆ Washington Avenue will be closed to pedestrian thru traffic between Pleasant Street and Harvard Street. Residential and business access will remain open.
- ◆ Pedestrians can cross Washington Avenue at the eastern pedestrian bridge and Harvard Street.

LRT Train Testing will begin the week of August 5 and will continue thru September during overnight time periods.



Stadium Village - Harvard Street to Huron Boulevard

Trains will run on Washington Avenue from West Bank Station to just beyond the Stadium Village Station.

Traffic Details

- ◆ Washington Avenue will be closed from Walnut Street to Huron Blvd. Access will be provided to local businesses.
- ◆ Walnut Street and Ontario Street will be closed crossing Washington Avenue. Access to local businesses will remain open.

Pedestrian Details

- ◆ Pedestrians can cross Washington Avenue at Oak Street and Huron Blvd.

**Closure of Eastbound Washington Avenue Bridge
Beginning 5 a.m. Monday, August 12 thru 11 p.m. Friday, August 16.**



Traffic Details

- ◆ For eastbound vehicles: from West Bank, eastbound Washington Avenue closed at Cedar Avenue; detour via Cedar Avenue to northbound I-35W to University Avenue/4th Street exit, to eastbound University Avenue.

Sidewalk Details

- ◆ No changes to sidewalk access; the pedestrian deck on the Washington Avenue Bridge will remain open during vehicle deck closure.

Bus Stop Changes

- ◆ For eastbound buses: Metro Transit bus stop at Blegen Hall will be closed; use Cedar/Washington Avenue bus stop.

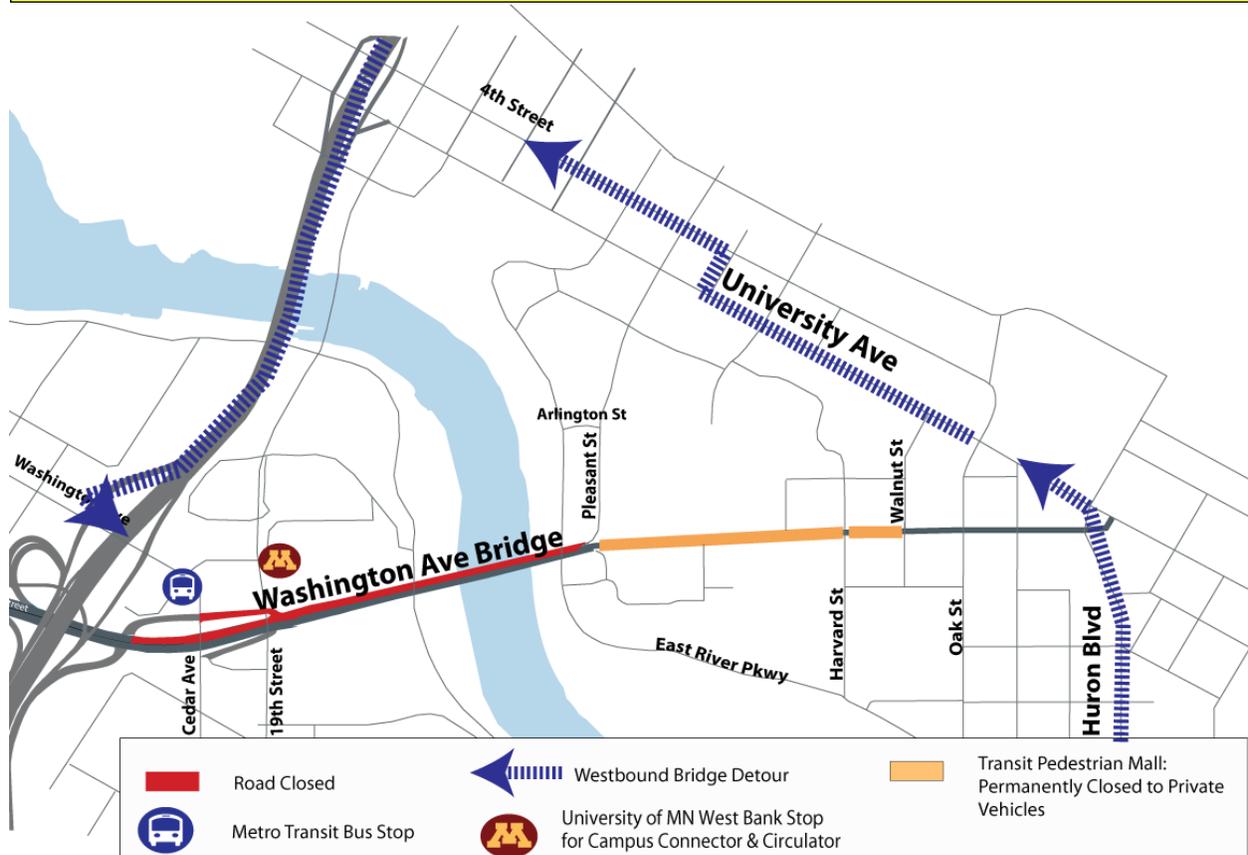
Pedestrian Deck Details

- ◆ No change; pedestrian deck on Washington Avenue Bridge will remain open.

Construction Hours

- ◆ Construction activities will occur during daytime and nighttime hours.

**Closure of Westbound Washington Avenue Bridge
Beginning 5 a.m. Monday, August 19 thru 11 p.m. Friday, August 23.**



Traffic Details

- ◆ For westbound vehicles: from East Bank, ramp to Washington Avenue Bridge closed from Pleasant Street; detour via westbound University Avenue to 4th Street to south-bound I-35W to exit Washington Avenue to exit.

Sidewalk Details

- ◆ No changes to sidewalk access; the pedestrian deck on the Washington Avenue Bridge will remain open during vehicle deck closure.

Bus Stop Changes

- ◆ For westbound buses: Bus stop for Metro Transit and University of Minnesota Campus Connector at Willey Hall will be closed; use bus stop located on 3rd Street Ramp, west of Cedar Avenue for Metro Transit Buses. Use bus stop at the southeast intersection of 19th Avenue and 2nd Street for University of Minnesota Campus Connector.

Pedestrian Deck Details

- ◆ No change; pedestrian deck on Washington Avenue Bridge will remain open.

Construction Hours

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Learn about the many businesses of the area along the Central Corridor Light Rail at:

www.onthegreenline.com



Questions, Comments, or Concerns?

Call the 24 hour Construction Hotline so we know there is an issue!

(651) 602-1404

Do not bring questions or concerns to crews in the construction field. Crews work on specific tasks and will not know details on schedule and the most current information on plans and priorities. Call the construction hotline to leave a message and you will receive a call back to answer your question or learn more about the concern. All concerns and questions need to be received at the project management level to ensure issues are addressed.



About the project: The Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project (Green Line) will link downtown St. Paul and downtown Minneapolis along Washington and University avenues via the state Capitol and the University of Minnesota. Construction began in late summer 2010 on the planned 11-mile line, and service will begin in 2014. The line will connect with the METRO Blue Line at the Metrodome station in Minneapolis and the Northstar commuter rail line at the Target Field Station. The Metropolitan Council is the grantee of federal funds. The regional government agency is charged with building the line in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Transportation. The Central Corridor Management Committee, which includes commissioners from Ramsey and Hennepin counties, the mayors of St. Paul and Minneapolis and the University of Minnesota, provides advice and oversight. Funding is provided by the Federal Transit Administration, Counties Transit Improvement Board, state of Minnesota, Ramsey and Hennepin counties' regional railroad authorities, city of St. Paul, Metropolitan Council and the Central Corridor Funders Collaborative. For more information, visit www.centralcorridor.org