



# METRO BLUE LINE EXTENSION WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2025

## Minnesota's Next Light Rail

The METRO Blue Line Extension Light Rail Transit project will connect Minneapolis, Robbinsdale, Crystal, Brooklyn Park, and surrounding communities to fast, frequent, all-day service across the METRO system by providing a one-seat ride from Brooklyn Park to MSP Airport and Mall of America, connecting vibrant destinations and communities along the way.

## 2025 Milestones

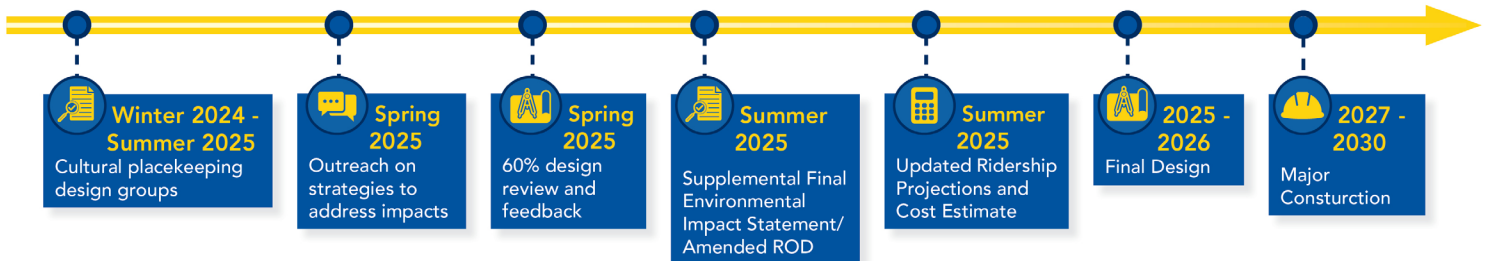
In 2025, the METRO Blue Line Extension project team will continue engaging with residents and businesses as this generational transit investment moves forward with the feedback collected in the previous year. Major milestones in 2025 will include:

- Continued community engagement to develop strategies to address impacts
- Complete 60% design
- Publish the Supplemental Final Environmental Statement (SFEIS) and Amended Record of Decision (ROD) that outlines the project's commitments to addressing impacts
- Property acquisition and relocation process begin
- Project rating application request to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to assess the project's eligibility for federal funding

In these next phases, project staff will continue to work with the community to inform decisions to ensure the project delivers maximum community benefits and services.

## Project Schedule

See the other side of this handout for more details on what's happening in 2025.



*LRT projects are complex and unforeseen challenges arise. Schedules and timelines are subject to change.*



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## ENVIRONMENTAL



Project staff, in partnership with the Federal Transit Administration, will publish the Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement (SFEIS) and amend the Record of Decision (ROD) in summer 2025, which will specify project commitments to address impacts. To inform these commitments the project team is conducting outreach along the corridor to develop strategies to address community impacts by understanding the priorities of each city.

## COMMUNITY PROSPERITY



The Blue Line Extension project is coordinating with public and community partners to advance robust strategies to support local businesses and residents before, during, and after construction so the people in the corridor today benefit from the prosperity light rail can help build in the places it serves. The Blue Line Extension project is one of many partners coordinating efforts to address concerns of displacement while investing in the future of the people and communities in the corridor. Legislation passed in 2024 allocated \$10 million to a new community-led Anti-displacement Community Prosperity Program board. With administrative support from Hennepin County, this group is advancing strategies separate from the Blue Line Extension project to prevent displacement and maximize investment and benefits of light rail for people and businesses in the corridor today. For more info, visit: [YourBlueLine.org](https://YourBlueLine.org)

## PROPERTY ACQUISITION & RELOCATION



Once the project receives the Amended Record of Decision from the Federal Transit Administration it can begin the process of purchasing property needed for the project. Project staff have prioritized avoiding property impacts, but some property will need to be purchased to make room for the light rail. Staff are meeting regularly with owners and renters to understand their needs and desires. In most cases, only a small portion of a property will need to be purchased, in which case a fair purchase price will be determined with the owner. In some cases, a full building will need to be purchased. Project staff will work directly with residents, renters, and businesses that need to move to help them find the right new location for their needs and desires and cover the costs of relocating.

## Stay Connected!

There will be many opportunities for the public to participate in all of these next steps.

For project questions or to invite us to an event, contact:

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